

Second Sunday of Lent
Sunday, March 12, 2017

We love to research our families' past and we were reminded of our ancestors after reading the story of Abraham in Genesis 12: 1-4a. Our ancestors immigrated from Ireland, Germany and Scotland, among other places to come to America. We are amazed at the great risks they all took to get here. What gave them the courage to leave everything they knew to go to a strange country? They must have felt that this new place would be better and they would thrive here. Did they place their trust in God as Abraham did to take that leap of faith to go? It wasn't always easy for our families, but they made it. We know too from scripture, that it wasn't easy for Abraham either. He experienced fear, doubts and failures on his journey. What he did though, was continue to trust in God, mindful of God's promise to him that he would be blessed and to go where he was being directed.

Every day we are faced with choices and difficulties too. We may not have to leave our homes and go to a new country, but our difficulties are none the less challenging. We have doubts and question our faith. We sometimes think we can't make a difference. But aren't we called too, just as Abraham was, to listen to and trust God? Do we know how to pay attention to God and His Son, Jesus Christ? When we trust Jesus to lead us, our life's journey brings us into a closer and more loving relationship with Him. Jesus teaches us to listen to Him through prayer, the Bible, our Church and our Traditions and then respond to what we learn in how we live.

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