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FOLLOWING GOD'S WILL

Peter, James and John had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our life.

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ON STEWARDSHIP...

What temptations lure us from the path of discipleship? Possessions? Pride? Power? Oh Lord, create for us a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit within us!

Lenten Preparation

Lent is the 40-day season of preparation for Easter that ends on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday. During Lent, Catholics recall their baptism and do penance – fasting, prayer, and almsgiving as they commemorate the death and resurrection of Christ. For more information on the season of lent, please visit the Archdiocese website: www.archtoronto.org/events_news/lent.html

Why do Catholics traditionally give something up during Lent? To do penance in preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian calendar.

PSALM 33

Lord, let your mercy be on us;
as we place our trust in you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

- all by appointment only

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK AND

HOLY COMMUNION

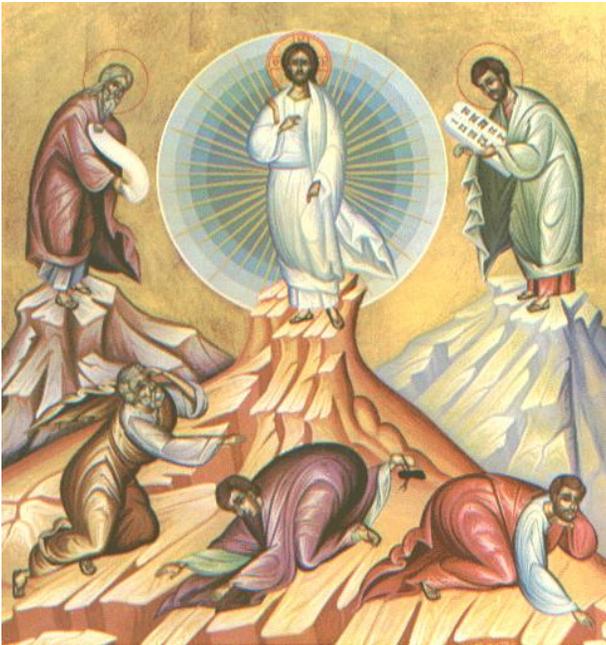
Have your health care team page a Catholic priest if you have a family member in hospital needing anointing of the sick.

Communion to those homebound is suspended at this time.

For information on Catholic education in our community or to reach your local school board trustee, contact the Toronto Catholic District School Board at 416-222-8282 or www.tcdsb.org.

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Canadian Martyrs	416-393-5251
St. John XXIII	416-429-4000



**"This is my Son, the Beloved;
with him I am well pleased;
listen to him!"**

Listen, God Listens

Listening to God is central to the life of faith. Whether we listen to God or not, God is always listening to us. Keeping these two facts in focus, we have to reflect on this Sunday's readings.

The first reading from Genesis (12:1-4) portrays Abraham as an epic of faith. His faithful listening to God was matched by an equally firm faith that God also listened. He lived his life within the parameters and from the strength of that ongoing conversation. Listening to this one and only God, travelling in both physical and spiritual sense to wherever God would lead, Abraham also put his faith in what seemed to be God's impossible and impractical promises of progeny, prosperity and land. For his faithful following and listening, Abraham was blessed by God to the extent that

his very name, i.e., his very self would be a source of blessing for all the earth's peoples.

As is reflected in today's 2nd reading (2Tim 1:8-10) each of us has been "saved by God and called to a holy life". Paul's life-changing experience took place on the road to Damascus when he heard the voice of the risen Jesus questioning the manner in which he was living his life. This experience resulted in Saul the persecutor of the faith, becoming Paul, the preacher of the Good News of Jesus Christ to the gentiles. Also referenced in the excerpt from 2 Timothy is the assurance that no life-altering word is spoken by God without the accompanying grace that will be needed to respond to that word thoroughly, faithfully and perseveringly.

In today's Gospel, (Mt. 17:1-9) the directive given to Peter, James and John deserves our attention: "Listen to him". Spoken from the cloud, the voice directed those who heard it then and those who hear it now to attend carefully to Jesus. Jesus has the words of truth, light and life that transforms the lives of those who listen to him. Jesus speaks of love and forgiveness, and human beings begin to live in the knowledge that they are cherished by a merciful and compassionate God. Jesus speaks words of challenge, and mere acquaintances become companions, companions become disciples, disciples become sharers in His suffering, dying and rising to new life. To put it more simply, listening to Jesus changes lives.