

28th February 2010 – 2nd of Sunday of Lent

Gen 15:5-12

Phil 3:17-4

Lk 9:28b-36

Jesus transfigured in glory

What can blind us or keep us from recognizing God's glory in our lives? Sin and unbelief for sure! Faith enables us to see what is hidden or unseen to the naked eye. Through the eyes of faith Abraham recognized God and God's call on his life. He saw from afar not only what God intended for him, but for his descendants as well – an everlasting covenant of friendship and peace with the living God. Abraham is the father of faith because he put his hope in the promises of God. Faith makes us taste in advance the light of God's glory when we shall see him face to face.

Are you prepared to see God's glory? God is eager to share his glory with us! We get a glimpse of this when the disciples see Jesus transfigured on the mountain. Jesus' face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. When Moses met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Paul says that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness. In this incident Jesus appeared in glory with Moses, the great lawgiver of Israel, and with Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, in the presence of three of his beloved apostles. What is the significance of this mysterious appearance? Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – his betrayal, rejection and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again. While this transpired Peter, James and John were asleep! Upon awakening they discovered the transfiguration of Jesus along with Moses and Elijah.

How much do we miss of God's glory and action because we are asleep spiritually? There are many things which can keep our minds asleep to the things of God: Mental lethargy and the "unexamined life" can keep us from thinking things through and facing our doubts and questions. The life of ease can also hinder us from considering the challenging or disturbing demands of Christ. Prejudice can make us blind to something new the Lord may have for us. Even sorrow can be a lock until we can see past it to the glory of God. Are you spiritually awake? Peter, James and John were privileged witnesses of the glory of Christ. We, too, as disciples of Christ are called to be witnesses of his glory. We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. The Lord wants to reveal his glory to us, his beloved disciples. Do you seek his presence with faith and reverence?

"Lord Jesus, keep me always alert and awake to you, to your word, your action and your daily presence in my life. Let me see your glory."

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:30am, 5:00pm (Novena); 6:00pm (Sunset Mass)
Sunday: 6:45am; 8am(Mandarin); 9:30am; 11:15am & 6pm
Weekdays: 6:30am & 6pm
Public Holidays: 9am only
2nd Saturday: 7:30pm (Mass in Tagalog)

Readings for the Week

Mon 1 st Mar	Dan 9,4b-10	Ps 78:8,9,11-13	Lk 6:36-38
Tue 2 nd Mar	Is 1:10,16-20	Ps 49:8-9,16bc-17,21,23	Mt 23:1-12
Wed 3 rd Mar	Jer 18:18-20	Ps 30:5-6,14,15-16	Mt 20:17-28
Thu 4 th Mar	Jer 17:5-10	Ps 1:1-2,3,4 & 6	Lk 16:19-31
Fri 5 th Mar	Gen 37:3-4,12	Ps 104:16-17,18-19,20-21	Mt 21:33-43,45-46
Sat 6 th Mar	Mic 7:14-15	Ps 102:1-3,3-4,9-10,11-12	Lk 15:1-3,11-32

INFANT BAPTISMS are celebrated at 4pm in the Chapel on the 2nd Sunday of each month, except during the season of Lent. Parents and Godparents are required to come for a preparatory session. Please register at the parish office

WEDDINGS: Arrangements for a Church wedding should be made at least six (6) months in advance. This would give the couple adequate time to attend either a Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) or an Engaged Encounter Weekend (EE). Application forms and booking of wedding date at the parish office.

CHURCH CLEANING (Willing Hands)

Volunteers are needed - Every Wednesday & Saturday 9.00am

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Jumble Sales group is seeking volunteers for sort and pack donated items i.e. clothes, books, shoes, bags etc. every Monday between 12noon & 3pm. Those able to help, please leave your contact particulars with the church secretariat.

FREE COUNSELLING SERVICES

Ms Jackie (Appointment coordinator). Please call after office hours: 9797 8319

FREE LEGAL COUNSELING CLINIC. Please contact the parish office.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP For cancer patients / caregivers call:
Patrick 9728 7425 or Theresa 9681 9205

CANTEEN

The usual gang is back. Come for your favourite breakfast items.

Neighbourhood

Tampines CNG -Lenten Reflection
Sun 7th Mar at 8.30 pm, Blk 306 # 02-08
Tampines St 32. All are welcome.
Enquiry: Jeffrey De Souza @ 96730576

SIMEI CNG - Lenten Reflection
Thurs 4th Mar 8.15p.m at Blk 117 Simei
St.1 #08-540. All are welcome. Please
bring your bible. Enquiries: Daniel Tan
97522402

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE will be at Hazel Viado & Jason Lim Blk 509, Pasir Ris St 52
#06-163 from 1st to 7th Mar. Enquiries: Phillip Fan: 9746-5678/ 9437-2526

Monday 1st Mar

Holy Hour "The Tabernacle Prayer" Jesus says, "Come and spend an hour with me!" at 8pm in the chapel. All are welcome

RCIA CHINESE 7.45pm In the parish hall

TUESDAY 2nd Mar

CHARISMATIC PRAYER COMMUNITY

Praise & Worship at 8pm in the Chapel followed by Mass celebrated by Fr Henry Siew.
All are welcome.

