

Journey OF Faith

February 28, 2010

In Word & Deed

On the second Sunday of every month, the local art center features an open house. The artists work in glass enclosed spaces so visitors can watch them as they shape pottery, blow glass figurines, paint portraits, or craft jewelry. As raw materials take on beautiful shapes, visitors marvel at the talent and skill of artists and craftsmen. There is always an opportunity to take a class or try one's hand at art. The power to create and transform renews and refreshes everyone.

The Apostles were already familiar with the artistry and creative power of God. Like us, they saw it in the accounts of creation, witnessed it in the beauty of nature and marveled at it in their own abilities and those of others to create, think, work and love. But in the Transfiguration of Jesus, they were given a new insight into the infinite power of God

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SUNDAY OF LENT

God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son.

*Book of Common Prayer
Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy (No 110)*

Scripture Readings

Sunday February 28

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday March 1

Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday March 2

Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday March 3

Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday March 4

Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

Friday March 5

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday March 6

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday March 7

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9, or, for Year A, Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

FAMILY LIFE:

TO WALK AS ONE

Sports have a built in attraction. No matter how many times you play a game, each time you play it is different.

Previous play does not dictate how well you will play today. Each game is unique, offering its own challenges, victories and defeats. In a team sport, or by yourself, it's all about how well you play that game.

Lent presents its own unique challenges. No matter how often you've been through this before, there is always something you can do differently, or something you can improve upon. There is no one perfect way to achieve holiness or grow in faith. We can only do our best and trust that God will do the rest.

Don't lose hope.

If you catch yourself failing, start again. If

you are struggling, ask for help. If you need encouragement, talk to others. Turn to those you love and work together to overcome the obstacles and difficulties that hold you back. Lent is not just a solo activity. We make the journey together. Success is not about finishing the 40 days, but how well you worked each day. Use Lent to defeat evil and see the victory of Easter Day.

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*Cease to do evil.
Learn to do good,
search for justice,
help the oppressed,
be just to the
orphan, plead for
the widow.*

Isaiah 1:16-17



We look upon the transfiguration above all as the celebration of that presence of Christ which takes charge of everything in us and transfigures even that which disturbs us about ourselves. God penetrates those hardened, incredulous, even disquieting regions within us, about which we really do not know what to do. God penetrates them with the life of the Spirit and acts upon those regions and gives them God's own face.

~Kathryn Spink

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to give life, to overcome death and to redeem us and save us from the effects of sin. It was a moment that gave hope and peace.

We are all part of God's artistry and creative power. The chisel of grace shapes us each day into a clearer image

of God. We are works of art and, through us and in us, the beauty of God's love transforms the world. We are not passive recipients, but active participants as we share His power to create and transform and renew.

~James Gaffney



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