

Reflections on Second Sunday of Lent 26A.

Mass: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm: 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9.

The readings for the second Sunday remind us of the purpose of Lent, transformation. It is a profound change in us that points towards resurrection life. Lent is meant to be that transformational time that moves us from community living according to Scripture, good in itself, and something that can take years to happen, to allowing God to do something in us that makes us into different people. It is not just a new sort of rules or regulations, a new culture, a new community, a new way of living. It is a deep transformation that makes us Christ-like. Our Lenten journey is completed through Easter to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit gives us a new life. We have to be ready for that and it is this time that helps us to say yes. We want to be like Christ, to move through the Paschal Mystery into a new life.