

FEBRUARY 28, 2016



# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C



EXODUS 3:1–8A, 13–15

PSALM 103:1–2, 3–4, 6–7, 8, 11

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1–6, 10–12

LUKE 13:1–9

## REFLECTION

Your English teacher puts an assignment on the board. Come up with a cohesive story culminating with a great insight using the following concepts: burning bush, bare feet, holy mountain, stuttering servant, voice from the sky, dark cloud, group needing direction, manure, salvation, and respect. It sounds a bit intense! But, simplified, those are the themes of today's readings. It seems like the readings today could be a deep maze into the thinking of God to give direction to your life.

Going to Mass and hearing the Word is meant to bring us to a sense of the holy. While we do wear our shoes in church, there are times when our bodies are meant to bring us to physical prayer, like making the Sign of the Cross or kneeling during the Eucharistic Prayer. Inside of each person, there is a sense of "deep calling deep." God said "I AM who AM." While it doesn't sound like God used great grammar for an English class, he meant: "I am all that is, was, and ever will be. Don't doubt me because I don't doubt you!"

## ACTION

Create some time this week to seek out places or scenes that call forth a sense of wonder and awe from within you. It could be a church, a park, a museum, or even watching a person interact with another person, like young couples in love or children playing. Take note of how you feel. God chooses the simplest times in life to speak to you, but you have to take time to listen. Practice observing and listening this week. Once you know where the "holy" is, you can find it more often!

## JOURNALING QUESTIONS

- At what times in your life do you doubt God's presence? When do you most strongly feel God's presence?
- What is the "fertilizer" you need to help cultivate a better spirit of holiness?