



The Cathedral of  
**ST. EUGENE**

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### REGISTRATION IN THE PARISH

Our warmest welcome to all who worship in our community. If you are not registered in the parish, please complete a registration card. Cards are available at church entrances or at the parish office.

### MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Please contact the office at least 12 months in advance for weddings and 3 months in advance for baptisms. Check the parish website for more information.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call the parish office when a parishioner is home bound or hospitalized to arrange for Holy Communion and Anointing of the Sick.



### MASS TIMES

Daily Mass: 6:45 and 8:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 8:00a.m; 4:30 p.m. & Sp.6:30 p. m.  
Sunday: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
12:00 noon and 5:30 p.m.  
Tuesday Latin Mass: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday Latin Mass: 1:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Saturday or by appointment

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

**Perpetual Adoration** is in the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To sign up for your hour with our Lord, call Annette (English) at: 542-3635 or Maria Vega (Spanish) at: 710-5094

**Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** is held in the chapel every First Friday following 8:00 a.m. Mass. *During this time of Covid-19, Benediction is not being held.*

### DEVOTIONS

**Recitation of the Rosary** is Monday – Saturday at 7:30 a.m. in the Cathedral

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is Saturday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Cathedral

### CATHEDRAL SHOPS

**Cathedral Thrift Shop** Hours: Tues & Wed. 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Cathedral Books & Gifts** Hours: Wed-Sat 8:30-4:30 & Sun 8:30-1:30, Closed Mon/Tues - Phone: 542-0250

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 13, 2022

### PARISH CALENDAR

#### SUNDAY MARCH 13

Masses – Cathedral – 7:30 am, 9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00, 1:30 pm (Latin) & 5:30 pm  
Coffee Social – Parish Life Center – 8:00 am – 12:00 noon  
RCIA & RCIF – School – 10:30 am

#### MONDAY MARCH 14

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
K of C Video Series – Becker Center – 6:00 pm

#### TUESDAY MARCH 15

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Women of the Word – PLC (Hope Rm) – 9:30 am  
PSR – School – 3:45 pm  
Latin Mass – Cathedral – 5:30 pm

#### WEDNESDAY MARCH 16

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Bible Study – PLC Hope Room – 6:00 pm  
Outdoor Rosary – Fatima Grotto – 6:00 pm

#### THURSDAY MARCH 17

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am

#### FRIDAY MARCH 18

Morning Masses – Cathedral – 6:45 & 8:00 am  
Stations of the Cross – Cathedral – 2:00 pm; 6:00 pm;  
7:00 pm (Spanish)

#### SATURDAY MARCH 19

Morning Mass – Cathedral – 8:00 am  
Confession – Cathedral – 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
St. Joseph's Mass (Spanish) – Cathedral – 12:00 pm  
Sunday Vigil Masses – Cathedral – 4:30 pm  
& 6:30 pm (Spanish)

### SECOND COLLECTION

#### ~NEXT WEEKEND – RELIGIOUS EDUCATION~

This weekend, March 12 & 13, is our Annual Ministry Appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Envelopes are available in each vestibule. Please see below for more details. Next weekend, March 19 & 20, our Second Collection will be for Religious Education.

#### ~ANNUAL DIOCESAN MINISTRY APPEAL~

The Annual Diocesan Ministry Appeal is being conducted this weekend. Our parish target this year is \$47,267.00. St. Eugene's receives 100% of funds raised over that amount. With your help, we can assure the continued support of many important programs that help individuals and parishes throughout our diocese – the Catholic education of our children, the education of our Seminarians, and more. Thank you for your generosity!

