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Confirmation Mass Assignment

March 4th, 2012

Second Sunday of Lent

Gospel Mark 9:2-10

Instructions: Read the gospel and gospel reflection, then answer the questions. Turn in with a signed bulletin.

Gospel Reflection

The story of Jesus' Transfiguration on the mountain is a preview of great things to come. With his amazed disciples looking on, Jesus is suddenly dressed in dazzling white and his face shines like the sun. He is speaking with the long-dead prophets Moses and Elijah. These two Old Testament figures represent the Law and the Prophets. They are interrupted by a majestic voice from a cloud. And the voice says that Jesus is God's beloved Son. The bedazzled disciples are told to "Listen to him."

Like us, Peter, James, and John could not understand everything about Jesus overnight. It was only after his death and resurrection that they understood the meaning of his Transfiguration. Only then did they realize what it meant for the Son of Man to rise from the dead.

Gospel Questions:

1. How are you responding to God's command to "Listen to him" during Lent?
2. What message from Jesus' words or actions do you most want to share with the world?
3. How do you show that you care about others who are suffering?
4. What does the experience of the three disciples tell us about the process of coming to know and believe in Jesus?

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5. What has helped your own relationship with Jesus to grow over the past year?

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March 11th, 2012
Third Sunday of Lent

Gospel John 2:13-25

Instructions: Read the gospel and gospel reflection, then answer the questions. Turn in with a signed bulletin.

Gospel Reflection

Watch out for Jesus in today's gospel! He has come up to the temple at Passover time and he is very angry about what he sees there. So he brandishes a whip to drive the money-changers and sacrificial animals out of the temple. "Stop turning my Father's house into a marketplace!" he says with frightening authority. His disciples attribute his emotional outburst to zeal or intense passion for the house of God.

When the Jews ask him for a sign of his authority, Jesus speaks of the temple of his body. He prophesies that if they destroy this temple, he will raise it up in three days. They do not understand that he is speaking of his crucifixion and resurrection.

Gospel Questions:

1. Does the fiery anger of Jesus surprise you? Why or why not?
2. Are there times when it is right to express justified anger? Explain. How do you think believers should show love and respect for God's house?
3. What did Jesus understand about the human heart? How will you practice having a faithful heart as Lent continues?

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Fourth Sunday of Lent

Gospel John 3:14-21

Instructions: Read the gospel and gospel reflection, then answer the questions. Turn in with a signed bulletin.

Gospel Reflection

In teaching Nicodemus, Jesus uses a familiar story from the Old Testament (Numbers 21:4-9) about Moses. When Moses lifted up a bronze snake in the desert for all to see, those who had been bitten by snakes were healed. Jesus says that he too must be lifted up so that all might have eternal life through him. He will be lifted up on the cross. But he will also be lifted up in his resurrection and in his ascension to the Father. Whoever looks at him in faith will receive eternal life.

Followers of Jesus recognize him as the light that came into the world. They live truthfully in the light, unlike those who choose the darkness and do evil deeds.

Gospel Questions:

1. Picture the entire world today as a patient in a doctor's office. What might the doctor say is wrong with the world's health?
2. Name some of the ways the followers of Jesus can be healers in our world.
3. How do members of your family, school community, and parish show that they are living in the light?
4. What can we do to help others choose to live truthfully in the light?

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March 25th, 2012
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Gospel John 12:20-33

Instructions: Read the gospel and gospel reflection, then answer the questions. Turn in with a signed bulletin.

Gospel Reflection

Here Jesus compares his life and ours with a grain of wheat. If the grain falls into the earth and dies, it then rises as a stalk of wheat that gives life by feeding others. Like the grain of wheat, we must be willing to lose our lives in order to gain eternal life.

Jesus knows that the hour of his death when he will be lifted up on the cross is coming soon. But he also knows that when he is lifted up, he will draw everyone, Jews and Greeks and all the world's people, to himself.

Gospel Questions:

1. In this gospel story, to lose your life means to lay down your attachments to anything or anyone that prevents you from following Jesus. For people your age in today's world, what might some of those things and persons be?
2. Who or what helps you to be a faithful follower of Jesus, not only during Lent but on a daily basis?
3. How do you think Jesus draws people to himself? How can you help others whose words or actions say "We should like to see Jesus"?

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