

ANNOUNCEMENTS



From the Youth Ministry

2010 YOUTH LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR #11

There will be a *one-on-one shepherding session* tonight in the basement hall.

March 5 *After Healing Mass - one-on-one, if necessary*
 March 12 *Invocation Mass*
 March 13-14 *YLSS 11 Proper @ Cardinal Leger Catholic School in Scarborough*
 March 19 *Post Shepherding - Growth and Transformation*

May we request everyone to observe silence during the one-on-one session. Please continue to pray for all the youths and adults participating in the YLSS # 11. Confession is a must not only for the candidates but also for everyone participating or assisting during the YLSS weekend proper.

From the Solo Parents Ministry

SOLO PARENTS ENCOUNTER #9



Date: April 9 – 11, 2010
Location: Mount Mary Immaculate Retreat Centre
Application Forms are available in the OLA Basement Hall.

Toronto Teaching Schedule

For a complete and up-to-date Teaching Schedule, visit: www.bldtoronto.com

Date	Time	Topic	Venue	Attendees
Feb 27	8:30 AM-10:00 PM	Basic Bible Seminar	OLA Hall	LSS 23/24

O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Show us too the splendour of your beloved Son. As we listen to the voice of your Son, help us to become heirs to eternal life with Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

(Marianne Dorman)



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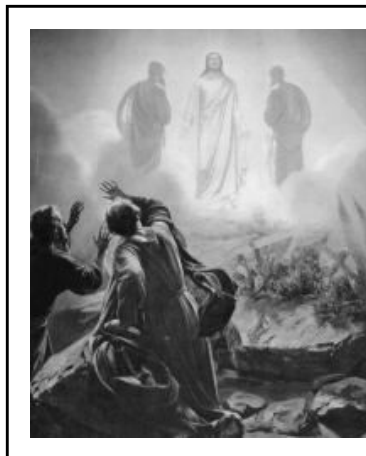


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Second Sunday Of Lent



ORDER:

Wait for the Lord; be strong. (Ps 27:14)

REFLECTION:

The theme of our worship in this 2nd Sunday of Lent reminds us to remain faithful to our covenant with the Lord. In the first reading; Abraham's faithfulness to the Lord brought him numerous blessings. God did not promise wealth or fame to him but instead He enabled him to experience His presence giving him descendants as numerous to count as the stars in the sky. His faith and obedience to God's word became the foundation of his Covenant with the Lord. His faith in God was rewarded, "credited to him as an act of righteousness". (Gn 15:6)

THEME:

We spread the Good News of salvation when we remain faithful to our covenant with the Lord.

WORD:

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14
 Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

St. Paul in the second reading exhorts us to "stand firm in the Lord". We are encouraged to persevere in our spiritual journey no matter how difficult the demands and sacrifices are

required. We acknowledge that “our citizenship is in heaven” where Jesus is in glory (Phil 3:20). Even while we are here on earth busy with our day-to-day chores, we can look forward to that day when we will forever unite and live with Him in glory. Our commitment to serve Him - spending time with Him in prayers, listening to His words and putting them to practice in our daily lives and serving the least of our brothers or sisters are ways of assuring us that indeed at the end of our journey we will see God’s glory.

The Gospel reading is a foretaste of how Jesus will reveal Himself to us in glory when we meet Him face to face. The three disciples, Peter, James and John went up to the mountain with Jesus to pray and there they witnessed how Jesus was transfigured – “the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became dazzling white.” (Lk 9:29) The three disciples saw Jesus as He is now after His death and resurrection. They were overwhelmed by their experiences and they longed to just stay on top of that mountain with Jesus.

All of us disciples in this Community have in one way or another experienced this taste of glory - the feeling of joy and peace in the Lord when we allowed Jesus to fill our hearts during our week-end encounters, Life in the Spirit Seminar and other retreats. It is such a mountain top experience that sometimes we just prefer to stay where we are – away from reality and the problems or concerns of daily life. Linger in the mountain top may also be compared as preferring to just be contented with the present work we are doing inside our community and becoming afraid to get out of our comfort zones. As a result we may become complacent and afraid to minister to the needs of others or be involved in mission work outside our community.

During this season of Lent, let us take this opportunity to spend more time with the Lord and reflect on the ways we can use our gifts to bring Gods message to others. This can be an opportune time to reflect also on our covenant with the Lord, stand firm in our desire to faithfully serve and follow Him. By denying ourselves for Him and serving the least of our brothers or sisters, we will indeed be blessed and bear much fruit. As Jesus said “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also.” (Jn 12:26).

DIRECTION:

- ❖ Stand firm in your faith.
- ❖ Listen to Him.

GOD’S PROMISE:

“...I shall see the bounty of the Lord in the Land of the living.” (Ps 27:13)

Let Us Exercise Our Desires In Prayer

Why the Lord should ask us to pray when He knows what we need before we ask Him may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want for He cannot fail to know it, but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers so that we may be able to receive what He is preparing to give us. *His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it.* That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.* The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope; the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no color. No ear has heard it, it has no sound. It has not entered man’s heart; man’s heart must enter into it.* (from the letters of St. Augustine)

“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.” (Don Schwager)

“Most high and glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart and give me sound faith, firm hope and perfect love. Let me, Lord, have sense and knowledge, so that I may truly carry out Your holy and true command.” (St. Francis of Assisi)

