

From the Pastor's Office

2nd Sunday of Lent

We are asked to consider the Transfiguration today. We are well familiar with the story. Jesus brought some of His apostles with Him up the mountain. Clearly this was meant to be one of those silence in the desert experiences. A time to pray. While they were up there Jesus was transfigured before them. Quietly I think about all those ladies in the dress shops, especially the bridal gown shops. The bride-to-be goes into the dressing room to put on her first wedding dress. Then she comes out and everyone gasps at her beauty. She is transformed into beauty. Jesus was transformed, transfigured before their eyes. He showed His divinity to them. The Divine Son showed Himself as dressed in brilliant white. All around Him stood Heavenly beings, watching over Him. There they saw Elijah and Moses. "This is my beloved Son, listen to Him." I love how much of a mess Peter makes of the whole thing. Ever the entrepreneur, Peter has his brilliant idea. Why don't we make something of this? We could hire a few tents, charge a few bucks for the privilege, and make some money. That is often the problem with each of us. We think we can do better than this. We are happy to take the thing and turn it into something belonging to ourselves. Let Jesus be Jesus. Let Jesus reveal Himself to us in whatever way He wants. The Son of God wants to show Himself in His wedding garments. We don't need to be fixing or trying to make it better. Jesus has His plan. He unveils it as He wants to. He doesn't need my help.



With love,
Fr. Pat