Prayer for Priests – 5pm in the Chapel. All are welcome.

Christian Meditation - "Be still and know I am God" Learn to Meditate @ 8pm Room 16.
All are welcome.

RCIA ENGLISH – 7.45pm in the parish hall

WEDNESDAY 3rd Mar

Divine Mercy Devotion in the Chapel at 8pm. All are welcome.

THURDAY 4th Mar – CHINESE STATION OF THE CROSS IN TEOCHEW will be held in the chapel on every Thursday at 8pm during the period of Lent.

FRIDAY 5th Mar – STATION OF THE CROSS - Mass at 7pm will be held in the Main Church followed by the Station of the Cross-during the period of Lent. Please note that there is no 6pm Mass.

SATURDAY 6th Mar IGNITE: Fasting & Sacrifice Time: Sat, 1pm to 4pm,
Location: Youth Room. For more info call Jasmine: 81133802.

CHANGE OF TIME FOR CATECHISM CLASSES

Wef Sat 6 Mar 2010 all Catechism Classes on **SATURDAY** will be at these times: -

P1-P6 3.00-4.00pm (instead of 3.30-4.30pm)

P1-P5 4.15-5.15pm (instead of 4.45-5.45pm)

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

EVERGREEN ACTIVITY – Visit to the Villa Francis Home for the Aged on 13 Mar Saturday. Bus leaves church @ 9.30am & tickets @ \$5.00 each. Please contact Jennifer @ 97925216 to confirm. All are welcome.

THE SOJOURNERS COMPANIONS - The Sojourners Companions will be conducting a Week of Guided Prayer in our parish from 7 – 13 March 2010. Your commitment for the week: to spend 1 hour with God in personal prayer each day, and from Monday to Friday, to meet with your prayer guide for at most half-hour in church

Registration will take place this weekend masses on 27 and 28 Feb 2010. Forms will also be available from our parish office. For planning purposes, do register with us by 3 March 2010. The cost of the guided prayer will be at \$30 each.

CHARITIES WEEK 2010 - This season of Lent, let the love of Jesus shine through your actions and be a blessing to others. Our Archdiocesan annual fundraising Charities Week 2010 supports over 50,000 people in need across all races, languages and religion. Funds raised will enable the Catholic charity and community organizations reach out to the poor and marginalized, children and families, migrant workers, prisoners and persons with HIV/AIDS. Please take a Charities Week appeal envelope this weekend to show your support and contribute generously to help these causes. You may wish to mail your donation using the appeal envelopes directly to Caritas Singapore (for cheques only) or drop them in the offertory collection boxes during the weekends of Lent. Your contribution will make a difference in the lives of those in need. Visit www.caritas-singapore.org or call 63373711 for more information.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND 19-21 MAR

BE is a peers ministry for the widowed, separated or divorced individuals to help them resolve their grief towards a healing process. A live-in-weekend program 19(Fri) to 21(Sun) Mar. Interested, please contact King(Mr) 96327370, Christine 98334714, Jenny 96756940 or Mary 97554310(after 6pm)

TALK ON PRIESTHOOD AT CHURCH OF DIVINE MERCY

Tribute to Priesthood in The Year For Priests

Theme: Priesthood – God's Masterpiece

Talk on (a) Institution of the Priesthood (b) The Holy Mass

Speaker: Fr Ignatius Huan

Day/Date: Saturday/6th March 2010

Time: 2pm to 5pm

Venue: Church of Divine Mercy – Parish Hall

Know your Religion - Types of baptism

The Catholic theologians accept three types of baptism: baptism of **water**, baptism of **desire** and baptism of **blood**. It is the teaching of the Catholic Church that when the baptism of water becomes a physical or moral impossibility, eternal life may be obtained by the baptism of desire or the baptism of blood.

Adults or adult catechumens who delay the reception of baptism due to family, parental, spousal or other objections are capable of receiving the **baptism of desire**; for as Jesus said in John 14:23 "He that loveth Me, shall be loved by my Father: and I will love him and will manifest myself to him."

An adult who have the **baptism of desire** is made know to a priest, he/she will be able to have a Catholic funeral Rites when he/she dies. The person needs to see a priest and not after the person dies, the family or friends comes and says he/she has a baptism of desire.

The **baptism of blood** is the obtaining of the grace of justification by suffering martyrdom for the faith of Christ; as Jesus said "He that shall lose his life for me shall find it" and "Everyone therefore that shall confess me before men, I will also confess him before my Father who is in heaven."