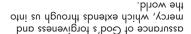
PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) "Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; \ let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.\ For He is our God, \ and we are the people he shepherds. \ Come, let us bow down in worship; \ let us kneel before the LORD who made us" (Ps 95:1, \alpha, o).

and graces of the Sacrament of and graces of the Sacrament of penance and Reconciliation, and plan for the date and time when your family will receive the sacrament during this Lenten season. Ask each family member to name one concrete way he or she can bring forgiveness, way he or she can bring forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation to your family, neighborhood, or community of faith.

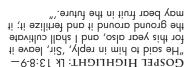
or pray in silence.



Today's Gospel reminds us that Lent is a time not only for deeper awareness of our weaknesses, failures, and sinfulness. Lenten joy is rooted in the deep

mercy is greater than human sintulness. Discouragement and despair are not the last word on the human condition—rependence and conversion are, for they lead us on the healing path of reconciliation with God and neighbor. Lent is the liturgical season that invites us deeper into this reality of faith.

KEY IDEA: Being Christian is about second chances. God's



10-15; [k 13:1-6 Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6,

Third Sunday of Lent March 7, 2010 PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) "The LORD is after the leader.) "The LORD is my light and my salvation. \
The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? \ Wait for the LORD with courage. \ Wait for the LORD" (Ps 27:1a, 1c, 14a, 14c).

seasons VNAta does daily conversion mean to you—individually and as a family? Who in the community are you called to support as they progress in their journeys of conversion—catechumens, returning Catholics, new members of the parish?

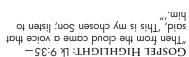
SHARE: How is each family member striving to hear God's word more attentively this Lenten season? What does daily con-

TAKE 30 (SECONDS): Reflect or pray in silence.

ciples of the transfigured Lord, our lives too are to be transformed. This is the Lenten journey of conversion, our daily path of turning from self-love to love of God and others.

disciples away have experienced before the vision of their transfigured Lord. But it is the voice from the clouds that teaches them the meaning of their experience. They are in the presence of the Son of God, who shows them the way of life. The disciples are given a foretaste of the victory of are given a foretaste of the way of life. The disciples are given a foretaste of the way of life. The disciples of his Resurrection, just as we mark of his Resurrection, just as we mark of lesus' glorious Resurrection. As disciples are also also also be a foretast and the same and the same and the same and the same are also and the same and the same and the same are also and the same are also and the same and the same are also and the same are also and the same are and the same are also and t

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3:50-4:1; [k 6:58p-39 Cu 12:2-15, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or

> Second Sunday of Lent February 28, 2010

PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) Your presence, O Lord, I seek. \backslash Hide not your face from me. \backslash You are my helper. \backslash Lead me in the path of daily conversion.

name one Lenten Practice they will strive to follow. What does each person in the group learn from Jesus' response to temptation? Share how your Lenten observance will help your family put God first in your life.

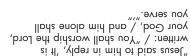
SHARE: How does this Gospel reading help spiritually focus our attention on the Lenten season?

Let each member of the family
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TAKE 30 (SECONDS): Reflect or pray in silence.

comes the temptations of the world. Lent is the perfect opportunity to restore our life's center in God. the central moments of Jesus' life, Lent is a renewed opportunity to recognize how Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection provide a pattern for our daily lives. Mowhere is this more concrete than in today's Gospel reading, which tells us about the temptation of Jesus. Like us, he too was tempted. Jesus responds to the temptations of pride, power, and self-dependency. In so doing, he teaches us that a life to so doing, he teaches us that a life centered on God withstands and over-

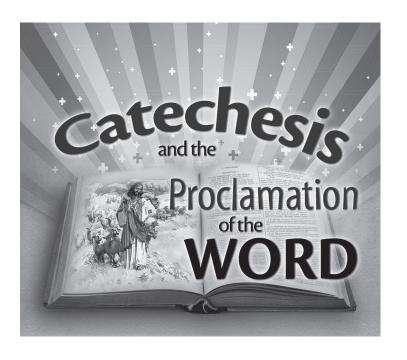
KEY IDEA: Through the Lenten gradually draw us deeper into the central moments of Jesus'



Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT: Lk 4:8-

First Sunday of Lent February 21, 2010



FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

Here is a guide to assist your family in talking about the Sunday readings. Keep these cards handy wherever they are most likely to be seen and used before and after church. Examine the readings (or the homily) for images or vocabulary that trigger reactions. What's important is that you have the chat together. Follow your conversations wherever they might lead.

