



ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

THIS SUNDAY February 23 & BEYOND

Being Transformed



The last Sunday after Epiphany is like the hinge between this season of the manifestation of Christ's Light to us, and Lent, the season that calls for our transformation in that Light, our death to sin and a senseless life and the rebirth to a new abundant life in God's Love shared by all. For that reason, this last Sunday always brings us the passage of

the Transfiguration of our Lord.

The transfiguration of our Lord Jesus is usually perceived as an event, as something that happened to Jesus on that mountain and that only three of his closest disciples were able to witness. It was accompanied by the presence of the main representatives of the Law and the Prophets (Moses and Elijah), and by a voice declaring Jesus' divine nature, just as when Jesus was baptized at the Jordan River. The transformation is depicted as a dazzling light radiating from Jesus' face and his whole being, a glorified version of the Jesus that the disciples had been walking with all this time.

But then, one may wonder: was only at that moment that Jesus showed his divine affiliation before He was raised from the dead? Did He not also show it every time He spoke about His Father, every time He announced the good news of salvation, healed, restored lives and resuscitated the dead, fed the hungry and reassured the broken ones?

There is one more detail about the transfiguration narrative that we may have missed. The voice addressed the disciples directly. The voice said, ‘Listen to Him.’ So perhaps the transfiguration is not so much about Jesus, but about those three who were with Him at the mount. They were transformed. They had been with Jesus for some years now and had witnessed the signs of God’s reign that He gave. Not only that, they had also been given the power to give those signs. So they were able to see who Jesus really is, how His life recapitulates the Law and the Prophets, how He is glorified by the Father because all His life glorifies Him.

And they heard God’s command to follow Him, to become Him, to incarnate Him in their words and actions. What they witnessed was not only who Jesus really was but who they really were.

We become what we are. The caterpillar is the butterfly even before the metamorphosis. All those structures that unfold so beautifully after it comes out of the cocoon have always been in it even if they are not visible then.

We are all God’s image. We may not show it fully at some stages of our lives, but when we are finally ready to hear the voice loud and clear, the voice that tells us to listen to Christ--God’s perfect human image--then we begin to be transformed, transfigured; our lives start to show God’s glory, and we definitely shine with the dazzling light that shows God’s infinite love for all.

Fr, Carlos Expósito, Rector

Readings for this Sunday – The Last Sunday after The Epiphany:
Exodus 24:12-18 Psalm 99 Philippians 3:7-14 Matthew 17:1-9

CALENDAR

SUNDAY: The Last Sunday after The Epiphany

8:00am Low Mass (Church)

10:30am Solemn High Mass (Church)

7:00pm Little Apple Group (Parish Hall)

—*The entrance to the church is on 6th Avenue*—

Note: Coffee Hour & Fellowship follow the Mass in the Parish Hall.

TUESDAY: Noon Mass (St. Mary Chapel)

WEDNESDAY **Ash Wednesday**
7:00am & 12:00pm Mass with Imposition of Ashes (St. Mary Chapel)
7:00pm Solemn Mass with Imposition of Ashes (Church)

THURSDAY Noon Noon Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)

FRIDAY Noon Noon Prayer (St. Mary Chapel)
12:30pm Way of the Cross Pilgrimage (Church)
1:00pm Potluck Luncheon (Flower Room)
AA Meetings
8:00p Ladies' Group (Fireside Room)
8:15p Men's Group (Parish Hall)

SUNDAY **The First Sunday in Lent**
8:00am Low Mass (Church)
10:30am Solemn Mass (Church)
 AA Meeting
7:00p Little Apple Group (Parish Hall)