



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

### Monday March 9

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

### Tuesday March 10

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

### Wednesday March 11

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

### Thursday March 12

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

### Friday March 13

Gen 37:3-4,12-13,17b-28a  
 Ps 105:16-21 (with 5a)  
 Matt 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday March 14

Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 (with 8a)  
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

In Biblical symbolism, a mountain represents getting close 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 needed to see it, 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 mountain-top experience for us: We must let his light consume the 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 we our lives are transfigured and the more our lives transfigure the world around us.

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



Likewise, we are faithful to the responsibilities of Christian living if we do not withhold the Son from the people we encounter in our daily lives. Whether it's through a kind smile, 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 in the world today. We are his voice of truth and his gift of healing. 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.

### 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?
2. How do you need to change — with God's help — so that others see more of Jesus?
3. Share the story of a time when you let Jesus change you. How difficult was it to be transfigured?
4. Why did you want to make the change?
5. How did it impact others?