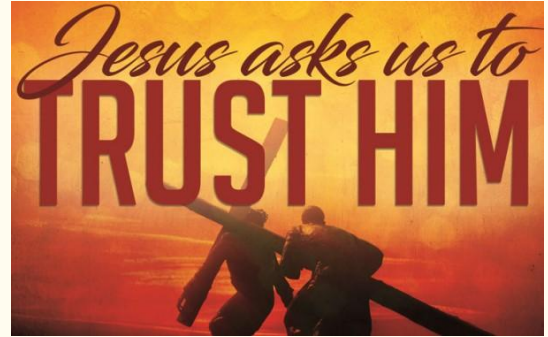




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*“Hear I am Lord... Your Servant is Listening!”*

*Let us go to the top of the mountain, too. Peter, James, and John are already there with Jesus. We will stand just a little bit off to the side and observe. We can't see all that is happening but we sense that Jesus is somehow different and transformed.*



*And we hear a voice. Can it be the voice of God? “This is my beloved Son—Listen to him.”*

*It is in listening to Jesus and following him that we will find our transformation, our glorification. Our transformation is not by any merit of ours (today's 2nd reading) but because of God's design. Our response is our faithful listening to God who has first called us. Throughout its pages, the Sacred Scripture encourages us to bring our needs to the Lord. Jesus himself gave us 'Our Father,' telling us to ask for our daily bread. He also promised that if we ask for anything in his name he would do it John 14:13,14. He reminds us that if a parent knows how to give good gifts to their children, “how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him!” Matthew 7:11. Repeatedly, we see God drive this point home: “Ask in Jesus' name. Ask with the right motives. Ask in faith. I will give it to you, even the impossible.”*

*As we faithfully petition God and await his answer this Lenten season, something else happens. We enter into a deeper relationship with him. We build our faith. We take up our cross and follow Jesus*

*and lean on Jesus hoping that we will have the strength to carry on. We grow closer to him because we are opening the lines of communication for God's grace to come on us. We learn to trust and persevere because we may not see an immediate answer; yet we will discover how deeply God is committed to us and how much God wants to shape our hearts to be like his. In prayer today, picture Jesus looking at us with love in his heart. Let us listen as he invites us to follow him wherever he goes. He may even point out a specific way to do that. We should remember: God is beside us and all things are possible for him. Keep faith in his everlasting love for God's love endures forever. P.S. "No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known." John 1:18.*

*Today Jesus reveals to us the hidden presence of God. God who is the most different one, the most distinct one, the most 'other' became the most hidden one, the one who is the same. We encounter this God every day if we open our hearts to his hidden presence through Christ. I would like to encourage you to make use of your BIBLES this Lent to explore and meditate on God's word. Each day's Scriptural readings for the Mass can be found on the front cover of our parish bulletin.*

*Take your Bible and allow the Word of God to enrich your life.*



*Reawaken Your Heart with Hope.*

*Rev. Peter Enyan-Boadu*