

**STAY WITH ME,  
REMAIN HERE WITH ME.**

***A LENTEN RETREAT ON PRAYER***

**YOUR PRESENCE, O GOD, I SEEK. HIDE NOT YOUR FACE FROM ME.**

**Psalm 27:8-9**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

Although we long to 'see the Face of God' or the 'Glory of God', mountain top revelations of the divine are not experienced too often. The 'clouds' come, hiding God's 'face' and we live with our LONGING. The question is:

*Can one live on DESIRE alone,  
putting outstretched hands into pockets of content  
and begging no more?  
God, feed me with the bread of LONGING.*

**LIVING THE SECOND WEEK**

1. Put your longing for God into a prayer or poem.
2. Recall an experience of God that was like the apostles' *...full of light*.
3. Recall an experience of God that was like Abram's...*a deep terrifying darkness*.
4. Reflect on your present experience of God.
5. *Listen to Jesus*. He is God's WORD and God's FACE.

SCRIPTURE READINGS: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/031719.cfm>

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b-36

**YOU ARE SENT**

*At our deepest core, we find a strong desire for the Transcendent, for GOD...and...calls us to an intimate relationship with God. (C-Foreword)*

*Created for total union with God, we strive to become EVER MORE UNITED with God. (C-48)*

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

When God comes to us as LIGHT, it is a blinding DARKNESS. In God, *light and darkness are one*.

**GOD, MAY WE SEE YOUR FACE IN MOMENTS OF DARKNESS AND LIGHT.**