

Transfiguration of the Lord

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

Ps 97:1-2,5-6, 9

2 Peter 1:16-19

Matthew 17:1-9

Monday August 7

Numbers 11:4b-15

Ps 81:12-17

Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday August 8

St. Dominic

Numbers 12:1-13

Ps 51:3-7,12-13

Matthew 14:22-36

or Matthew 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday August 9

Numbers 13:1-2,25 --

14:1,26a-29a,34-35

Ps 106:6-7,13-14,21-23

Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday August 10

St. Lawrence

2 Corinthians 9:6-10

Ps 112:1-2,5-9

John 12:24-26

Friday August 11

St. Clare

Deuteronomy 4:32-40

Ps 77:12-16,21

Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday August 12

Deuteronomy 6:4-13

Ps 18:2-4,47,51

Matthew 17:14-20

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is

where the pure light of Christ -- the uncreated

light of his true identity -- was first revealed to the world.

Not at his birth, not at his baptism nor as he

preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.

The highest experience of faith was, and still is what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; *listen to him*." The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness

to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured *with* Jesus!

Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his



light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. What sins do you still try to hide or deny?
2. Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you?
3. What do you do that reveals your sainthood?
4. Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?