

From the Pastor's Desk:

Today we hear about Jesus' Transfiguration. The Apostles that were there with him saw him in a different way. Many times in our own lives things about the reality of Jesus and who he is may be revealed to us. They didn't really understand what they were seeing. In our own lives Jesus may have pointed out who he was and through situations in life, through the quiet "whispers" the Holy Spirit has made in our heart, and through the contact we have with Scripture and the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Jesus has a role in all of our lives, a role that is connected to his role of redeemer of all humanity. The understanding how this larger role of Jesus as redeemer, and the more personal role of Jesus as our personal Savior connect together. It may take most of a lifetime to fully understand this - but the journey is well worth it. We get to see how Jesus comes to us to save us personally, and also how our lives are tied up in the realities of other people. See how the Lord may help you to understand this a bit this Lent.

We continue to offer opportunities in Lent for spiritual growth. The Catholicism Series continues - and you may come in still (Monday's at 6:30pm), Bible Study occurs weekly and is a great chance to see how the weekly scripture can come alive for you and connect to your life (Tuesday's at 6:30pm - Thursday's at 7:00pm in Spanish), The Deanery Pilgrimage activities occur at various parishes in our area (Wednesday's at 6:30pm), Stations of the Cross are done weekly as well (Friday's at 4:30pm). Another good Lenten activity is to attend Mass a little more frequently. Daily Masses are about 1/2 hour long and are offered Mon, Wed, Fri at 9:00am, Tues and Thurs at 7:30am - and just for Lent - Tues, and Thurs at 6:00pm). Please see the bulletin and website for specific information and which of these you could "sprinkle" into your schedule.

I have had more contact with the architect for the handicap process, and had a few meetings looking at additional options for this work. Our parish Facebook page (you can get to it by looking it up or by going on the website and click the Facebook icon at the top of the page). This is another way to be updated and reminded about the parish activities, and also get some day inspirational quotes for thoughts. Many thanks to the team maintaining this daily. I had meetings at the school about the registration process for this year, and we held a parent meeting that was a very positive experience. Please help others to find the school and know that we do accept others from other faiths, and also have an array of financial aid opportunities available.

On a personal note, one of my sisters and brother-in-law came to visit this past week. They got to see around the parish (and hit the Ale House for lunch). It is great to be able to share with family the place that I am so proud to be associated with. I had a meeting with our sign and logo committee. They are continuing to work with a consultant and have come up with some attractive designs. We will be discussing this more in Pastoral Council, and also make decisions regarding where to put signs and what will be placed on them. I also had a meeting regarding our Hospital Ministry to continue to plan for diversity of ministry at the hospital and prepare this important ministry for even more growth.

By how we immerse ourselves in the life of Jesus we learn more about who Jesus is for us and for the world, and we engage ourselves in the activities that help to bring relief and peace to the world. My experience is that this is the way to live that has brought me the most peace and also awe and wonder at the Jesus who is trying to show me who he is.

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God Bless,
Fr. Steve