

**Sunday, March 12, 2017**

**Readings: 1) Genesis 12:1-4a    2) 2 Timothy 1:8b-10    3) Matthew 17:1-9**

**Sunday Liturgy:**

The focus for today's Mass is that the transfiguration brings together the law, the prophets and the saving act of Christ.

Today's Gospel tells of Jesus taking Peter, James and John up a mountain where he was transfigured before them.

Similarly, Jesus invites each of us into a deep relationship of love with him so that he may change and transfigure our lives and hearts.

Let's accept this invitation each day, so we may lead more Christ-like lives of love and service.

**GENERAL INTERCESSIONS**

**PRIEST:**

**As we stand together at the foot of the cross and recall all that God has done for his people, let us present our needs to him, knowing he will respond in love.**

**For our Holy Father, Pope Francis, Cardinals, Bishops and Priests, may they be blessed with the grace and strength needed to continue their efforts of bringing lost sheep back into the fold.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For peacemakers among nations and communities.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For those who are sick in mind and body; may they find care and comfort in Christian communities.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For the faithful departed, may they come to perpetual peace and joy in heaven.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For all who share in this celebration, For the catechumens and candidates responding to the call to conversion.**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**For our own personal intentions, ..... (long pause).**

We Pray to the Lord. People sing: Hear our prayer, hear our prayer.

**PRIEST:**

**Almighty God, you are the giver of all good things.**

**May our petitions give you praise as we trust in your mercy and love.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.**