

LIVING FAITH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY



Lk 9:28b-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

TAKING THE GOSPEL HOME

We often call this the story of the Transfiguration. In front of Peter, James and John, while praying on a mountain, Jesus met and talked with Moses and Elijah, and was transfigured. For the second time in the Gospels, Jesus hears God say the words, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' Why was this so important? Because from this moment onwards in the Gospel of Luke, the path gets rougher for Jesus; he begins the long journey to Jerusalem and to his crucifixion. God, out of love and mercy, spoke the words that would strengthen Jesus and empower him to do what he had to do.

PONDER AND DISCUSS

- Where do you get the strength to do what needs to be done in your life?
- Do you ever get confirmation that you are on the right path?
- How does God enter into your decision making?

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Family Activity: Word Search

The Transfiguration

As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Luke 9:29 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 9:28-36 (NIV).



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flash
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Peter
pray
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Moses
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John
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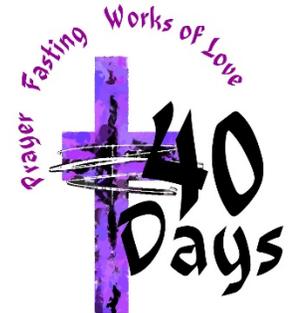
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THE CHURCH TEACHES MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

"Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment. . . . For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. . . . His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths." CCC 1776



Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking. CCC 1777

It is important for every person to be sufficiently present to himself in order to hear and follow the voice of his conscience. This requirement of *interiority* is all the more necessary as life often distracts us from any reflection, self-examination or introspection:



Return to your conscience, question it. . . . Turn inward, brethren, and in everything you do, see God as your witness. (St Augustine) CCC 1779



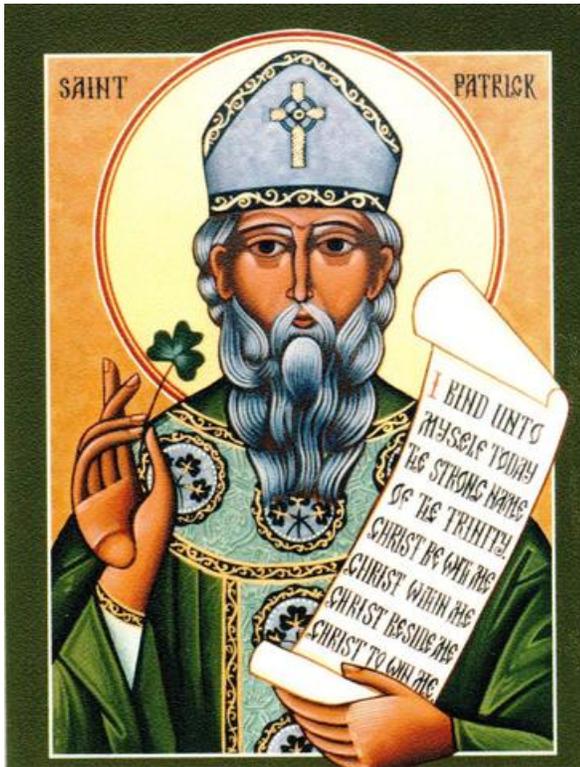
Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings. CCC 1783

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FEASTS THIS WEEK

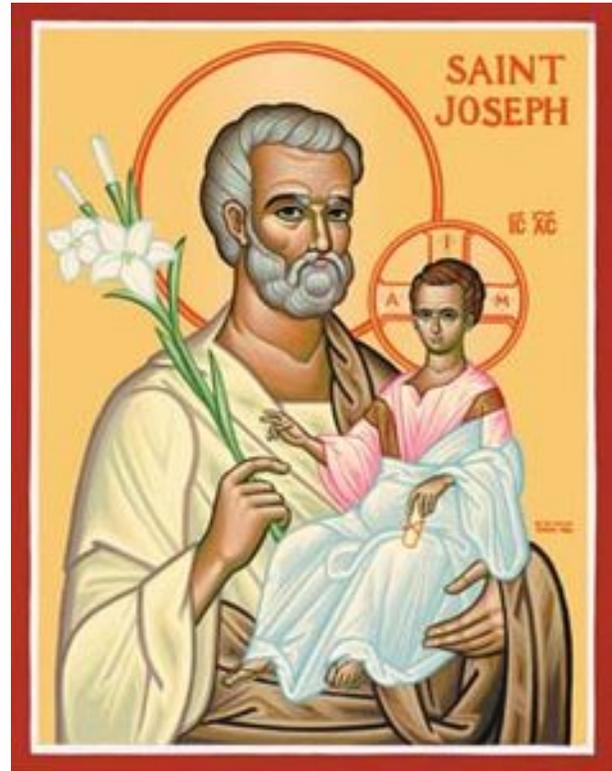
ST. PATRICK (MARCH 17) AND ST. JOSEPH (MARCH 19)



St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. This captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped and found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family. But he heard God's call to return to Ireland, this time as a missionary. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message. Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. He died March 17, 461.

Watch a video reflection about St. Patrick here:

<https://youtu.be/LcZikDgKLSY>



Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture, and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man. We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. We know that he was a man of prayer and trust in God. We know Joseph loved Jesus. His one concern was for the safety of this child entrusted to him. We also know that Joseph treated Jesus as his own son for over and over the people of Nazareth say of Jesus, "Is this not the son of Joseph?" (Luke 4:22)

Watch a video reflection about St. Joseph here:

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