KEY TO THE CONVERSATIONS



Key Idea: Reflection on a central idea in the readings



Take 30 (Seconds): A pause to reflect or pray in silence



Share: A time for each family member to share



Pray: A suggested moment for prayer

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Take a few moments each week as a family to read, reflect upon, and talk about the Sunday readings. Keep these materials in an easily accessed place, perhaps on your dining room table, in the car, or on your bedside table. Use the following reflections to start a family conversation centered around God's Word. Encourage family members to share other questions or comments based on the readings. Through these conversations your family is being led by the Holy Spirit to break open God's Word today.

redeemed the world. pecanse ph hont poly Cross / you have Christ, and we bless you √ after the leader.) We adore you, 178 PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) We adore

Palm Sunday are a pattern for your the Cross? Share how the readings of torgiveness that Jesus offers to all from hearts and minds open to receive the a torgiving word and thought? Are our Lord? To whom are we called to extend death, and Resurrection of the

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graws to a close as we enter KEY IDEA: The Lenten season

they know not what they do." "Then Jesus said, 'Father, torgive them, GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT: Lk 23:34-

TK 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49 TK 19:28-40; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;

> March 28, 2010 the Lord's Passion Palm Sunday of

indeed" (Ps 126:3, 5). done great things for us; we are glad shall reap rejoicing. / The LORD has with joy. / Those that sow in tears areat things for us; we are filled PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) "The LORD has done

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KEY IDEA: It's never too late to

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15 43:16-21; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

Warch 21, 2010 Fifth Sunday of Lent

me from all my tears" (Ps 34:2, 5). and he answered me / and delivered ever in my mouth. \ I sought the LORD, at all times; \ his praise shall be The leader.) "I will bless the LORD 15 PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after

reconciliation? ate you called to be a messenger of tamily and community of faith. How reconciliation, and healing in your wewper to name one agent of peace, or her Lenten Journey. Ask each

family share what the parable of the Prodigal Son means for his 2 HARE: Let each member of the

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Easter Sunday April 4, 2010

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8: Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

GOSPEL HIGHLIGHT: In 20:8-"Then the other disciple also went in. the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed."

▲ KEY IDEA: The Resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of Christian faith. It is also the central hope of daily human existence. With the Resurrection we can be certain that suffering and death is not the final word on the human condition. This is the deepest source of Christian hope. And it is the wellspring of true Christian joy. On Easter Sunday God's Word bursts forth in a joyful hymn of praise as the Church resounds with Alleluias. Our Lenten observance now finds its fullest meaning. As the message

of Easter resounds in our minds and hearts, the truth of Jesus' Resurrection finds echo in our lives. Christ is risen. he is risen indeed! Alleluia!



TAKE 30 (SECONDS): Reflect or pray in silence.

SHARE: How has our reflection on God's Word during Land on God's Word during Lent prepared us to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection? Name one personal hope and one family hope that is renewed in light of the event of Easter. Have each family member share how he or she will continue to reflect on the meaning of the Lord's Resurrection throughout the Easter season.

PRAY: (Repeat each phrase after the leader.) Alleluia! / The Lord is risen as he said. / He lives now to lead us to the fullness of hope and joy in God. / Alleluia! Alleluia!

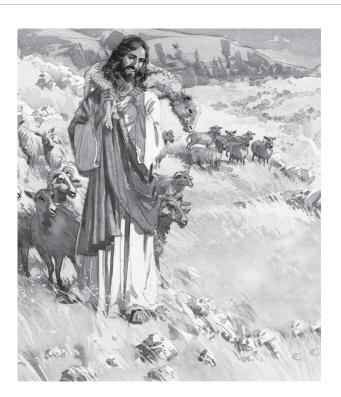


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