



**28 FEBRUARY 2021**

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

### **INTRODUCTION:**

The Transfiguration of Jesus was a very powerful moment in the course of his earthly ministry when his divine nature and glory was manifested in front of his three disciples. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. Let us therefore have an unwavering faith in Jesus believing that he is indeed the Messiah who came to save us from our sins.

### **INTRODUCTION TO THE READINGS:**

In the first reading, Abraham obeyed God's command to sacrifice his only son Isaac. For his obedience, God promised Abraham abundant blessings and countless descendants, that is, a continued life through his offspring. In the Gospel, we are invited to "*listen to his voice*" and show our obedience by dying to self as we follow Christ as his disciple. Like the psalmist, we need to ask God for grace as we sing the refrain with confidence and courage. By doing so, we bring the blessing of life in Christ, that is, eternal life.

### **READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Gen 22:1-2,9A,10-13,15-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 116:10&15,16-19

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:31b-34

**Gospel:** Mk 9:2-10



## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** Abba Father, we believe that You are our Lord and Saviour. With faith and confidence, we humbly bring our prayers before You.

**Our response is: Lord, hear our prayer.**

For our Pope Francis, the bishops, the clergy, the religious and all the members of the Church that our eyes and hearts may be open to a fuller understanding of who Jesus really is, both, the glorious Son of God and the suffering Son of Man; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For all parents all over the world, that like Abraham, we may be people of deep faith, obedient to the Will of God, and instill true Christian values in our families and in our children; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For those who are lost or have gone astray, that they may experience the radiance of Christ's Transfiguration and the power of God so that their lives may be transformed; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

For all of us gathered here and those hearing online Eucharist, that as we recognize Christ in the many ways he comes to us and follow him wherever he leads us; **pause**; let us pray to the Lord...

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, fill us with your light and surround us with your glory so that we may reflect Your image on everyone we meet. Hear our prayers as we bring to you our own lives to be transformed into a life in all its fullness. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR RELIEF FROM THE CORONA VIRUS:**

Almighty and merciful God, who show Your love to all creation everywhere, hear graciously the prayers we make for all those affected by the Corona virus in various parts of the world.

We come before You asking for an efficacious control of the outbreak, for a healing of those affected, for the victims and their families.

We thank You for blessing the efforts of our research scientists working on the development of a vaccine. We pray that these vaccines will be effective in combating the virus and its mutants, and in controlling the spread of the pandemic. We pray that the vaccine be available for all our people even the poor and those in rural areas.

We pray for doctors, nurses and health workers who are in the frontline of this battle, that they be kept safe and have the strength and courage to continue their heroic efforts.

We pray for the Government and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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