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This is My Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him

The readings for the second Sunday of Lent are link by transfiguring moments.

The first reading from Genesis shares with us how God set his covenant with Abraham, promising that his descendants will be as many as the stars in heaven. As darkness fell, God appeared in the form of a firebrand that went between the halves of the cut animals, signifying that God was keeping to his part of the Covenant even if Abraham(man) did not.

The second reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians confirms that our homeland is in heaven and that Christ will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. It exhorts us not to give way but to remain faithful in the Lord.

Finally, the gospel reading on the transfiguration of Christ is God's personal call to Peter, James and John to listen to his son and keep faith.

In the first and gospel reading, God shows his power and might through the elements - smoking furnace, firebrand and cloud. As human beings, we respond to the physical signs and symbols. They affirm God's presence, power and might.

How do we continue to keep firm in our faith when these moments of transfiguration fade in our minds? Is there a way of keeping these moments alive?

I confess that it is not easy. I remember a recent moment of transfiguration for me was having the realisation that all He wanted from me was to look at Him in His eyes and spend the time with Him, that Oneness despite all my struggles. All He wanted was for me to focus on Him, like how the disciples fixed their gaze on Jesus during His transfiguration.

In truth, on some days, I wonder what life would be if I decide to give up, just give way to worldly design as it can be tiring to be taking a lone position, choosing to embrace the challenges in combating chimpanzee politics at work. At such times, holding fast to Christian values is probably seen as foolhardy. Choosing good over self interest becomes so hard when tribal boundaries are so alive in our midst.

Then, the image of the Transfiguration of Christ appears in my mind's eye and I hear the voice of God proclaim "This is My Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him". Perhaps, I need to listen to Him more intently.

Reflection by Hope

Novena notes



2nd Sunday of Lent
Year C
17th March 2019

Readings & Responses for the Week

Sun, 17 March	Gen 15:5-12,17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36 The Lord is my light and my help.
Mon, 18 March	Dan 9:4-10; Lk 6:36-38 Do not treat us according to our sins, O Lord.
Tue, 19 March St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	2 Sam 7:4-5,12-14,16; Rom 4:13,16-18,22 Mt 1:16,18-21,24 His dynasty shall last for ever.
Wed, 20 March	Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 Save me in your love, O Lord.
Thu, 21 March	Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31 Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.
Fri, 22 March	Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17-28; Mt 21:33-43,45-46 Remember the wonders the Lord has done.
Sat, 23 March	Mic 7:14-15,18-20; Lk 15:1-3,11-32 The Lord is compassion and love.

WEEKDAY MASS (MON - FRI)
Time: 6.30am, 12.15pm, 6.30pm
Confession: Half an hour before Mass

SUNSET MASS (SAT)
Time: 6.30pm

SUNDAY MASS
Time: 8am, 10am, 12noon, 5.30pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Time: 8am, 6.30pm

SATURDAY MORNING MASS
Time: 7am

SATURDAY NOVENA DEVOTION
English: 8am, 9.30am, 11am, 1pm, 4pm, 5.30pm
Mandarin: 2.30pm
Confession: After every Novena Service except after the 11am service.

DAYS OF OBLIGATION
Time: 7pm (Eve of Day of Obligation)
6.30am, 12.15pm, 7pm

Novena notes

19th March, Solemnity of St. Joseph Husband of Mary

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual labourer although descended from the royal house of David. In the design of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." He indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth.

At present there are two major feasts in his honour. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honour him as the patron of workers throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

It was the will of God that the Virgin Birth of Our Lord be first firmly impressed upon the minds of the faithful. He was later venerated by the great saints of the Middle Ages. Pius IX (1870) declared him patron and protector of the universal family of the Church. He is also the patron of fathers, of carpenters, and of social justice.

RCIA Chinese Programme

The New Chinese RCIA programme (2019/2020) for Adults will begin on 29th June 2019.

Application forms can be obtained from Church Office.

RCIA English Programme

We will be starting our new RCIA Programme. It will begin on 2nd July 2019 to 19th May 2020. RCIA is for adults - 18 years and above, who are interested to know more about the Catholic faith. The application form can be obtained at the Church Office. The closing date for application is on 18th May 2019.

Lenten Novena

We are in the 5th Week of our Lenten Novena to prepare for Easter The Theme for this special Novena is: "The Three Pillars to Holiness" All are welcome and bring along your family and friends.

16 Feb : The Three Pillars to Holiness

23 Feb : Prayer : Our Talking to God

2 Mar : Prayer : Our Listening to God

9 Mar : Prayer : Our Living with God

16 Mar : Fasting : Our Physical Hungers and Needs

23 Mar : Fasting : Our Spiritual Hungers and Needs

30 Mar : Almsgiving : Our Works of Charity

6 Apr : Almsgiving : Our Works of Justice and Peace

13 Apr : Growing and Living in Holiness

Tagalog Mass

Please take note there will be a Tagalog Mass on 24th March 2019 at 12 noon.

Chinese Lenten Rally 2019

ACAMS will be organizing a Lenten Rally in Novena Church. The Theme for this Lenten Rally is : "Communion In Church"

The rally consists of 5 nights & will start at 7.45pm till 9.45pm

13 Mar - Fr. Henry Siew
20 Mar - Fr. John Chen Binshan
27 Mar - Fr. Peter Zhang
3 Apr - Fr. Eugene Lee
10 Apr - Fr. Terence Wee

Stations Of The Cross

Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent at 6.00pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm.

