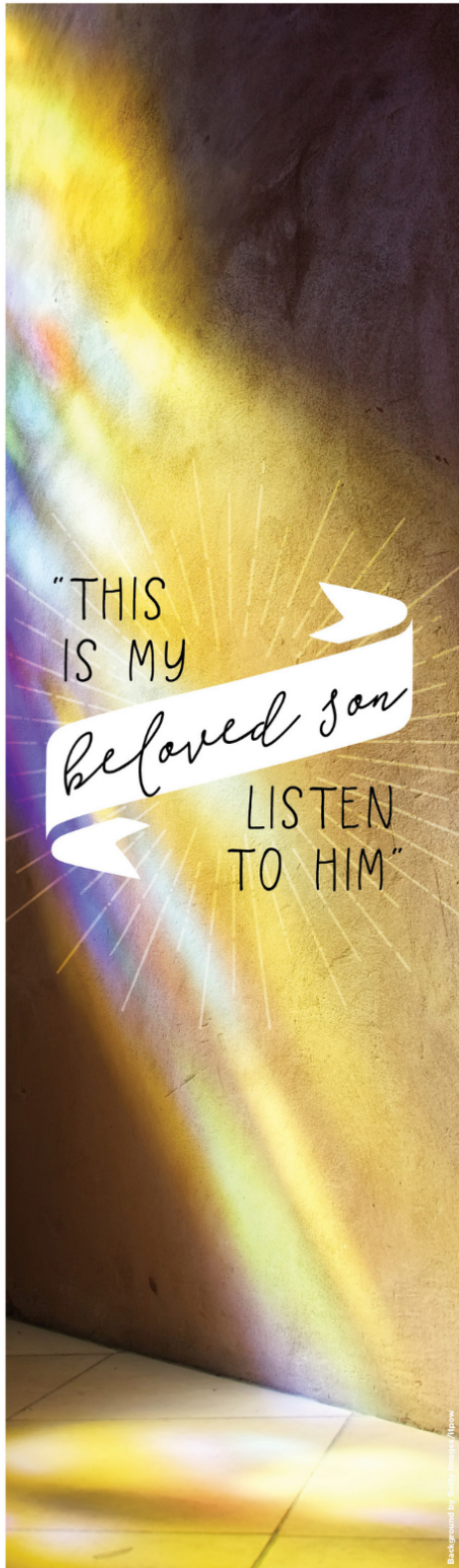


SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT B

Please note that the reflections sometimes use examples that come from an American context



February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 | Rom 8:31b-34 | Mk 9:2-10

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Oh, the gloom! The view out my window on a typical Michigan winter day can be described as “grayscale monochrome,” a technical term for black-and-white photographs. Fortunately, the sun peeks out on occasion, providing a lovely sunrise or sunset that can lift my mood and remind me that spring will come. If such an ordinary thing can provide hope, imagine what the Transfiguration provided for the disciples who witnessed it? “His clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” And even though they were so terrified, the voice of God came from a cloud, conveying comfort and truth: “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” The disciples did not know what lay ahead, but this vision of Jesus and the Father’s presence in their midst would give them hope and foretell Jesus’ glorious resurrection. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we can turn to God, who will one day transfigure us in the same way Christ was, to strengthen us through the gray days ahead. And St. Paul’s powerful words that “God is for us” add solace and encouragement.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As Catholics, we are likely very familiar with the four Gospels, but I have to say I can’t get enough of Paul’s letters. Like a good coach, Paul encourages us to dig deep and trust God. In today’s reading, he reminds the Romans that God loves us so much that he did not spare his own Son. I’m struck by his assurance that Jesus not only died and was raised for us, but “indeed intercedes for us.” Lent is an ideal time to turn to Jesus in prayer, asking that he give us the grace to grow in faith and turn away from sin. At the same time, we can offer intercessory prayer for *others*, just as we do at every Mass. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can make an extra effort to pray for the needs of other people: Those we know personally, such as friends and family members; and those whom we do not know, such as government leaders or Christians experiencing persecution in other countries.

PRAY I find that I often make prayer all about me! Yet, as the Church teaches, “in intercession, those who pray look ‘not only to their own interests, but also to the interests of others,’ even to the point of praying for those who do them harm.” (CCC 2635) One way to practice intercessory prayer is to make a list and pray for the people and intentions on it once a day. For those of us who regularly pray the rosary, another practice might be to dedicate each decade to an individual in need of prayer.

