

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. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah... 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”...

Heaven

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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 mode, Peter feels fully happy: he does not miss anything else.

“Let us put up three shelters, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah”. Peter’s reaction shows the truest dynamism of love: he thinks no more of his own comfort; he wants to save that level of deep joy, by seeking the good of others. It is the clearest manifestation of true love: I am happy because I make you happy; I am happy by offering myself to your happiness. 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. Peter, Pope (the first one of the Church), but also a fisherman, expresses his love in a simple way; 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”.