

2nd Sunday of Lent

Gen 22:1-2,9-13,15-18
Ps 116:10,15-19
Romans 8:31b-34
Mark 9:2-10

Monday March 1

Daniel 9:4b-10
Ps 79:8,9,11,13
Luke 6:36-38

Tuesday March 2

Isaiah 1:10,16-20
Ps 50:8-9,16-17,21,23
Matthew 23:1-12

Wednesday March 3

Jeremiah 18:18-20
Ps 31:5-6,14-16
Matthew 20:17-28

Thursday March 4

Jeremiah 17:5-10
Ps 1:1-4,6
Luke 16:19-31

Friday March 5

Genesis 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a
Ps 105:16-21
Matthew 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday March 6

Micah 7:14-15,18-20
Ps 103:1-4,9-12
Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Think of a "mountaintop experience" you've had. What generated it? Did it change your life forever or was it just a momentary high?

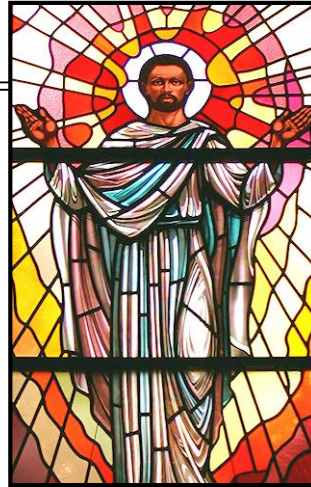
In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close to God. Did your mountaintop experience bring you closer to God?

It was at the top of Mount Tabor where Jesus revealed the glory of his Godliness to his closest friends. Called a "high mountain" in scripture, Mount Tabor is, in reality, not huge. What was huge is the event that took place there – and why.

The three disciples who witnessed Christ's transfiguration greatly benefited from seeing his glory revealed, because someday they would be commissioned to take over his earthly ministry.

The Father told them, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him*." As we listen to Jesus, it is we who are now transfigured.

Lent is meant to be a mountaintop experience for each of us. If we follow Jesus up the mountain, his light will consume any darkness within us. The more we listen to his teachings and apply them to our daily lives and ministries, the more we become like him. And the more we become like Jesus, the more our lives are transfigured by his light, and the more our lives then transfigure the world around us.



As the first reading tells us, Abraham did not withhold his son from the Lord; God the Father did not withhold *his* Son from us.

Likewise, we must not withhold the Son from the people we encounter. Whether it's by an evangelizing word or a helping hand,

or a compassionate and attentive ear, or the generous giving of mercy and forgiveness or money or time, we are Christ's hands and feet and voice in the world today. We are his earthly body. We are the answers to people's prayers.

We have been empowered through our baptisms to shine with the glory of Christ's love. We have all been commissioned to continue his earthly ministry. May the experience of Lent take us to new heights of union with Christ and his mission!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. Identify one area of your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure. What do you need to do to repent of it? How do you need to change (with God's help) so that others see more of Jesus?
2. Share the story of a time when you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured? Why did you want to make the change?
3. How did it impact others?