

The story and the meaning of the Second Sunday of Lent is the continuation of the Barekendan. This Sunday is dedicated to the loss of man's happiness and his "expulsion from paradise".

The real cause of the expulsion of first men from paradise was not because they ate from the forbidden fruit; but because they disobeyed God. Moreover, when God gave them a chance to confess their misconduct and repent, they blamed another for their bad actions.

Expulsion Sunday also reminds us, about the tragedy of the loss of innocence known to our forefathers. In fact every sin means the disobeying of the obvious Will of God; which will call upon the sinner still another bitter punishment, namely, deprivation from happiness, offered by God, and expulsion from His presence.

However, the goodness of God does not allow that man lose everything forever. He gives man hope and provides him with the opportunity to regain his "Lost paradise".

This spirit of the mercifulness of God is represented in the next Sunday of the Lenten period, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son, which contains a most thrilling parable.

SUNDAY OF EXPULSION

(Genesis 3:1-24)

