

## THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22:1–2, 9a, 10–13, 15–18 † Romans 8:31b–34 † Mark 9:2–10



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The story of the transfiguration helps us understand the glory of God. The readings on this Second Sunday of Lent invite us to look at our own journey of faith. In the first reading, Abraham was tested about his obedience, devotion, and trust in God. The reward was a faith-filled life.

In the Gospel, Jesus invites three of his friends, Peter, James and John, to the high mountain and he is transfigured in this moment. Jesus gives them a glimpse of heaven. They were terrified and Peter said, “It is good to be here.” Many times, we have been invited to climb the mountain and have been scared, but that experience has helped us look back at the difficulties. The gift has been that we have become stronger than before. I am sure, this past year, we had to climb the top of the mountain dragging our heels, frightened, scared, and not sure what the future may bring.

Just like Peter, James and John had Jesus by their side, we also have Jesus by our side to take all of our fears away. We can go back to the voice inside ourselves, the voice of Jesus, which speaks to us with courage, wisdom, love, and compassion. Despite what is happening outside ourselves, we can find comfort in the heart of Jesus and can say “it is good to be here.”

Image: Transfiguration of Jesus

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