

March 8, 2020
Second Sunday of Lent



CHANGE

Lent is all about change and change is usually not easy. In order to change we have to leave something behind. Today we hear about a very old man who decides to answer God's call. Abram experiences a tremendous amount of change when he leaves everything behind, risking it all for God's promise. Jesus changes, is transfigured, right before the eyes of his disciples. The

Lenten scriptures issue the call for us to change, to be transfigured, so that we, too, will soon share in the glory of God. What is it that the Lord is asking us to leave behind? Are we willing to take the risk for the promise made by God? These questions are at the heart of the Lenten journey of conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The LORD said to Abram: All the families of the earth shall find blessing in you (Genesis 12:1-4a)

Psalm — Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you (Psalm 33).

Second Reading — God has called us to a holy life, not because of our works but according to grace (2 Timothy 1:8b-10).

Gospel — Atop a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured before Peter, James, and John (Matthew 17:1-9).

Lent is a privileged time of the liturgical year for prayer, penance and the generosity towards those who are in need of love and attention. Pope Francis suggests that family is the ideal place for living true love and to perfect it with hope in the future.

Love believes all things

Love believes all things. Here "belief" is not to be taken in its strict the-ological meaning, but more in the sense of what we mean by "trust".

This trust enables a relationship to be free. It means we do not have to control the other per-son, to follow their every step lest they escape our grip. Love trusts, it sets free, it does not try to control, possess and dominate everything. This freedom, which fosters independence, an open-ness to the world around us and to new experi-ences, can only enrich and expand relationships. The spouses then share with one another the joy of all they have

received and learned outside the family circle. At the same time, this free-dom makes for sincerity and transparency, for those who know that they are trusted and ap-preciated can be open and hide nothing. Those who know that their spouse is always suspicious, judgmental and lacking unconditional love, will tend to keep secrets, conceal their failings and weaknesses, and pretend to be someone other than who they are. On the other hand, a family marked by loving trust, come what may, helps its members to be themselves and spontaneously to reject deceit, falsehood, and lies.

Love hopes all things

Love does not despair of the future. Following upon what has just been said, this phrase speaks of the hope of one who knows that others can change, mature and radiate unex-pected beauty and untold potential. This does not mean that everything will change in this life. It does involve realizing that, though things may not always turn out as we wish, God may well make crooked lines straight and draw some good from the evil we endure in this world.

Here hope comes most fully into its own, for it embraces the certainty of life after death. Each person, with all his or her failings, is called to the fullness of life in heaven. There, fully transformed by Christ's resurrection, every weakness, darkness and infirmity will pass away. There the person's true being will shine forth in all its goodness and beauty. This realization helps us, amid the aggravations of this present life, to see each person from a supernatural perspective, in the light of hope, and await the fullness that he or she will receive in the heavenly kingdom, even if it is not yet visible.

Lord, give me the serenity to accept the things I can not change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference.

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*The community, Missionary Sisters Servants of the Word, serves the Church through evangelization. Our charism consists of evangelizing the laity to later evangelize with the laity. We Evangelize through basic evangelization courses, house visits, retreats, music, theatre parish groups and through our evangelization magazines.*

***The sisters are promoting their masazine at our masses this week.***  
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Food pantry this week Friday, March 13. Your help is needed at 8:30 a.m. to sort fresh produce or at 4:30 p.m. to help serve our families.

Masses for the Week

March 7, 2020 – March 14, 2020

Saturday, March 7

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, March 8

9:30 a.m. People of the Parish

+ Adrianna Blasi by Aldo Blasi

11:00 a.m. +Nelso & Gabriella Luppino Giglio

+Mary Cimmarusti by Janie Costantini

For the deceased members of **San Trifone Society**

For the deceased members of **Santa Lucia Society**

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Monday, March 9

6:00 p.m. No Mass

Tuesday, March 10

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 p.m. +Andrea Spata by Serafina Spata

Thursday, March 12

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Friday, March 13

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

6:30 p.m. Stations of the cross

Saturday, March 14

6:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday – Friday

Adoration: Thursday 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering: \$2,560.00

Restricted for Together in Mission: \$168.00

****Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie**

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

****Minimum Ordinary expenses are for rectory and church only: Priests, utilities, property insurance, property tax, assessment, and church expenses. NO staff, program or other expenses are included in this weekly calculation.**

- \$3783.00-

MARK YOU CALENDAR

Lenten Crab fest fundraiser

Friday, April 3, 2020.

Mail your reservations to the parish office or

Contact Maria Bruno for reservations:

818.841.4672

Visit St. Peter's website: <http://stpeteritalianchurchla.org>

Visit us on Facebook: "St Peter's Italian Church Los Angeles"

St. Joseph's Table March 18th & 19th

Mass each day at 11:00 a.m. followed by the Blessing of the table. Free Spaghetti Dinner. Doors close at 8:00 p.m.



*Come and enjoy the beauty of the flowers, produce and a table full of homemade cookies like grandma use to make and much more!
Also available Pizza, Cannoli, Spumoni Ice cream, Sausage & Meat Ball Sandwiches
for more information please call the Church rectory:*

March Society Dates to Remember

March 9, Padre Pio Meeting 7:00 pm

March 11, St. Anthony meeting 7:00 pm

March 12, Scalabrini Seminaries fundraiser

meeting. Please come early to help prepare mailing.

March 18 & 19, Feast of St. Joseph

*Mass at 11:00 am each day, followed by blessing of the table at noon. Doors close at 8:00 pm. **Volunteers are needed.** Please contact Mike Foschetti (323) 257-0302*

March 29, All parish brunch at noon.

DID YOU KNOW?

Talk about chat room dangers with your teen

Online chat rooms are great places for people to connect over shared interests and ideas. But for young children and teenagers who may not be internet-savvy, they're also a great place for predators to lay groundwork. In a chat room, anyone can be whomever they want — and predators hide behind personas of friends. Talk to your child about online safety rules, such as never agreeing to meet in person and never providing personal and identifying information. Review chats frequently to ensure that your child is engaging in safe conversations. For more tips on chat room safety, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Exposing the Dangers of Internet Chat Rooms" at:

<https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/printarticle.cfm?a=280&theme=0>