### Hearing Aid Users, Switch to T-Coil

### ADMINISTRATION

#### For the Week of: 02/27/22

Sunday Donations Received:	\$14,315.
2nd Collection : No Second Collection	N/A

#### ~CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS~

We are now in the season of Lent. Did you know that the practice of receiving ashes dates back to the fifth century and became a universal Christian practice by the 11th century? To honor and to assist you in observing Lent, our special of the month for March is 25% off any book that has the word "Lent" in the title. We have prayer books for Lent, Stations of the Cross and more. Let's make this time of Lent holy and spiritually enriching. God bless you all! The shop hours are: Wed-Sat from 8:30 am-4:30 pm & Sun 8:30 am-1:30 pm. We are closed Mon./Tues. Please feel free to call us at: (707) 542-0250.

#### ~BOOK FOR PRAYER INTENTIONS~

A book for your personal prayer intentions is available in the east side vestibule of the church. It is located on a stand in the corner and is entitled, "Hear Our Prayer Book". If you would like to add an intention, please do so!

### ST. EUGENE CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

#### ~FALL REGISTRATION~

Saint Eugene's Cathedral School is now enrolling Kindergarten through 8th Grade students! Please go to the following link to apply. <https://www.steugenesch.org/html/admissions/Admissions.html> Upon the submission of your completed application, you will receive an invitation to the student screening and tour date. If you have questions, please contact our office between 8 am and 1:30 pm Monday-Friday, at 707-545-7252.

#### ~OPEN HOUSE~

St. Eugene's Preschool and Elementary School invite you to our OPEN HOUSE! Please join us on Sunday, March 27th between the hours 10:00am-12:00 pm to check out our programs. If you are interested in Catholic School for your child, this is a great time to look around the environment, learn more about the curriculum, meet all the teachers and ask any questions you might have.

The bulletin item deadline is Thursday @ 3:00pm for the Sunday after next bulletin. E-mail items to: [office@steugenes.com](mailto:office@steugenes.com). We reserve the right to edit or omit items.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 12</b>
8:00 am	Luis Alfredo Gonzalez Monterroso, deceased
4:30 pm	George Schirle, deceased
6:30 (Sp)	Juana Maldonado, deceased
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 13</b>
7:30 am	People of St. Eugene's
9:00 am	Scott Voelker, living
10:30 am	For all the deceased members of Legion of Mary & for Nuestra Señora de los Migrantes presidium
12:00 pm	Deirdre & Martin B. McCormick, deceased
1:30 pm (EF)	Joseph Benedict Arnerich, living
5:30 pm	Iola & Milton Olson, deceased
6:00 pm (Newman Ctr.)	Gildardo Luna Torres, living
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 14</b>
6:45 am	France Vera, living
8:00 am	Homobono Gomez, deceased
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 15</b>
6:45 am	Kathy Keyes, deceased
8:00 am	Leo Pimentel, deceased
5:30 pm (EF)	Mrs. Illo, deceased
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 16</b>
6:45 am	Marcus Johnson, deceased
8:00 am	Robert Moore, deceased
9:20 (Sch)	Heriberto Luna Guijoza, deceased
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 17</b>
6:45 am	Lisa Tran, living
8:00 am	Michael Brady, deceased
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 18</b>
6:45 am	Humberto Ordonez, deceased
8:00 am	McShane & Stronge Families, living & deceased
12:00 (hospital)	Roberto Marapao, deceased
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 19</b>
8:00 am	Robert Moore, deceased
12:00 pm (Sp)	Holy Souls in Purgatory
4:30 pm	James Ernst, deceased
6:30 pm (Sp)	Pablo Fernandez, deceased

### ~PRAYER FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED~

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace." Amen.

## SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY

### ~INTERNATIONAL ROSARY CRUSADE~

Join us in solidarity with an international prayer effort begging the Mother of God for help in this unprecedented, global crisis of war and strife. Join us at the Fatima Statue and grotto outside the east entrance of the Cathedral **each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.**

### ~LITURGICAL Q & A~

*During Lent, what changes should I be noticing at Mass?*

Holy Mother Church provides many signs that we are now in another liturgical season of the year. One of the most obvious for Lent is the use of the color violet/purple, which traditionally symbolizes penance, affliction, and humiliation. The readings we hear at Lenten Masses keep us focused on our sinfulness, our need for repentance and our utter dependence upon God's mercy. In keeping with the three disciplines of Lent - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - we are encouraged to adopt a spirit of mortification of the senses through eliminating or minimizing some sensory aspects of the liturgy. These include the absence of flowers on the altar and simpler music with minimal use of the organ. As the Gloria and Alleluia are more triumphant and joyful aspects of the liturgy, we "bury" the Alleluia for this season and refrain from either saying or singing the Gloria at our Lenten Sunday Masses.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITY

### ~COFFEE & DONUTS~

We are very happy to announce that after a two year respite, our Coffee Social after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses will re-start this Sunday, March 13th! Please stop by the Parish Life Center, Charity Room, between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon for fellowship, coffee and donuts!

### ~KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS VIDEO SERIES~

What does it mean to be a man today? I think most of us have asked ourselves this question. We all want to lead fuller and more purposeful lives - to be better men, better husbands and better fathers - but sometimes it can be difficult to know how. The Knights of Columbus is hosting a 12-part video discussion series, "Into The Breach". Please join us for food, fraternity, and prayer as we discuss "Brotherhood", Monday, March 14th, at 6:00PM in the Becker Ctr. Open to all Catholic Men 18 years and older.

### ~PLEASE PRAY FOR~

Those who are ill need your support and prayers: Tristan Humble, Samuel Agius, Sandy Torti Wilcox, Marjorie Miles, Amelia Lansangan, Gail Brown, Leo Del Santo, Emeline Jane Smith, Rosalind Britto, Ken Davis, Rita Wyatt, Karen Mills, Eileen Carol, Nancy Amador, Patrick Welter, Cristeta Marentes, Jesus Navarro, Michael Boland, Stephen Warner, Thomas Patrick, Aida Catapang, Bob Goldman, Pat Davenport, Joan Cosgrove, Paulita Castro, Jean L. Alfano, Theresa Pham, Rainey Olson, Michele Otten, Pauline Goslovich, Mary Gonzales and Nick Sidjakov.

# MY CATHOLIC FAITH

## **THE HEAVENLY VS. THE EARTHLY**

### **~FROM THE PASTOR~**

As we begin the Second Week of Lent, our readings prompt us to ponder several things, namely the Transfiguration account in our Gospel reading. We will read more about this event in a selection from, "The Liturgical Year" by Dom Prosper Gueranger, a French priest and Benedictine monk who lived from 1805-1875. We will also read a selection that will give us more insight into all of the readings. Personally, the second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians struck a chord with me, for it contained the phrase, "their glory is in their shame." St. Paul used this phrase when he was pointing out the shameful behavior of those who proclaimed to be followers of Christ, but who lived lives that did not reflect this fact. They were concerned with earthly pleasures rather than living a life of holiness and sacrifice. This phrase leapt out at me because our society has become saturated with immodesty and shameful behavior. The style of dress that passes for fashion in this day and age is shocking. Young men in oversized pants that hang down to the knees alternating with pants two sizes too small and young women in tight, immodest clothing, are not befitting the dignity of a person who purports to be a Christian. In 1917, Our Lady of Fatima proclaimed that, "Certain fashions will be introduced that will offend Our Lord very much." I believe she was seeing 2022! I will share some quotes concerning this topic on the next page. Let's now read on ...

