

REFLECTION for the Second Sunday in Lent.

Last week we followed Jesus as he journeyed into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. This week we follow Jesus as He ascends a mountain-top to be glorified by God the Father.

In sacred scripture mountain-tops are often the scene of important events in salvation history. This is so perhaps because up there humanity is physically closer to God whom we assume lives in the heavens.

Moses received the ten commandments on a mountain-top, Noah's ark came to rest on a mountain-top after the Great Flood, in today's first reading Abraham is tested on a mountain-top by the Lord, and Jesus is crucified on a mountain-top called Golgotha.

God does mighty deeds on mountain-tops. God asks Abraham to sacrifice his son Isaac. (This is seen as a pre-figuring of God sacrificing His own son, Jesus.) There will be no scapegoat for Jesus.

In our first reading, faithful Abraham is prepared to obey the Lord and to offer his son. But God acknowledges his faithfulness and a scapegoat is offered instead.

It is because of this mountain-top event that God promises to Abraham that He will make an eternal covenant with his Chosen People. God enters into an unconditional bond of love with those who are faithful; it is an everlasting covenant.

This covenant relationship was reassuring, sacred, and holy, in the minds of all Israelites.

It is also reassuring, sacred, and holy, to all of us who call ourselves Christians. It is our assurance that God-is-with-us.

The Jewish people do not believe in Jesus as Messiah. But we as Christians do believe. And so the mountain-top event described in today's gospel and that we call the Transfiguration is a sign leading us to believe in that later mountain-top event on Golgotha.

By these events it has been made clear to all of humanity that Jesus is the Son of God and is the promised Messiah. Jesus makes complete the Old Testament covenant, Jesus is the fulfillment of that covenant, and Jesus creates a New Covenant with the faithful.

By his life, death, and resurrection, Jesus showed us the Way. He condensed faithfulness into two commandments- love God and love our neighbour.

The unconditional bond of love still remains but now the Way that we can more fully participate in this covenant relationship has been made clear to us. We have to live in imitation of Jesus; we have to accept ourselves as holy, and we have to be Christ to others. Fr. Don

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Liturgical Celebrations

Weekend Masses:

Saturday - 4:30 pm
Sunday - 11:00 a.m.

Masses this Week:

Monday-Friday
7pm.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Third Sunday of each Month
2:00 p.m.

Reconciliation

Mon & Wed after Mass

Marriages:

Six month notice is required.
A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Celebrated at Weekend Mass
after preparation session.

March 1, 2015

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RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Collection	\$1,951.00
Building Fund	10.00
Pastoral Dues	25.00
In memory of; Joan Hearn	90.00
Joan Barriault	25.00
Elizabeth Dobbin	150.00
Mass Stipends	50.00
Votive Candles	62.00
Catholic Missions	315.00

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis has invited us to observe the 24 Hours for the Lord Initiative. It will take place in our Church on Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14, 2015.

The theme is: God rich in mercy.

Our schedule:

Mass at 7pm on Friday followed by Exposition and Adoration until Benediction at 9pm.

Saturday morning Mass at 10am followed by the Rosary.

4:30pm Weekend Mass.

Time for private confession is available Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Please mark the dates and commit to spend the 24 hours for the Lord.

MASS OF CHRISM

Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral. We are asking for two volunteers to represent the Parish and to receive the

Holy Oils. So far no one has volunteered; so please consider doing so.

TAX RECEIPTS

These are now available at the back. They have more detailed information than before; this is because we are using the new Diocesan accounting program. Some have questioned their validity. We have been assured by the Diocese that these forms are acceptable by Revenue Canada

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

March 2	Gerald McHugh/ Robert Samms
March 3	Anthony/Bernadette George
March 4	Theresa Tompkins
March 5	Special Intention(Rita Hall)
March 6	Joan Hearn
March 7	Joan Barriault
March 8	Parish Community

PLEASE NOTE :

ALL MASSES at 7pm from Mon to Fri.

LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Lent is here. The parish provided 76 copies of the Lenten edition of **THE WORD AMONG US**. This contains the daily Mass readings and a short meditation on them. We hope those who have these will use them as a personal prayer guide. For those into using the internet, you can access this and other prayer material by visiting the link on our parish website.

CONFIRMATION 2015

Classes begin this Sunday March 1 at 1:30 pm in the Church. Thus far we have 9

children registered. We realize there are more who are eligible but have not come forward. So, as a last-time request, we ask you to inform any child or their parents that classes have begun.

Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday April 26 at 11am mass.

DEVELOPMENT and PEACE

Print material that explains the work of this organization is available at the back. This is the Canadian Catholic charity which provides aid, mostly financial, to the under-privileged countries in the world. SHARE LENT is their major fund-raising project. Soon we will hand out envelopes for the special collection that will take place on the March 21-22 weekend. Please be generous.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Teaching "Destiny", Thursday, March 5. 7:30 at the Cathedral. All are welcome.

PARISH MEN'S GROUP MEETING

They will meet at the Parish House on Wednesday, March 4 following evening Mass. Please make an effort to attend as there is a strong possibility that this group will fold due to lack of interest and participation. We encourage all men in the Parish to at least consider coming to the meeting to see what it is all about.

WAY OF THE CROSS

St. Stephens Church in Stephenville will present their annual dramatic presentation

of the Way of the Cross. This will take place on Friday, March 27th at 7:30pm.

You are invited; admission is free, but a freewill offering will be accepted as you exit.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

It will begin on Friday March 27 at 7pm at Holy Redeemer Cathedral in Corner Brook. The sessions continue through until Saturday afternoon. Any couple considering marriage in the near future should register for this course now.

NEW EVANGELIZATION SUMMIT

This event is scheduled to take place in St. John's on April 24 and 25. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese. The goal of this Summit is to INSPIRE, FORM, and CONNECT, people who feel the call to spread the good news of the Gospel. If you may be interested please contact Wayne or Amelia Dicks.

PARISH BINGO

The Ladies group are hosting their monthly Bingo for March this Sunday afternoon at 2 pm in the School Cafeteria.

ST.PATRICK'S DAY VARIETY CONCERT

Friday March 13 at 7:30 pm in the Rotary Arts Center at City Hall. Admission is \$10. Tickets are limited to 90 and a bar service will be provided. WEAR GREEN.