

August 5, 2018: The Transfiguration: Revealing His Hidden Glory

Dear Parishioners,

This coming Monday we will celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. St. John Paul II made this beautiful mystery of our Lord the fourth of the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary. In this mystery we can place ourselves along with Peter, James and John whom our Lord takes high on Mt. Tabor, and there reveals his hidden glory. The disciples are now nearing the end of their time with Jesus and he is approaching the passion and cross; it is time to show them his glory.

This mystery of the Transfiguration reminds us that our Lord wants to take us high on Mt. Tabor and reveal the glory of himself to us. For us to be taken to Mt. Tabor presupposes that we have spent sufficient time with Our Lord in discipleship to be ready to receive the final piece. The final piece is the glory. The glory is the *raison d'être* of our Lord's life. It was where his life was always going and where he wants to take us through his own Passion, Death and Resurrection. The Transfiguration is a preview of the glory to come if we allow ourselves to be transformed by his love, mercy and commands. As disciples we will eventually be invited to go to Mt. Tabor for our own Transfiguration, with the Lord, to be a witness of his glory and what is to come. This moment will become our own *raison d'être*.

There is a new kiosk in the narthex that displays all kinds of Catholic resources: books pamphlets and CD's on a variety of topics. We want this to be a resource for you. Look to see if anything moves you to go deeper and learn something more about the faith. Consider using these resources to give to a friend or family member as a gift to help them grow in their faith. Of course, there is a cost associated with each item so please follow the instructions on the kiosk to make payment.

This fall we will be making a new photo parish directory. It has been 6 years since the last one was done. The photo sessions for the new parish directory will start in the fall with many opportunities to get your picture taken. This is a great way to get to know each other and the community through this pictorial directory. I really encourage everyone to participate. You will be hearing more in the near future about the available dates and times and how to sign up.

We are happy to be enjoying the beautiful new altar that was made by Sonny Tremoulet. Over the past several months, Sonny has been working on a new ambo to match the altar. The new ambo was installed this past week and will be blessed this weekend. We thank Sonny for his hard work and beautiful craftsmanship. The same mosaic artist who did the altar piece made the mosaic for the ambo. You will see a symbol from the Miraculous Medal. It is a monogram with an M that represents Mary and a cross which represents Christ. This monogram is interconnected showing the relationship between Jesus and Mary and their intimate connection and complementarity in the Plan of Salvation, Jesus' mission. The monogram is surrounded by the rosary. This monogram and rosary are appropriate because we are Holy Rosary and the ambo is where the Gospel is proclaimed, the Rosary is a compendium or summary of the Gospel. Holy Rosary School has graciously underwritten this mosaic.

In Christ,

Father Vincent