## **WE ARE TRANSFORMED**

### **~LIGHT IN DARKNESS~**

"When we pray, we look to the heavens, like Abraham in the first reading (Gen 15:5); we look to the mountains, "from where comes my help" (Ps 121:1); and to Mount Tabor of today's Gospel (Luke 9). We ascend the mountain of the Lord. We are transformed to radiate the glory of God: "let your face shed its light upon us" (Ps 67:2). It happened with Moses who afterwards veiled his face. It happened with Jesus, whose humanity radiated his divine glory. It happens with us. We arise from prayer different from before. We arise refreshed, renewed, restored — even if we still carry a heavy burden. After the Transfiguration, Jesus still had to face the

agony of the Cross. Though he was God the Son, though his glorious resurrection was glimpsed in anticipation, the Cross was not removed. Thank God for that, because only through *his* passion and death could *we* come to the glory of the resurrection. There is darkness and light in prayer, Cross and resurrection, and the Lord is close in both. It's interesting that in the first reading (Gen 15:5-18), the Lord is closest to Abraham when the sun sets and the darkness surrounds him: "As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch . . . It was on that occasion that the Lord made a covenant with Abram." It's interesting that the Lord's Old Testament presence in the holiest place is in the "thick darkness" (1 Kgs 8:12; cf. Ps 97:2; 18:9). In God, however, there is light in the darkness. In the Lord, darkness turns to light. In our crosses, God frequently gives us assurances of his presence and glimpses of his glory. He guides us through the bitter valley and makes it a place of springs (Psalm 84:6). Often this happens through a kind deed, a word of Scripture, an inspiration, a first step, or the peace of God that enfolds us and flows from the Blessed Sacrament. We meet Jesus in the silence of prayer just like Peter, James, and John fell silent when left alone with Jesus on the mountain. That silence continued, even when they came down the mountain. They didn't yet tell anyone about the Tabor experience until the right time. There is a time to be silent and a time to speak (Eccl 3:7). The time will come to speak up — evangelization — but being silent with Jesus in prayer comes first. From the Mount Tabor of prayer, we carry the Gospel of Christ to the world. Prayer is foundational to any fruitful Gospel proclamation. The Old Testament, here in Moses and Elijah, points to Christ. In Luke's Gospel, he is the "New Moses" leading the "New Exodus" from the slavery of sin and death. Fear of death is sometimes the greatest slavery. It has been observed that behind all fear lurks a deeper anxiety about death. Jesus is the perfect Love that casts out fear (1 Jn 4:18). He saves those enslaved by the fear of death (Heb 2:15). In his body, Christ reveals the destiny of his members. He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (Phil 3:21).

But the way of glory is the way of the Cross. This, too, is part of that listening to the Beloved Son commanded by the Father. The Cross is unavoidable in today's readings. Those preoccupied with greed, shame, and earthly things, Paul describes as "enemies of the *Cross* of Christ". (Phil 3:18). For the entire homily, go to: <https://www.hprweb.com/2022/02/homilies-for-march-2022/>

## **THE TRANSFIGURATION**

### **~MANIFESTATION OF GLORY~**

"...[T]his transfiguration of the Son of Man, this manifestation of his glory, lasted but a few moments; his mission was not on Thabor; it was humiliation and suffering in Jerusalem. He therefore withdrew into himself the brightness he had allowed to transpire; and when he came to the three Apostles, who, on hearing the voice from the cloud, had fallen on their faces with fear—they could see no one save only Jesus. The bright cloud was gone; Moses and Elias had disappeared. What a favor they have had bestowed upon them! Will they remember what they have seen and heard? They have had such a revelation of the Divinity of their dear Master!—is it possible that when the hour of trial comes, they will forget it and doubt his being God? and when they see him suffer and die, be ashamed of him and deny him? Alas! the Gospel has told us what happened to them. A short time after this, our Lord celebrated his Last Supper with his Disciples. When the Supper was over, he took them to another mount, Mount Olivet, which lies to the east of Jerusalem. Leaving the rest at the entrance of the Garden, he advances with Peter, James, and John, and then says to them: *My soul is sorrowful even unto death: stay you here, and watch with me.* He then retires some little distance from them and prays to his Eternal Father. The Heart of our Redeemer is weighed down with anguish. When he returns to his three Disciples, he is enfeebled by the Agony he has suffered, and his garments are saturated with Blood. The Apostles are aware that he is sad even unto death, and that the hour is close at hand when he is to be attacked: are they keeping watch? are they ready to defend him? No: they seem to have forgotten him; they are fast asleep, for their eyes are heavy. Yet a few moments, and all will have fled from him; and Peter, the bravest of them all, will be taking his oath that he never knew the Man. After the Resurrection, our three Apostles made ample atonement for this cowardly and sinful conduct, and acknowledged the mercy

