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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH

2nd Sunday Of Lent

HOPE: BELIEVE LIVE AND GIVE


**WEEKLY
SCRIPTURE VERSE:**

With God
on our side
who can be
against us?

(Rom 8, 31)

It was certainly the hardest hill Abraham would have climbed, knowing that he will shortly have to walk downhill alone. His heart must have been heavy, beaten, bruised and broken. We know what happened next. Knowing the faithfulness of Abraham, God asked him to withhold his hand from slaying his son. Yet, the Father did not do the same with His only Begotten Son.

God allowed His Son to be abandoned, judged, tortured and tormented. This is what makes the Transfiguration poignantly special - that God, the Father himself exalts his own Son, His special Son who is to be crucified. In between the prophets Moses and Elijah, stands Jesus, rightfully eliciting their adoration and worship that he so richly and righteously deserves. Ironically, the same divine Son whom the Father praises, is also offered as a sacrifice for the salvation of all humanity. **The Lamb that was slain is at the same time the Author of life!**

St Paul puts this in perspective in Romans 8:32: *"He that spared not even his own Son, but delivered him up for us all."* God did this for you and me. Now, we are called to sacrifice ourselves for him who is our Lord and Master. What and how do we sacrifice for him? We do this when we see him in the face of the poor and respond to their cries or when we emulate his love to others even in the midst of our own daily struggles. We do this when we remain steadfast in faith, even during the days when we are unhappy or feel discontented. This is our little gift of sacrifice to the transfigured Jesus, who gave his whole life in service for all: *"For this I came, to give you life, and life to the full!"* ✦

**SCRIPTURE
of the DAY**

 Gen 22, 1-2. 9.
10-13. 15-18;

Ps 115, 10. 15 -19;

Rom 8, 31-34;

Mk 9, 2-10.

MONTHLY THEME:
**SOLIDARITY
IN DIVERSITY**


**What is Your
Sacrifice?**

The transfiguration of Jesus is vividly presented to everyone – revealing God's plan to stamp the authority and kingship of His only Son. Even the great prophets Moses and Elijah are summoned to play their role in this awesome event which is set up to pay homage to Jesus. Contrast this with the sacrifice that Abraham was asked to make of his only son.