

NO CCE classes March 8-21. We're off for Spring Break and the Parish Mission. CCE classes COME BACK March 22, 24, 25 continuing Big Idea 4: How to be Missionary Disciples of Christ. Our topic: Acting Upon My Call.



Breaking Open the Word for [The 2nd Sunday in Lent](#)

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Reading 1: *The Abrahamic Promise.* God calls Abram to leave all he knows and travel to an unknown place which God will show him. Abram left with his entire household to this unknown destination. Abram showed deep faith in this new God, who is the One True God. God promised Abram that “all nations on Earth will bless you,” and that Abram would be blessed with many children. God renames Abram: **Abraham** (“father of many nations”) due to this Abrahamic Promise. Abraham is our father in faith because he trusted in God. We, too, trust in God. We don't know where we are going, but we know the Way: Jesus Christ. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We are the heirs of the Abrahamic Promise because of our faith in Jesus. Let's **give** our whole heart to God as Abram did. Giving is one of the three pillars of Lent.

Reading 2: *Bear your share of hardship with the strength that comes from God:* Jesus destroyed death and freed us from the power of sin. Since this world teems with sin, temptations abound. God has called us to be His holy people and He endows us with the grace we need to lead holy lives. We first received this grace in Baptism, and receive grace every time we receive a sacrament worthily – in a state of grace, free from any mortal sin and cleansed from venial sins. **Fasting** from what tempts us to sin is a great way to observe Lent. **Fast** from too much “screen time.” **Fast** from your favorite food. **Fast** from whatever keeps you from spending time with God. He calls us all to be **saints** and gives us the power to be so.

Gospel: *Jesus said: Rise and do not be afraid.* Jesus brought His “inner circle” up Mount Tabor and unveiled His glory to them. They heard the voice of the Father: This is My beloved Son. Listen to Him.” Peter, James, and John were amazed! We, too, can hear the Father's voice when we listen to Jesus in prayer. This Lent, set aside some extra time for **prayer**, one of the three pillars of Lent. Come a bit early for Mass and pray quietly. Stay after Mass ends for extra prayer time. Visit Jesus in the Adoration Chapel (M-F, 9 AM to 9 PM).

