

**March 7-8, 2020**

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Genesis 12:1-4**

**Second Timothy 1:8-10**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

As lengthy as Lent is, it nonetheless moves quickly. Last weekend we had Jesus being tempted in the desert and this weekend he is being 'transfigured' on a mountain top and seen by his disciples together with Moses and Elijah. That Jesus was transfigured, his face shining like the sun and his clothing becoming white as light is startling enough....to have him accompanied by Moses and Elijah, two prominent individuals from Jewish history – ALIVE! - ...is more than most people could handle. What have been the occasions by which Jesus has made himself known to YOU? Most of us do not have Transfiguration moments but nonetheless, many of us have very REAL experiences that convince us of Jesus REALLY BEING PRESENT within our lives. What have been yours? Knowing what you know, believing what you believe, how do the actions of your daily life conform to what you know to be true? Is there a dissonance between what you say you believe and how you act? Are there areas of your life that are immune to faith, where you keep faith and your belief in Jesus far separate from particular everyday realities? It is not uncommon for people to say one thing and live/act in another way. In relationships that does not work and usually reveals the shallowness/emptiness of whatever the person has said. As we creep deeper into Lent, how GENUINELY REAL is Jesus to you in your life?

A fresh month, thank you for weaving Santa Clara de Asis more deeply into your life. While we celebrated the FIRST RECONCILIATIONS of our children on Saturday morning, our Lenten Reconciliation Service for the rest of us is this Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. **Next weekend**, being the weekend PRIOR to St. Patrick's Day, we will honor the good Irish Saint with appropriate beverages after Mass, you might wish to allow yourself EXTRA time to linger and savor a sip or three of our special manner of celebrating Patrick. Please take note that our WHOLE PARISH STATIONS of the CROSS and DINNER is approaching on Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Bulletin has further information. As Winter starts to exit and Spring is primping for its entrance, please know, winter, spring, summer or fall, you are loved. FKB