



August 6, 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord

THEIR TESTIMONY IS TRUE

Today's feast of the Transfiguration presents the full force of God's power. In the rare moments when humans are permitted to encounter God's intense fullness, the human reaction is the same: fear. The prophet Daniel is so frightened by his visions that he falls flat on his face in terror. Today's Gospel reports that Peter, James, and John were "very much afraid" when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain. They too fell prostrate in fear. These mighty revelations of God's brilliant majesty have a paralyzing effect on those who witness them. God does not prefer to terrify us, however. God chooses only rare moments to reveal the divine glory, and then sends witnesses to the rest of us so we can believe without fear. Saint Peter's letter advises us to be attentive to God's witnesses. Their testimony is true. Their words renew our hearts and transform our lives.

OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Documents of Vatican II—Light of the Nations

The Dogmatic Constitution on the Church—*Lumen Gentium* (Light of the Nations)—was debated from the opening days of the Council until its passage, by a vote of 2,151 to 5, on November 21, 1964. It is an examination of the purpose and structure of the Church itself. In its eight chapters, *Lumen Gentium* first describes the Church as a mystery founded in Christ and sustained by the Eucharist. Indeed, the Church is the Body of Christ in the world. In its next move, the Constitution presents the Church as the People of God, rooted in our baptism. Only then does it explore the structure of the Church, specifically the bishops and the other ordained ministers, whose purpose is to serve the People of God, of whom they are a part. Next, an entire chapter is devoted to the dignity and vocation of the laity, who live out their faith in the world around them as witnesses to the presence of Christ in the world. Building on this, *Lumen Gentium* expands its focus to the whole world, describing a universal call to holiness. In this way, the Constitution lays the groundwork for future documents on ecumenical and interfaith relations. The document addresses the special gift to the Church of those living the consecrated life in religious orders, and then reminds us that the Church is greater than what we see on earth now—we are also united in the Body of Christ with all who have gone before us. The Constitution concludes with an eloquent invocation of the central role that the Blessed Virgin Mary plays in the life of the Church in leading us all to Christ her Son and our Lord.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Psalm — The Lord, the most high, is king over the whole world (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place

(2 Peter 1:16-19).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13;
 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35;
 Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14;
 Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time;
 St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Tuesday: St. Dominic

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
 (Edith Stein)

Thursday: St. Lawrence

Friday: St. Clare

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal;
 Blessed Virgin Mary

SING YOUR SONG

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

Mass for Tuesday August 15th the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be at 4:30 pm . This is a holy day of Obligation The Wednesday Mass will still be on Wednesday at 5:00 pm

Deacon Moss classes will start August 15th He is going to be out of town .the time will 10 until 11:30 am

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LECTOR MARK
 SERVERS LESLIE & MARINA
 COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY

Aug 13th

LECTOR BEVERLY
 SERVER CARLOS & MAX
 COUNTER MARY & ANN

Aug 20th

LECTOR PEGGY
 SERVERS JESUS & LESLIE
 COUNTER TOM & BEVERLY
 LECTOR JEFF
 SERVER CARLOS & MAX
 COUNTER MARY & ANN

TOTALITY

Totally love him, who gave himself totally for your love.

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

For Peace

O God, source of all holy desires, right counsels, and just works, grant us that peace which the world cannot give, so that we may be obedient to your commands and, under your protection, enjoy peace in our days and freedom from fear of our enemies.

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