wherewith Jesus had sought to fortify them against temptation, by showing them his glory on Thabor, a few days before his Passion. Let us not wait till we have betrayed him: let us at once acknowledge that he is our Lord and our God. We are soon to be keeping the anniversary of his Sacrifice; like the Apostles, we are to see him humbled by his enemies and bearing, in our stead, the chastisements of Divine Justice. We must not allow our faith to be weakened, when we behold the fulfillment of those prophecies of David and Elias, that the Messiah is to be treated as *a worm of the earth*, and be covered with wounds, so as to become like a *leper, the most abject of men*, and *the Man of sorrows*. We must remember the grand things of Thabor, and the adorations paid him by Moses and Elias, and the bright cloud, and the voice of the Eternal Father. The more we see him humbled, the more must we proclaim his glory and divinity; we must join our acclamations with those of the Angels and the Four-and-Twenty Elders, whom St. John (one of the witnesses of the Transfiguration) heard crying out with a loud voice: *The Lamb that was slain, is worthy to receive power, and divinity, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and benediction!*" Excerpted from <https://sensusfidelium.com/the-liturgical-year-dom-prosper-gueranger/lent/second-sunday-of-lent/>

### **~MODESTY~**

"You carry your snare everywhere and spread your nets in all places. You allege that you never invited others to sin. You did not indeed, by your words, but you have done so by your dress and your deportment." — **Saint John Chrysostom**

"Either we must speak as we dress, or dress as we speak. Why do we profess one thing and display another? The tongue talks of chastity, but the whole body reveals impurity." — **Saint Jerome**

'How many girls there are who do not see any wrongdoing in following certain shameless styles like so many sheep. They certainly would blush if they could guess the impression they make and the feelings they evoke in those who see them.'  
— **Pope Pius XII**

"You have heard that it was said to them of old: Thou shalt not commit adultery. But I say to you, that whosoever shall look on a woman to lust after her, hath already committed adultery with her in his heart." — **GOD (Jesus Christ)**

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**LO CELESTIAL VS. LO TERRENAL**  
~DEL PASTOR~

Al comenzar la Segunda Semana de Cuaresma, nuestras lecturas nos impulsan a reflexionar sobre varias cosas, a saber, el relato de la Transfiguración en nuestra lectura del Evangelio. Leeremos más sobre este evento en una selección de "El año litúrgico" de Dom Prosper Gueranger, un sacerdote francés y monje benedictino que vivió entre 1805 y 1875. También leeremos una selección que nos dará más información sobre todas las lecturas. Personalmente, la segunda lectura de San Pablo a los Filipenses me tocó la fibra sensible, porque contenía la frase, "su gloria está en su vergüenza". San Pablo usó esta frase cuando estaba señalando el comportamiento vergonzoso de aquellos que proclamaban ser seguidores de Cristo, pero que vivían vidas que no reflejaban este hecho. Estaban preocupados por los placeres terrenales en lugar de vivir una vida de santidad y sacrificio. Esta frase me llamó la atención porque nuestra sociedad se ha saturado de inmodestia y comportamiento vergonzoso. El estilo de vestir que pasa por la moda en este día y edad es impactante. Los hombres jóvenes con pantalones demasiado grandes que caen hasta las rodillas alternando con pantalones dos tallas más pequeños y las mujeres jóvenes con ropa ajustada e inmodesta, no corresponden a la dignidad de una persona que pretende ser cristiana. En 1917, Nuestra Señora de Fátima proclamó que "se introducirán ciertas modas que ofenderán mucho a Nuestro Señor". ¡Creo que estaba viendo el 2022! Compartiré algunas citas sobre este tema en la página siguiente. Ahora sigamos leyendo...