Online Services

During the lockdown, please continue to join together in our celebration of Mass each day.

Sunday Mass at 10am

Weekdays (ex Thur) at 10am

Thursday at 7pm

Saturday at 10am

Devotions this week:

5pm on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Friday;

6.30pm on Thursday

Virtual Coffee Morning



After Sunday Mass, beginning at 11am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4355897940?pwd=NnVuYmpjc2kySnZOcjA5Q2l0Z05QQT09>

Thank You

For your continuing donations to support the parish over these past months. While these are essential for us, for many people this is a difficult time and everything that you give is very, very gratefully received and much appreciated

While the building closed, donations can be made in various ways -

- many people have started using Standing Orders, the forms are available on our website and should be returned to Fr. Jim.
- Online donations can be made through online offertory button on our website.
- If you are legitimately out of the house for exercise or some other reason, then envelopes can be posted through the Church House letterbox.

Vocations

Think Vocation: "This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him." Are you listening to him? Is he calling you to serve his people in priesthood or consecrated life? Please contact Fr. John Morrison tel: 01418895056 or e-mail vocations@rcdop.org.uk

Online Marriage Counselling available during Covid 19 Crisis

Our diocese has a Counselling Service for Catholics Married in the Catholic Church with our dedicated Catholic Marriage Counsellor. If you are concerned about your relationship and feel you are both unable to reach a conclusion alone, it is likely that you will benefit from marriage counselling. The counsellor is there to maintain a neutral, non-judgmental position. For information or advice please email in confidence

counselling@rcdop.org.uk

Craig Lodge, Dalmally, Mission House for Young Adults

Craig Lodge Community is offering a new opportunity to young Catholics on how to live a life of mission. Craig Lodge Mission House is a nine-month residential programme for any young adult between the ages of 18-30 who desires to become a passionate lover of Jesus and become *Spirit-filled evangelisers for the renewal of the Church*, (Pope Francis). *Community, prayer*

and studying of the Catholic faith and learning to proclaim the Good News to others". The mission house will begin in September 2021 and applications are now being accepted. Visit the Craig Lodge website for more details.
www.craiglodge.org/missionhouse 200 Club

Prayer Courses for 2021

Do you wish to deepen your understanding of prayer? Do you wish to nurture your prayer life and also prepare for a post-covid pastoral ministry helping others on their spiritual journey? Why not take one of our two new courses on prayer: School of Prayer and Prayer Guides Course.

School of Prayer from the Carmelites For those seeking a deeper relationship with God Beginning March 20th

Our **School of Prayer** aims to form people of prayer by drawing from lived Carmelite spirituality. It prepares course participants to be a prayerful presence in the world, enriching and deepening their prayer life. [Read more](#)

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The **Prayer Guides** course will offer you the opportunity to be nourished by the rich treasures of Christian prayer. You'll also be encouraged to explore your own prayer journey while empowering you with essential knowledge and tools for effective spiritual accompaniment. [Read more](#)



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Where God is with Us

"I can't help it that in all things God gives witness to himself"



Bl. Titus Brandsma

(1881 - 1942)

When Blessed Titus Brandsma was accused by some of his students of speaking about God in all his teachings in philosophy, he responded:

"I can't help it that in all things God gives witness to himself".

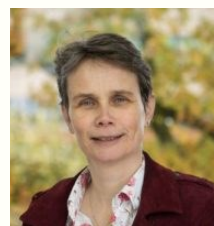
It is a key element of his concept of God. In all things God gives witness to himself: in all creation, in all that is; light, shadow and darkness.

In this presentation Anne-Marie Bos, O.Carm., will reflect on how Blessed Titus Brandsma himself gave witness to God. In reflecting on the life and teachings of this martyr we can learn that the way he did not succumb in the cruelty of Camp Amersfoort and Dachau, is fundamentally embedded in his spirituality, which is thoroughly Carmelite. His concept of God and his concept of mysticism are crucial for the way he gave witness to God.

Registration includes:

- two hours of live presentation
- a month's access after the live-presentation of the recorded video

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