



05 MARCH 2023
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



INTRODUCTION: God calls Abraham to go into an unknown land and an unknown future; and he went as the Lord told him. In the Transfiguration, the divinity of Jesus is shown to the three disciples, and a voice declares who He is. During this season of Lent we are called to enter more deeply into the unfolding plan of God in our lives.

READINGS

First Reading: Gen12: 1-4a
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33: 4-5, 18-19, 20 & 22
Second Reading: 2 Tim 1: 8-10
Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL:

CELEBRANT: On this Second Sunday of Lent, we ask our Heavenly Father, to transform us His children, more fittingly into the image and likeness of God, as He has created us to be.

RESPONSE: LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER

For Pope Francis, bishops, priests and religious: that during this holy season of Lent, they may lead all God's people to an experience of inner transformation of life, we pray... **R/**

For all Christians, especially those in our parish: that we may grow in our spiritual life each day of this Lenten season, to be instruments of mercy and compassion towards one another, we pray... **R/**

For the world: that every one of us may become more conscious of the suffering people, struggling through hopeless situations in Ukraine, Turkey and Syria; and we pray that they find comfort in a God who will not abandon them, we pray... **R/**

For our country and our State: that all leaders and citizens may enjoy peace, harmony and development, without experiencing any sort of discrimination and division, we pray...

For our personal needs and intentions [pause...] we pray... **R/**

CELEBRANT: Loving Father, listen to our prayers, and be close to us during this Lenten season of grace, with your presence and your blessings. We ask this through Christ our Lord. AMEN.