

building hope

Family of Four Parishes Lent 2019

Week 2 - Reflection on the Transfiguration

The season of Lent offers tremendous opportunities for transfiguration. The concept of transfiguration is not necessarily a concept that is well understood. Many of us view transfiguration as merely 'transformation,' but in truth, it is much more than that. I had the privilege to spend 3 weeks in Israel this past year. For a large portion of the time, we traveled in the storied Biblical areas such as the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, Ceasarea Philippi, and many others. The hustle and bustle of life in Israel is very unique, wrought with challenges, tension, and beauty. This daily life came into focus when we traveled up Mt. Tabor, and saw the beauty of Israel from the view of where Jesus was transfigured. Driving up the mountain was no easy or comfortable task, the wind was audibly howling, and the scene was incredibly powerful. There I came to understand that the Transfiguration was not an event for Jesus alone, but a calling for all of us.

This Lent, we too can scale the mountain. Perhaps life is going well, and perhaps if we're honest with ourselves, life is really tough at the moment. We can pull away from the hustle and bustle of our lives in unique ways. Regardless of where we are in our journey or in our faith, we can climb the mountain to build hope for something more. Sure, we may stumble, we may start the trek late, we may go at our own pace, but it is in hopes for something greater, something transfigured. Sometimes, much like climbing the mountain, taking a step out of our comfort zone through fasting, prayer, and almsgiving can reveal our true potential.

Jesus revealed His true potential in the Transfiguration. He allowed Peter, James, and John to see his deified self, not merely to 'show off,' but to set an example. We are all called to be transfigured throughout our faith journey. The calling of being a Catholic encourages us not to merely shift ourselves, but to become a completely new creation. It is during these times that I ask myself: What is my potential? What am I meant to be in God's eyes? How can I be more like the person I'm supposed to be? How can I help others around me through selfless love? This Lent, take a lesson from Luke 9:36, take some time to listen to God's voice. Find what God's plan for you truly is, and in doing so, when we hear the voice of God, we'll look up and find Jesus alone and without distraction.

-Nino Rebholz, Associate Director of Youth, Young Adult and Service Ministry





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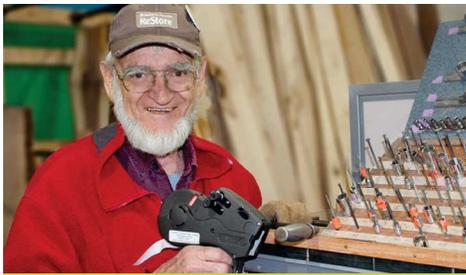
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