

August 6th: Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (C)

Gospel text (Lk 9:28b-36): Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up a mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”



Illustration: Pau Morales

Today, while pondering over the Transfiguration, we can sense man's situation in Heaven. It is wonderful to see that, only by looking at the body of Christ in a glorious mood, Peter feels fully happy: he does not miss anything else. Peter's reaction shows the truest dynamism of love: I am happy because I make you happy; Simon, when seeing Moses and Elijah, not only accepts them instantly, but also loves them immediately (he thinks of putting up a shelter for each one of them).

—St. Teresa of Jesus, nun, but Doctor (of the Church) expressed the logic of love in a profound way: “The contentment of pleasing the other exceeds my own contentment”.