

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

- Today we hear about the Transfiguration – but you have to hear this story in context
 - JC feeds 4000
 - Who do you say that I am – Peter's Confession – You are Rock
 - THEN He takes them up the mountain (**Let me show ya**)
 - Peter, James and John did not want it to end.
 - "Let's put up tents," they said. "Let's hold on to this moment," they meant. But it had to end. It all had to end because the plan had to take place.
 - The plan is what Moses and Elijah appeared to speak about a New Exodus.
 - Why Moses and Elijah?
 - Jesus comes to fulfill the law and the prophets
 - **Moses** – received the 10 commandments – **represents the law**
 - **Elijah** – **represents the prophets**
 - Together with them He discusses a NEW EXODUS
 - From a world of sin to a world of love and peace.
 - And so the plan was set into motion.
 - The plan had existed from the beginning of time.
 - We heard the first suggestion of the plan in the *Genesis*, in the Garden of Eden God told the devil that One will come who will crush his head with His heel.
 - And here HE is
- Jesus went up a mountain and was transfigured.
 - Incredible mountaintop experience for Peter, James and John – now it's OUR turn
 - Now WE are invited to experience the glory of God – here's the Good News:
 - *God doesn't wait until we're perfect to reach out to us*
 - Peter, James and John were falling asleep!
 - Matt Talbot started drinking when he was 16
 - 12 yrs later (SEP 1884) – he's a drunk
 - Saturday morning – he'd been out all night with 2 bros
 - Sitting outside O'Mears pub (to borrow \$ for a drink)
 - Nobody gave & walking home he realized for 1st time
 - 28yo with nothing but pain of addiction
 - No AA – No Soc Svcs – No Counselling
 - Grace of God simply woke him up
 - Next day @ 5AM Mass (&every day by day)
 - Transformed – he started helping others
 - Transforming grace arrived long before he was perfect
 - Peter, James and John weren't perfect either (neither are we)
 - Yet, each of us has the seed of a saint deep within us
 - & God works with us to make that seed grow
 - We never need to wonder if we're good enough
 - God loves us as we are – Its part of the plan
 - When they come down from the mountain
 - Confronted by the crowds 'my son is possessed' THEN Who is the greatest
 - Right back to it – there is still alot of growing to do
 - The same is true of us – we can come to Jesus
 - We can experience the overwhelming glory of God
 - But then bring that experience into the reality of day to day
 - The Lord went up the mountain and was transfigured
 - But he was raised on a cross so that we could be transformed

- Transformed into His bride – the Church.