

WSC REFLECTION GUIDE

Readings: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
Psalm 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
Luke 9:28-36

2nd Sunday of Lent
February 28, 2010

Word: **Disciples of Christ obey His call to spread the Good News of salvation.**

Theme: **We spread the Good News of salvation when we remain faithful to our covenant with the Lord.** [Faithfulness]

Promise: ***"...I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living."***
(Ps 27:13)

Reflection:

As members of a covenanted community, our relationship with God is that of a sacred partnership, a covenant. This presumes not only that we are aware of the existence God, but that we dwell in His presence. And it is in prayer, in following His commandments, and living out our Covenant pledges that we dwell in God's Presence.

In the first reading, Abraham puts his faith in God and while at prayer, experiences the presence of God who seals his faith with a covenant. The ancient covenant rite (a binding agreement between two people) prescribes that the sacrificial animal/s be cut into halves and the contracting parties walk between the two halves. God sealed His part of the covenant by passing between the halves in the form of a "smoking brazier and a flaming torch" (the fire symbolizing God's presence, as in Pentecost).

Our Covenant with God demands that we be connected to Him in prayer, in the Eucharist, and in worship. In the Gospel, we see that while Jesus was at prayer with, Peter, John, and James, Jesus was transfigured. Moses and Elijah who often conversed with God in prayer came to reassure Jesus about His forthcoming passion and death. When we take time to pray, we too, will dwell in God's Presence. And when we receive Holy Communion, Jesus enters our hearts and we become intimate with Him – and there in our hearts, we can worship Him.

During this Lenten season, the Church encourages us to abstain from anything that separates us from God, especially from sin and its tempting ways. We need to meditate on the great love of **Jesus, who was pierced for our offenses and crushed by our sins (Isaiah 53:5)**, that we may be made whole again. St. Paul reminds of "**our citizenship is in heaven,**" (Phil 3:20).

We should continue to pray for our ongoing conversion, and that Jesus may truly reign in our lives, for as we remain in Jesus, He will remain with us. Although we are still on our journey here on earth, Jesus will help us fix our eyes on eternity and on our home in heaven where **Jesus will give a new form to our lowly bodies and remake it according to the pattern of His glorified body, by His power to subject everything to Himself,” (Phil 3:21).** When, therefore, we are beset by trails and sufferings, we should remember the Transfigured Jesus. He will give us hope and understanding to carry our daily crosses in life.

But we should not be like Peter who wanted to remain in the glory of the Transfiguration. We cannot remain with Jesus only for ourselves. We cannot be content only with our daily prayers, going to prayer meetings and Word Sharing sessions. We all belong to a larger community, God’s family – our family, our neighbors, our parish, BLD, and the Greater Church. We are all beloved sons and daughters of our Heavenly Father, and God wants to save not just us, but everyone. God wants us to share His concern for others. When we remain faithful to our covenant with God, He will show us how to evangelize others. God will bring to us people whom we can help materially and spiritually. He will bring into our consciousness, people we can intercede for. And if we remain steadfast to the end, we will have the **Promise of the Week...**“ **I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the land of the living. (Prov. 27:13)**

Suggested Personal Reflection Guide:

1. How can I be faithful to my Covenant with God?
2. What are the blocks that hinder me in following my Covenant with God?

Next Week’s Daily Mass Reading Guide:

March 01, 2010 (Mon):	Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
March 02, 2010 (Tue):	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
March 03, 2010 (Wed):	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
March 04, 2010 (Thur):	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
March 05, 2010 (Fri):	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
March 06, 2010 (Sat):	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; PS 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

“Ignorance of the Bible is ignorance of Christ. Read your Bible daily!”