

Feast of Transfiguration
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My God bless my thoughts, words and ideas this morning.

This Sunday is the observance of the Feast of Transfiguration. Jesus is transformed. The baby/babies being baptized this morning can relate to the story of Moses because they are “marked today as Christ own forever”. They are not filled with the Holy Spirit the same way that Jesus Christ was that day on the Mount. This child will go thru life being marked with their own series of transformations and will also witness transformations. Everyday, the child is seeing a transformation of their body. Changing and growing and learning.

Children grow older and their world is transformed again when they are provided with rules and boundaries. Children learn early on in life that everything is governed by rules. They learn what is expected from them by testing boundaries. Our Old Testament lesson tells us Moses coming down from Mt. Sinai with the 2 tablets containing the 10 commandments. When he faced Aaron and the Israelites his face was shining. Moses came down from the Mount filled with the “holy spirit” and bringing God’s laws. These rules are the basis of all our Laws.

Everything in life is constantly changing and transforming. God made a dynamic and constantly changing kingdom. Children or more to the point the “Children of God” were not given rules to live their lives when they were born. These rules are learned and understood whether they be God’s law, family rules, or the laws and rules provided to us by the government. These rules transform us. Change us. Guide us.

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During the transfiguration, it is said that Jesus's face changed and his clothes turned a "dazzling white". Jesus began to talk to Moses and Elijah about his death and resurrection. What if you were sitting on a top of a mountain with the person in the world that you would follow anywhere???? Be it your spouse, a family member, a boss or a friend..... what if they had a transfiguration type experience being filled with the holy spirit. They would be transformed for you. We need to always be ready to embrace change.

Jesus had a constant message but he was always changing the way that the message was delivered. At Grace, changing the way we deliver the message of Jesus and God's good news will put us on a path to be "filled with that Holy spirit". You may not look up at the Sanctuary during Communion and see the priest glowing in a blazing light. But instead it maybe, the face of a child singing in the choir being filled "the glow of the Holy spirit" or seeing the face of a child after they have been baptized and being "marked as Christ's own". Grace is constantly providing us with opportunities to be transformed. We need to embrace this opportunity for change and have our own Transfiguration. So, that people who walks or drive by on Kings Highway will see the glow of the building and say "Wow"- That this a great place. They feel warm inside and want to enter thru the doors and be "filled with the Spirit of Grace and our Lord's holy spirit".

Life is constantly transforming. Whether it be at Home, at work, or even at Church things are being transformed. These transformations make look or feel wrong but if we

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leave it in God's able hands he will make sure that this parish is guided thru its own

transformations..... AMEN