

Second Sunday of Lent

Dear Parish Family,

In the Gospel reading on the Second Sunday of Lent we hear Peter excitedly say as he witnesses the Transfiguration of Jesus: "Lord, it is good that we are here." This is the first time the disciples witness Jesus' divine nature in a heavenly vision. Peter is so excited that he wants to build a tent to preserve the moment.

"Lord, it is good that we are here" ...what a wonderful and spontaneous response to the presence of the fullness of Jesus Christ. A response that we can learn from. In the Lenten journey, we are called to turn away from all the distractions and meaningless things of life that keep us from focusing on our relationship with Jesus.

Jesus, as Lord and Savior, is present to us in many ways but especially at Mass. At Mass we encounter the true presence of Jesus Christ in the proclaiming of Scripture and in the Eucharist. But are we present to Jesus? Can we excitedly say: "Lord, it is good that we are here?"

Many Catholics take a very lackadaisical approach to Mass...attending occasionally and some not at all. For many it is not an important part of their life. It is truly a missed opportunity to be in the presence of the One who loves us and redeems us.

During this week of Lent, let us reflect on our own attitude toward Mass and our relationship with Jesus. What must I do to be more mindfully present to Jesus? Pray that we can have the same excitement as Peter and Joyfully proclaim at Mass next Sunday and every Sunday: "Lord, it is good that we are here."

Lenten Blessings to you all,

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