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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."

LUKE 9:33

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 13, 2022

REFLECTION FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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, Lk. 9:28-29.

The Second Sunday of Lent the Church proclaims the Gospel of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Why is this Gospel proclaimed in the early part of Lent? For that matter, why was Christ transfigured after foretelling his passion to his disciples and exhorting them to follow the path of his sufferings when he said to them: *Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me?* Lk. 9:23.

The reason for the Transfiguration of the Lord is because for his disciples, and this includes us, to follow the Lord's straight and narrow road, which is rough, it is necessary to know where it leads. After teaching his disciples the need for taking up the cross he assured them that he would *come again in his glory and that of his Father and his holy angels*, Lk. 9:26. By his passion Christ achieved glory, not only of his soul, which he had from the first moment of his conception, but also of his body. *Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and so to enter into his glory?* Lk. 24:26.

The Lord will bring to the same glory those who follow him. *Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God*, Acts 14:21. Therefore, it was good for our Lord to show his disciples the glory of his clarity, which is his transfigured body, to which he will configure those who are his, *Who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body*, Phil. 3:21.

Perhaps an experience that St. Teresa of Avila writes about can help us appreciate what Peter, John, and James experienced. *One day, when I was at prayer, the Lord was pleased to reveal to me nothing but His hands, the beauty of which was so great as to be indescribable. This made me very fearful, as does every new experience that I have when the Lord is beginning to grant me some supernatural favor. A few days later I also saw that Divine face, which seemed to leave me completely absorbed. I could not understand why the Lord revealed Himself gradually like this since He was later to grant me the favor of seeing Him wholly, until at length I realized that His Majesty was leading me according to my natural weakness. May He be blessed forever, for so much glory all at once would have been more than so base and wicked a person could bear knowing this, the compassionate Lord prepared me for it by degrees.... There is such beauty about glorified bodies that the glory which illumines them throws all who look upon such supernatural loveliness into confusion. I was so much afraid, then, that I was plunged into turmoil and confusion, though later I began to feel such certainty and security that my fear was soon lost... I will only say that, if there were nothing else in Heaven to delight the eyes but the extreme beauty of the glorified bodies there, that alone would be the greatest bliss*, Life, c. 28. In the Transfiguration, Christ permitted the glory of his soul to be outpoured into his body. He wanted his disciples to know, so far as it was possible for them to learn it, how he will appear when he comes on the day of judgement, so that they might not lose hope when they witness the suffering and death of the Lord. As St. Paul says, *I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us*, Rom. 8:18.

Dearly beloved, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is, 1Jn.3:2.

Let us journey together in faith,

~ Fr. Stephen F. Watson, O.C.D.

Santa Cruz Catholic Church Parish Lenten Mission

Save the date

March 20th - 23rd, 2022

"Finding Healing in
the Heart of God"

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Fr. Thomas Reeves, O.C.D.



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PRAY



FAST



GIVE

Fiesta De La Familia 2022

Our Fiesta De La Familia this year will be **Saturday, May 14th and Sunday, May 15th!** Our Fiesta Committee will be having a meeting on **Wednesday, March 16th** in the Music room at 6:30 pm. **Everyone is invited!** For more info please call Becky Lujan (520) 256-9438.

Fiesta De La Familia 2022

¡Nuestra Fiesta de la Familia este año será el **Sábado, 14 de mayo y el domingo, 15 de mayo!** Nuestro Comité de la Fiesta de la Familia tendrá una junta el **miércoles, 16 de marzo** a las 6:30 pm en el cuarto Carmelita.
¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Fiesta De La Familia Nana's Cottage

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Closed for lunch 12:45pm - 1:45pm

Pastor: Rev. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.
In Residence: Rev. David Costello, O.C.D.

Saturday, March 12th

8:00am Daniel Inzunza & Carmen Contreras/R.I.P.

5:30pm Alberto & Isabel Urias/R.I.P.

Sunday, March 13th

6:30am Santa Cruz Parishioners

8:00am In Thanksgiving to Saint Dymphna

10:00am Jorge Amaro/R.I.P.

12:00pm Marcella & Gabriel Zepp/R.I.P.

6:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Monday, March 14th

Hector Carlos M. Valenzuela/R.I.P.

8:00am In Honor of the Fourteen Holy Helpers

7:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Tuesday, March 15th

In Thanksgiving to Saint Joseph

8:00am Charles Kelly/R.I.P.

7:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Wednesday, March 16th

Lucia Reyes/R.I.P.

8:00am Julian Galaz/R.I.P.

7:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Thursday, March 17th

In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am Maurisa Guerrero/Happy Birthday

7:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Friday, March 18th

Benjamin & Aurora Reyes/R.I.P.

8:00am Gabriel Chacon, Jr./R.I.P.

7:00pm NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Parish Collection February 27th, 2022

Collection: \$ 4,339.34

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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in the church.

*Please note that the 12 noon Mass is following full COVID protocols: social distancing, masks required and distancing in pews

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8 am Spanish at Capilla de Guadalupe (409 E. 31st Street)

Mon. - Fri. 8:00 am, Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confessions: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: Call the parish office for more information / Llame a la oficina parroquial

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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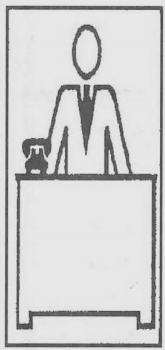
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