

# Pastor's Letter

March 1, 2026 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Dear Church Family,

In our Gospel reading today we hear the story of the Transfiguration, in which Peter, James and John get a glimpse of the heavenly glory of Jesus in all his majesty as the Son of God. This experience is so wonderful that Peter wants to stay right there and enjoy it. He offers to build three shelters for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah so they can hold on to the moment. But this is only a foretaste of the blessing that is to come at the end of our Lord's earthly journey and their own journey of discipleship. They have a long way to go yet, and eventually the vision fades and it's time to head down the mountain and on to Jerusalem.

That's the story of our lives in Christ. God is always inviting us to, "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you", just as he did Abraham in our first reading. We are called to keep moving from where we are to where God wants us to be, closer to him and closer to the land of promise.

Abraham's journey to Canaan was a serious undertaking. Travel was not easy in the ancient world. And Abraham was leaving everything he knew behind. There was no telling if he would ever see his parents or his homeland again. And he knew nothing about the country he was heading into. All he had was God's promise of a blessed future. But the most important journey that Abraham made was not the physical trek to Canaan, but the interior, spiritual journey of faith. That first yes that Abraham said to God was the start of another journey, one of growth in faith. Abraham's trust in God would not only change the lives of Abraham's family, but also advance the plan of God for the salvation of the world.

In this season of Lent, we have all started another leg of our own journey of faith into God's promise of a deeper relationship with him. Through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity we imitate Jesus so that through him we can come closer to God who has promised that all who accept the call to follow Christ on the path of discipleship will be welcomed into his kingdom of love, peace, and joy. Like Abraham, we undertake this journey, not just for ourselves, but for the good of the world. As we grow in holiness, we become signs of a new and better way of life. As God works healing in our lives, we show others where they can find healing and hope for the future. May the graces that come through our Lenten journey be a blessing, not only to us, but to the world.

Blessings,

Fr. Scott