**NOS TRANSFORMAMOS**

~LUZ EN LA OSCURIDAD~

"Cuando oramos, miramos al cielo, como Abraham en la primera lectura (Gn 15,5); miramos a las montañas, "de donde viene mi socorro" (Sal 121,1); y al monte Tabor del evangelio de hoy (Lucas 9). Ascendemos al monte del Señor. Somos transformados para irradiar la gloria de Dios: "que tu rostro nos ilumine" (Sal 67,2). Sucedió con Moisés que después veló su rostro. Sucedió con Jesús, cuya humanidad irradió su gloria divina. Sucede con nosotros. Surgimos de la oración diferente a la anterior. Nos levantamos refrescados, renovados, restaurados, incluso si todavía llevamos una carga pesada.

Después de la Transfiguración, Jesús todavía tuvo que enfrentar la agonía de la Cruz. Aunque era Dios Hijo, aunque se vislumbraba anticipadamente su gloriosa resurrección, la Cruz no fue quitada. Gracias a Dios por eso, porque solo a través de su pasión y muerte podemos llegar a la gloria de la resurrección. Hay oscuridad y luz en la oración, Cruz y resurrección, y el Señor está cerca en ambas. Es interesante que en la primera lectura (Gn 15, 5-18), el Señor está más cerca de Abraham cuando el sol se pone y la oscuridad lo rodea: "Cuando el sol estaba a punto de ponerse, un éxtasis cayó sobre Abram, y una profunda oscuridad aterradora lo envolvió. Cuando el sol se había puesto y estaba oscuro, apareció una olla de fuego humeante y una antorcha encendida. . . Fue en esa ocasión que el Señor hizo un pacto con Abram". Es interesante que la presencia del Señor en el Antiguo Testamento en el lugar santísimo está en la "densa oscuridad" (1 Re 8,12; cf. Sal 97,2; 18,9). En Dios, sin embargo, hay luz en la oscuridad. En el Señor, las tinieblas se vuelven luz. En nuestras cruces, Dios frecuentemente nos da seguridades de su presencia y destellos de su gloria. Él nos guía a través del valle amargo y lo convierte en un lugar de manantiales (Salmo 84:6). A menudo esto sucede a través de un acto de bondad, una palabra de la Escritura, una inspiración, un primer paso o la paz de Dios que nos envuelve y fluye del Santísimo Sacramento. Nos encontramos con Jesús en el silencio de la oración al igual que Pedro, Santiago y Juan se callaron cuando se quedaron solos con Jesús en la montaña. Ese silencio continuó, incluso cuando bajaron de la montaña. Todavía no le contaron a nadie sobre la experiencia Tabor hasta el momento adecuado. Hay un tiempo para callar y un tiempo para hablar (Ecl 3:7). Llegará el momento de hablar, de la evangelización, pero estar en silencio con Jesús en oración es lo primero. Desde el Monte Tabor de la oración, llevamos el Evangelio de Cristo al mundo. La oración es fundamental para cualquier proclamación fructífera del Evangelio. El Antiguo Testamento, aquí en Moisés y Elías, apunta a Cristo. En el Evangelio de Lucas, él es el "Nuevo Moisés" que lidera el "Nuevo Éxodo" de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte. El miedo a la muerte es a veces la mayor esclavitud. Se ha observado que detrás de todo miedo se esconde una angustia más profunda ante la muerte. Jesús es el Amor perfecto que echa fuera el miedo (1 Jn 4,18). Él salva a los que están esclavizados por el miedo a la muerte (Heb 2,15).

