



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."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY — August 6, 2023

When Human Language Falls Short"



We present-day Christians base our faith mostly on what we have received through the scriptural witness of those who wrote the books comprising the Old and New Testament, the latter being the main foundation of our beliefs.

We also rely on the ancient traditions of the Church Universal—a direct heir of the Apostles and their teachings—, and in the constant inspiration of the Holy Spirit working in each of us and in the body of Christ as a whole.

In addition, we use reason as a tool given to us humans by the Creator, to corroborate what the faith teaches us.

The New Testament Books—unlike most of the Old Testament ones, which sometimes took centuries of oral tradition before they were put in writing— although obviously written several decades after Jesus' Resurrection and Ascension, did not have to wait such a long time to be put into their written form. Some of their writers were even eyewitnesses of the things they wrote about.

Even if the letters attributed to Peter, for instance, were not written by his own hand, but by a disciple using his name, the things this disciple wrote were likely what he heard

directly from the Apostle's mouth, so this constitutes a fairly trustworthy witness of what is being told.

According to the Gospels, within the inner circle of twelve disciples, Peter (together with John and James) belonged to a more intimate circle of three whom Jesus made partakers of special healing and resurrection events, and of his glorification on Mount Tabor, also known as the Transfiguration.

Peter was the disciple who first confessed that Jesus was the Christ, the Chosen One, the expected Messiah, God's beloved Son. Although he was unable to remain faithful during Jesus' trial, and denied Him three times as Jesus had predicted, he was later on restored to a full relationship with his master after the Resurrection.

What Jesus required of Peter so that his affirmation of love for his master became credible, was a total commitment to lead and pasture Jesus' sheep. And this is what Peter did throughout the rest of his life, until he was martyred on account of his faith.

In the Second Letter attributed to Peter he announces that his death is near, and insists that the ones that through his proclamation have decided to embrace Jesus' Way of Love keep the faith based on the real witness that he has given them.

Peter makes reference to what he, together with John and James, were able to witness in person at Mount Tabor: Jesus' Transfiguration.

Interestingly, though, Peter does not refer to the marvel they witnessed with their eyes—Jesus' transfigured body, or even the presence of Moses and Elijah with Him.

Instead, Peter refers to what they heard from God Himself. This is how Peter puts it in this second letter: "For He (Jesus) received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to Him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'"

So for Peter the Majestic Glory is essentially conveyed through God's Words spoken to Him and to them. Although Peter does not say it here, the voice also commands, "listen to Him."

As Peter goes on to say, "we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed." All that the Law and the Prophets had foretold about the coming of Him who would save us from the power of sin and death was now confirmed by that voice coming from God

Himself, and Peter, together with John and James, were first-hand witnesses of this wonder.

As 21st-century Christians we have not seen or heard what these first disciples were able to see and hear, but we have the certain witness of those who wrote these books to inspire and guide us in our faith.

As Peter himself puts it, “no prophecy or scripture is a matter of one’s interpretation, because no prophecy even came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”

Fr. Carlos

Readings for The Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35 2 Peter 1:13-21 Psalm: 99:5-9 Luke 9:28-36

CALENDAR

Note: We continue worshipping in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10am. Tuesday Noon Mass and Friday Morning Prayer at 10:00am are held in All Saints’ St. Mary Chapel

SUNDAY August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration

10:00am Mass in All Saints’ Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5-12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00am-10:45am

Christian Formation Meets on Sunday August 13 and 27 at Noon

in the Rector’s Office. Book Study: “God’s Secretaries: The Making of the King James Bible” by Adam Nicolson

TUESDAY Noon Mass in St. Mary Chapel

THURSDAY Spanish Class 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Flower Room. Taught by Fr. Carlos

FRIDAY 10:00am Morning Prayer in St. Mary Chapel

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OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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