

Majestic Voice: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

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First Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 | Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9
Second Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19 | Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9



High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration.

Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24-27).

As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1,9,15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8-19).

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1,23-24). Jesus is revealed today as that messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love, as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command -- "Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15-19). The word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's First Reading.

How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

ANNOUNCED MASSES
August 5 – 13th, 2017

Saturday 10:00 a.m.	August 5th	Blessed Frederic Janssoone Veronique Legare Roy – RIP – by Jerry and Ofelia Roy
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 5th	Sunday Vigil Sal Lancione and Madeleine Brown – RIP – by Maria
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 6th	Transfiguration of the Lord Deceased and Living Members of the Branco – Ponte family – by Maria Jeannette Bernier – RIP – by Gisele Denise
Monday	August 7th	NO MASS
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.	August 8th	Saint Dominic Elizabeth Czaki – RIP – by the family
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.	August 9th	Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Caetano Mendes – RIP – by the family
Thursday 9:00 a.m.	August 10th	Saint Lawrence Sal Lancione – RIP – by the family
Friday 9:00 a.m.	August 11th	Saint Clare For Souls in Purgatory – by Phil
Saturday 4:30 p.m.	August 12th	Sunday Vigil Louis Ottoni – RIP – by Pina Agnessi
Sunday 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	August 13th	Transfiguration of the Lord Ana Marie Leekam – RIP – by the family Stanley and Umbelina Henriques – RIP – by Jean and Claire

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

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O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially ... (*your prayer intention*).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever.
Amen.

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



The Feast of the Transfiguration has been observed on this day by the universal Church since the 15th century. The experience on Mount Tabor is one where Jesus reveals his divinity, and invites us all into a similar mystical encounter. The path up that mountain proceeds through prayer, and on this feast we are encouraged to read and reflect upon the biblical account of the Transfiguration.

- *Living with Christ, August 2017*

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