En su cuerpo, Cristo revela el destino de sus miembros. Él “cambiará nuestro cuerpo humilde para que sea conforme a su cuerpo glorificado” (Filipenses 3:21). Pero el camino de la gloria es el camino de la Cruz. Esto también forma parte de esa escucha del Hijo amado mandada por el Padre. La Cruz es ineludible en las lecturas de hoy. Aquellos preocupados por la codicia, la vergüenza y las cosas terrenales, Pablo los describe como "enemigos de la cruz de Cristo". (Filipenses 3:18).

## LA TRANSGIFURACION

### ~MANIFESTACION DE GLORIA~

“...Esta transfiguración del Hijo del Hombre, esta manifestación de su gloria, duró sólo unos momentos; su misión no estaba en Tabor; era humillación y sufrimiento en Jerusalén. Por lo tanto, retiró a sí mismo el brillo que había dejado transpirar; y cuando llegó a los tres Apóstoles, quienes, al oír la voz de la nube, se habían postrado sobre sus rostros con miedo, no podían ver a nadie sino a Jesús. La nube brillante se había ido; Moisés y Elías habían desaparecido. ¡Qué favor les han hecho! ¿Recordarán lo que han visto y oído? ¿Han tenido tal revelación de la Divinidad de su amado Maestro! ¿Será posible que cuando llegue la hora de la prueba, la olviden y duden de que sea Dios? y cuando lo vean sufrir y morir, se avergonzarán de él y lo negarán? ¡Pobre de mí! el Evangelio nos ha dicho lo que les sucedió. Poco tiempo después de esto, nuestro Señor celebró su Última Cena con sus Discípulos. Terminada la cena, los llevó a otro monte, el monte de los Olivos, que está al oriente de Jerusalén. Dejando a los demás a la entrada del Jardín, avanza con Pedro, Santiago y Juan, y luego les dice: *Mi alma está triste hasta la muerte; quedaos aquí y velad conmigo*. Luego se retira a cierta distancia de ellos y ora a su Padre Eterno. El Corazón de nuestro Redentor está cargado de angustia. Cuando regresa a sus tres Discípulos, está debilitado por la Agonía que ha sufrido, y sus vestiduras están saturadas de Sangre. Los Apóstoles saben que está triste hasta la muerte, y que se acerca la hora en que debe ser atacado: ¿están velando? ¿Están listos para defenderlo? No: parecen haberse olvidado de él; están profundamente dormidos, porque sus ojos están pesados. Todavía unos pocos momentos, y todo habrá huido de él; y Pedro, el más valiente de todos, jurará que nunca conoció al Hombre. Después de la Resurrección, nuestros tres Apóstoles hicieron amplia expiación por esta conducta cobarde y pecaminosa, y reconocieron la→

Misericordia con lo cual Jesús había tratado de fortalecerlos contra la tentación, mostrándoles su gloria en Tabor, pocos días antes de su Pasión. No espere-mos hasta que lo hayamos traicionado: reconozcamos de inmediato que él es nuestro Señor y nuestro Dios. Pronto estaremos celebrando el aniversario de su Sacrificio; como los Apóstoles, lo veremos humillado por sus enemigos y soportando, en nuestro lugar, los castigos de la Justicia Divina. No debemos permitir que nuestra fe se debilite, cuando contemplamos el cumplimiento de aquellas profecías de David y Elías, que el Mesías será tratado como un gusano de la tierra, y será cubierto de heridas, hasta llegar a ser como un leproso. , el más abyecto de los hombres, y el Varón de dolores. Debemos recordar las grandes cosas de Tabor, y las adoraciones que le hicieron Moisés y Elías, y la nube brillante, y la voz del Padre Eterno. Cuanto más lo vemos humillado, más debemos proclamar su gloria y divinidad; debemos unir nuestras aclamaciones a las de los Ángeles y los Veinticuatro Ancianos, a quienes San Juan (uno de los testigos de la Transfiguración) escuchó clamar a gran voz: *El Cordero que fue inmolado, es digno de recibir poder, divinidad, sabiduría, fuerza, honor, gloria y bendición!*”

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