

2nd Sunday of Lent —February 28, 2010 A.D.

The Promised Land

In today's first reading, the Lord God makes a covenant with Abram to give him a land for his own possession, a covenant that applies to us, as well, as spiritual descendants of Abram. In the Gospel, three of the Lord's chosen disciples are granted a brief glimpse of his divine glory and are informed that the Lord is the Son of God and that they should listen to him. The glimpse, however brief, will sustain them as they descend from the heights of Mount Tabor to the Garden of Gethsemane.

In both events, we have a vision of something glorious: a land that has been promised to us for our own possession and a vision of God's Son, resplendent in all his divine glory. How are we to find that land and recapture that vision of our Lord? How can we continue to be sustained by hope at times when we do not sense the presence of the Lord or see evidence of his glory? God himself has told us in this Gospel: Listen to him!

As Abbot Columba Marmion explains in one of the great spiritual classics of the twentieth century, *Christ in His Mysteries*, "The life of Christ Jesus upon earth has, even in its details, such an extensive bearing that we are unable to exhaust all its depths. A single utterance of the Incarnate Word, of Him Who is 'ever in the bosom of the Father' (Jn 1:18), is so great a revelation that it might suffice, like a fountain of living and health-giving water, to make all our spiritual life bear fruit. We see this in the lives of the saints: one word of His has often been enough to convert a soul wholly to God. His words come from heaven: hence their fruitfulness. It is the same with Christ's least actions. They are for us examples, rays of light, sources of grace."

It is in God's Word, the Scriptures, then, that we should search for the light and hope that will sustain us. We should go with the apostles "up the mountain" to a place of stillness and silence within ourselves where the Father can reveal this Word to us, where we can meditate on it and its meaning for our lives. Then we can go forward toward the Promised Land with confidence, striving to pattern our words and actions after those of the Lord by seeking at all times to do the will of his Father.

Fast from the negative—Feast on the affirmative.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

All children of the parish are invited to participate in Children's Lenten Liturgies on the Sundays of Lent at the 9 a.m. Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

Seating is limited. No tickets will be available at the door. Join us for the St. Patrick's Dinner on Sat., Mar. 13 (social hour at 5:30 p.m. & dinner at 6 p.m.). Tickets are \$15 for corned beef with all the trimmings and Irish music sing-a-long. Enjoy the Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle.

SILENT AUCTION

Last call for donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the St. Patrick's Dinner. Please call Kay at 772-4653 by Mar. 6 to donate an item worth \$30 or more.

DCCW DEANERY MEETING

All ladies are invited to the DCCW Deanery Meeting on Sat., Mar. 6 at St. William's in Atascadero at 10:30 a.m. Please call Jeanne at 995-aaaa for carpool information.

WOMEN'S SOCIETY

All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meeting of the Women's Society on Mon., Mar. 8: Mass at 9 a.m., then meeting in the Religious Ed. Room at 10 a.m., then lunch at the Old Cayucos Bakery & Deli. Please call Dinah at 995-aaaa for lunch reservations.

FIRST TUESDAY BUNCO

Bunco will be Tues., Mar. 2, at 1:30 p.m. in the hall. Please call Sue at 995-aaaa and let her know who your substitute will be if you are not able to attend.

TRIP TO LAUGHLIN

Sign up soon for a trip to Laughlin, NV, on May 3-6. Tour Includes: deluxe transportation on a new motorcoach, 3 nights lodging at Riverside Resort & Casino, 2 breakfasts & 1 choice buffet. Single, double, & triple occupancy rates at \$210, \$189, & \$179 per person. \$50 deposit will hold your place. Final payment due by Mar. 22. For more info., please call the office at 995-3243.

Next Sunday: Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15; Psalm 103:1-11; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9.

Let us Pray For the Sick: May our prayers be a comfort to those who are sick or chronically ill: Bob Timone, Larry Olson, Vincent LoBianco, Don Fontaine, Oscar & Kate Linscott, Bill Coyle, Jim Sohler, John Dias, Jack Sable, Dennis Domaille, Gloria Aulbach, Evelyn Menn, Jeanne Lowe, Denise Clark, Amelia Casaletti, Bill, Danny & Kelly Wade; Jim Greene Sr. & Jr., Mayre Marcollo, Onnie Midiri, Jill Kelly, Don Monson, Margaret Jung, Tricia Scot, Joseph Henderson, Mark Sigmund, Jenna Franklin, Jennifer Pasa, Katy Wilson, Benjamin Kafman, Jim James, Shalom Tinsley White, Kelly Pittner, Elizabeth English Porter, Maria Howe, Jacqueline Durazo, Bobbie Planansky, Richard Lyons, Barbara Gray, Jack McGilvray, & Larry Stayton.

Lenten Schedule

Morning Prayer with Mass

Tuesdays of Lent at 9 a.m.

Stations of the Cross

followed by

Soup Supper

Fridays of Lent at 4:30 p.m.

Lenten Adoration:

Thurs., Mar. 18. from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL MINISTRIES APPEAL

Thank you to those who have already made a pledge. We are nearing our goal.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE (Mar. 6-7)

1st Saturday & Sunday

Sat: 5 pm: Lector: Bill Mazzacane

EMs: Elizabeth Sigmund, Eleanore Molnar, Sue Rindge

Ushers: Carolyn Tucker, Jeanne Edwards

Server: Red Harris

Cantor: _____

Sun: 9 am: Lector: Elizabeth Sigmund

EMs: Sam Ayoob, Sallee Detomaso, Ski Planansky

Ushers: Dinah Piwowski, Carol Lowry

Servers: Stan Piwowski, Quinnten Thomas

Cantor: _____

Hospitality: Anita Ayoob

Sun: 11 am: Lector: Evaline Curti

EMs: Judy Monson, Al Piotrowski, Sonia DeCicco

Ushers: Sandy & Helen Hull

Server: Walter Terrio

Cantor: Anne Bennett

Hospitality: Sylvia Moriarty

MASS INTENTIONS (FEB. 27-MAR. 7)

Sat. 5 Respect for human life

Sun. 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. 11 †Mary White

Mon. †Rev. Msgr. Peter Garcia by friend, Barbara

Tues. †Bertha Contreras by Barbara Flores

Wed. For all those being received into the Church

Thurs. Special Intention

Fri. For more vocations to the priesthood

Sat. 5 †Mary Stier by daughter, Joanne Riestler

Sun. 9 St. Joseph's Parishioners

Sun. 11 †Patricia Rivers by Vie Romanazzi

While every effort will be made to offer Mass for your special intention on the requested date, please understand that circumstances occasionally make this impossible.

Mass Intention Envelopes are available in the church.

For further information call Mary at 995-aaaa.