

## **WOW! What more do I need in life?"**

This week I was very moved by what we as a nation learned about Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia. He lived and set an example of what Christian and Catholic values should be in our daily lives.

A devout Catholic and a constitutional jurist, he still was able to work and socialize with others who did not share his beliefs on the law.

For example: As much as they disagreed on matters of the law, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the late Justice Scalia did agree on how much they liked each other.

After Scalia's passing, Ginsburg wrote, "... It was my great good fortune to have known him as working colleague and treasured friend."

My Dear Friends, imagine if all the leaders of our Country could work and live together through their example.

Yesterday, his son, Fr. Paul Scalia, began his homily at his father's funeral Mass with these words:

"We are gathered here because of one man. A man known personally to many of us, known only by reputation to even more. A man loved by many, scorned by others. A man known for great controversy, and for great compassion.

That man, of course, is Jesus of Nazareth.  
It is He whom we proclaim."

Today, we hear the Gospel of the Transfiguration where "Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."

"Behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them..."

The Glory cloud of God's Presence – the coming down of God's presence in the form of a cloud.

Have you ever experienced a Transfiguration or the Glory Cloud of God's Presence?

**A Priest once said:** "Yes – I have! And "yes" I have had many such experiences for as a priest, I hold in my very hands a simple host and a cup of wine that become the very Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ  
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I see before me with the eyes of faith that transformation, which is called "transubstantiation" in which such simple elements become for us the Holy Eucharist.

The Real Presence of Jesus Christ. And when I hold those sacred species up at the consecration of the Mass, I hold them not just for me, but for all of you and for all of the world to see Jesus in our midst.

And then if that is not enough to stir our hearts and souls to faith. Jesus GIVES Himself to us in Holy Communion.

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"Then Peter said to Jesus... "Master, it is good that we are here." Peter too says WOW! What more do I need in life.

"then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

The Father commands Peter, James, and John to listen to Jesus, to listen to His Beloved Son. They are to learn from Jesus their own identity and dignity.

Through Jesus, they will come to know that they are so loved and valued by God that Jesus would give His life for them to liberate them from the power of sin.

The world experienced a great transformation the day our Lord died. Love conquered hate; faith conquered pride, and evil was defeated. That is the reason why we call that Friday, Good Friday.

The Transfiguration assures us that God gives to each of us, our own special moments and experiences of God's grace.

We must treasure these glimpses of His glory in our hearts so that they may give us strength and hope in our trials and light in our moments of darkness.

May we meet Jesus in a most intimate way every time we receive Him in the Eucharist.

Let God meet you where you are,  
and let Him speak to you.

Just listen to Him. Pray to Him.  
Have a conversation with Him.

And let Him transform you, so you can be that light to others, that beacon that guides them to goodness.

Ask yourself – Is God enough for me? If yes, then get even closer to Him this Lent ...

If you are not sure, then ask yourself:

Why is God not enough for me? Why do I seek rewards and recognition from the world?

We adore you O Christ, and we praise you,  
Because by Your Holy Cross  
You have redeemed the world.