

March 3-4, 2007
Second Sunday of Lent
Philippians 3:17- 4:1

Genesis 15:5-18

Luke 9:28-36

With so many betrayals, it is a wonder that anyone believes in anything or anyone anymore. Politicians posture, spin and straddle fences so that everyone gets a piece of the pie... sometimes falling between the fence posts of inappropriate activity. Newspapers are filled with articles of priests and assorted Church leaders who commit criminal actions, some even stonewalling any sense of transparency. A handful of teachers have illicit liaisons with their students. Assorted Police are videotaped beating up on suspects. Even Jet Blue...the paragon of industry goodness took a beating for their handling of the recent winter meltdown due to severe storms. Is there a group of people who have not had individuals betray our sense of trust? And yet...our search goes on...something within our soul keeps us searching for someone, something in which to place our trust. In our search for 'the perfect hero', this weekend we have the person of Jesus presented to us this weekend, complete with a letter of recommendation from the cloudy voice of God the Father: 'This is my chosen son; listen to him.' The Transfiguration would be pretty heady stuff for us contemporary folk, it must have been pretty unimaginable for the disciples of 2,000 years ago. Yet, in the midst of so many contemporary betrayals, the person of Jesus remains pretty unscathed. He promised to remain with us, he promised to love us no matter what we did to him...and he came through the crucifixion with flying colors...even beseeching his Father to not hold our sins against us. Now, the question that is worth asking is not whether Jesus has ever betrayed us...but whether we have inadvertently expected God/Jesus to do everything in our life for us...and whether we have set ourselves against the notion that God might want something different for us than we want for ourselves; and when our desires don't come to fruition...we blame God and claim that he has betrayed us. Hmmm, sounds more like we may be betraying ourselves and just don't want to admit culpability. So...on this Second Sunday of Lent...what are your expectations of God? And pray tell, is it equally acceptable that God can also have expectations for you?

Thank you for sharing this Lenten weekend with our Corpus Christi Community. With the arrival of March, Spring cannot be far away, only a few more weeks of stormy winter. A reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins early this year, next Saturday night to be exact (March 10th, set the clock ahead one hour when you go to bed). Please accept a Bulletin on your way home, with so many things coming up...it would be a shame if you missed out on any of it. As 52 become 53, remember, you are loved. FKB