

# The Pray More Lenten Retreat Study Guide

## God's Ways Are Not Our Ways Fr. Chase 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

### Reflective Questions

“Brothers and sisters:  
If God is for us, who can be against us?  
He who did not spare his own Son  
but handed him over for us all,  
how will he not also give us everything else along with him?

Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones?  
It is God who acquits us, who will condemn?  
Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—  
who also is at the right hand of God,  
who indeed intercedes for us.”

Rom 8:31b-24

The mass readings for this Sunday are here:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/022518.cf>

- God's ways are not our ways, and our ways are often not God's ways. How have some of your ways not been God's ways?
- Fr. Chase says that God does not give us trials that we are not capable of handling. What are stories of some saints or people you admire who have gone through difficult times and persevered in their faith? How are you able to emulate this type of great faith despite your trials this Lent?
- Think of the story of Abraham and Sarah, and how God's ways were not their ways. They had a hard time understanding how God was going to fulfill His promise to them. Have you struggled like this? How has God come through for you? How has He provided for you?
- God was able to bring forth a son out of Abraham & Sarah's barrenness. What seemed impossible was possible for God. What

seems impossible in your life? How can you hand that over to God this Lent?

- Faith is the assurance of things that are unseen. What might God be asking for you to have greater faith in this season?
- Is God asking you, like the Apostles, to go and strengthen other people's faiths? How can you do that?