

Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022

Today's Gospel is taken from Luke, the Feast of the Transfiguration. Once again there are many symbols shaping this event: The Mountain always a place of encounter with God; the "Dazzling" white garb of Jesus and his shocking appearance, once again as at his Baptism the voice of God coming out of the Cloud. As the Apostles, Peter, James, and John, [Jesus' chosen ones], revive from their trance, they see! They "become Fully Awake".

Peter, still in a daze, offers to make three earthly tents one for each of the angelic trio. This kindly gesture only reveals the lack of true comprehension of who Jesus is and what is happening here. Not unlike us, Peter wants to hold on to this astonishing experience, to be able to revisit it in the future.

The phrase that stays with me is: They "become Fully Awake". Really? The disciples represent us. Are we "fully awake"? At least we are granted the time, the readings, the opportunity to become "fully awake". Every Lent we hear this same reading of the Transfiguration. With each year do we become "fully awake"? What do we understand deeper this year as opposed to last year? I don't mean just in this reading, but in life, in relationships with your husband, our wife your children, even yourself. Perhaps our whole life is a learning to become watchful, insightful, more awake to the joys and sorrows of this human world. Today we are awakened to the atrocities of the war in Ukraine. Sometimes, I am ashamed and want to resist being awake.

Let us pray for wisdom and healing.