

Second Sunday of Lent  
March 17, 2019

As we enter the second Sunday of Lent, I would like to focus on the second reading (Phil 3:20) and the gospel (Lk 9:28b-36)

Brothers and sisters our citizenship is in heaven and from it, we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with His glorified body. The Son stands before his apostles arrayed in white appearing in a cloud.

What can be taken from this is that the Glory of God is only possible if we can live together in community.

This should give a much different perspective on life. As noted, once again, our home is in heaven, not here on earth. Being a good responsible citizen is important but our ultimate destiny isn't in this world, rather with the Lord in heaven. Jesus, likewise, taught that His kingdom is not of this world. (John 18:36) and that He is not of this world. (John 8:23).

We as believers should as disciples, follow Him and face our trials and tribulations. We all have our crosses to carry and chains that bind us. Whether it is the loss of a loved one, failed relationships or addictions; it is ever so important to turn to Jesus for help and healing. The transfiguration represents prayer as a powerful presence in our lives.

Instead of temporary things on earth, we should concentrate on Christ and His return. We should not focus on material things of this world. Our focus ought to be on what please God. The apostles believed Jesus could come back at any time. The teaching Christ will come as He has promised.

The transfiguration is, in my opinion, twofold. It reminds me of our baptism and gives us a glimpse into our own death and resurrection into heaven. The time when we will meet God face to face and be powerfully transformed into His likeness.

Transfigure us, O Lord  
Refrain: Transfigure us, O Lord  
Transfigure us, O Lord  
Break the chains that bind us  
Speak His healing word  
Where you go we'll follow  
Transfigure us, O Lord

Let us strive to be followers of Christ as we begin our Lenten journey.

Peace and Blessings

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