

2nd Sunday Lent - Feb 28, 2021
Gospel: Mark 9.2-10
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We heard in the first reading about the testing of Abraham. This is one of the most dramatic passages of the Old Testament, and probably if someone were to ask you which story you recall from the old testament, I am pretty sure that you will make reference to the testing of Abraham.

God tested Abraham but at the end did not require the sacrifice of his son Isaac. However, God himself made the supreme sacrifice. Instead of seeking the death of his creatures, He sacrificed his Son for our sins.

Brothers and Sisters, Abraham is the perfect example of faith, a faith that each one of us needs, a faith that help us at crucial moments in our lives.

If we reflect about the suffering of Jesus on the cross, we will find that suffering and difficulties have a meaning in our lives. We are followers of Christ and suffering leads us to the glory of our resurrection.

We heard in today's gospel about the transfiguration of Jesus, we didn't hear about a test of faith in this gospel instead there is a strengthen of faith for Peter, James and John.

In the preceding chapter of this Gospel, Mark told us about the first prediction that Jesus made of his coming passion and death.

I am pretty sure that Peter and the other disciples must have been confused and concerned upon hearing what Jesus was saying about himself and about their future

And, later, Jesus decides to take Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, where Jesus is revealed in glory as God's beloved Son, and there is also another event, the presence of Moses and Elijah confirms the fulfillment of the law.

And we heard that Peter declared, "It is good that we are here!"

Peter spoke as he did because he witnessed the transfiguration and this reaffirmed his faith in Jesus, and also helped him to realize that the path Jesus was taking conformed to the Father's will.

Today's readings help us to strength our faith and persevere in difficult times.

However, we must be aware that our faith can and will be tested in many ways along our lives, but the good news is that God will not allow us to be tested beyond our strength.

For that reason, Brothers and Sisters, in our trials, we should recall the faith of Abraham to resolve to set aside our will and accept God's will in our life. I know it is not easy. I know we are frail human beings but as Christians we are called to do it. We never are alone God is with us.

Let's ask the Holy Spirit to help us to understand that the suffering of the present time is not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. ... Amen