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Second Sunday of Lent (Year A) 5th March 2023

SUNDAY MASS: 9:45am & 12noon
WEEKDAY MASS: Monday & Friday 12.30pm; Tuesday & Wednesday 8am
CONFESSIONS: *(on request)*

FRIDAYS IN LENT

6:30pm

STATIONS of the CROSS



Sacrament of Confession is available
after the Stations of the Cross

LENTEN ALMS

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at the back
of the Church



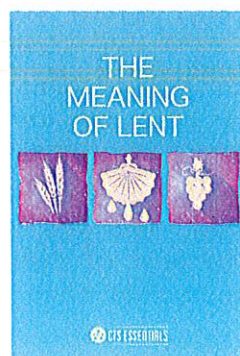
*Keep your deeds of
mercy secret*

From the **Message of Pope Francis for Lent:**

*The Gospel of the Transfiguration is proclaimed every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. During this liturgical season, the Lord takes us with him to a place apart. While our ordinary commitments compel us to remain in our usual places and our often repetitive and sometimes boring routines, during Lent we are invited to ascend "a high mountain" in the company of Jesus and to live a particular experience of spiritual discipline – asceticism – as God's holy people. Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and **our resistance** to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This is precisely what Peter and the other disciples needed to do.*



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HABEMUS PAPAM

Georgium Marium Bergoglio

qui sibi nomen imposuit

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La risposta di Pietro

Le prime parole del successore di Pietro, il primo degli apostoli, sono state una risposta, necessaria per accettare l'elezione in conclave come Romano Pontefice. In quel momento si è conclusa la sede vacante, periodo che nel cuore del medioevo viene descritto da Pier Damiani addirittura come momento di terrore; tempo comunque opportuno (*kairós*, nel greco neotestamentario) durante il quale da sempre la Chiesa ha il coraggio di rimettersi ogni volta in gioco. Ora, con l'aiuto anche della preghiera nascosta di Benedetto XVI.

Ecco dunque spiegato l'annuncio della "grande gioia" (*gaudium magnum*), in uso almeno dalla fine del Quattrocento e che ripete quello dell'angelo ai pastori intorno a Betlemme, illuminando con parole radicate nella speranza evangelica il susseguirsi storico delle successioni papali. Nei più antichi testi cristiani la vicenda di Pietro si apre sul primo incontro



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Next Friday, 10th March, is ten years since the election of Pope Francis. Above the front page of the Vatican newspaper, I have kept for all these years!

In his very first homily, Pope Francis spoke of the Church "in movement", always in movement. And, yet all of us need stability and look for securities.

There is a paradox in the Church, **the boat of Peter**. To navigate seas and face new storms the boat of Peter needs to be lightweight, flexible, always ready to move according to the wind and change direction. At the same time the boat is Peter's, that is 'of stone', always solid, firm and secure, unswerving.

Let us pray that God will give to Pope Francis the patience of the fisherman and the courage of the shepherd; nets to catch men out of the waters of death, crook and staff to search for the lost sheep and defend the flock from wolves.

Let also pray for ourselves, the passengers of the boat...

to remain united inside the boat of Peter, 'always in movement' yet 'in safety', because Jesus has stepped inside this boat.

In mano.

Father Ivano