

Transfiguration of the Lord

Two elderly Nuns were shopping at a 7-11 Store. As they passed by the beer cooler, one nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second Nun answered, "Indeed it would, sister but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, since I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand."

"I can handle that without a problem", The other Nun replied, and she picked up a six pack and headed for the check out. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with a six pack of beer. "We use Beer for washing our hair," the nun said, "Back at our convent we call it a Catholic shampoo."

Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the Beer.

He then looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house."

Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Transfiguration is best described as a theophany, visible manifestation of God. Today God recognizes Jesus as his Son and favored servant of the Lord, and later prophets like Moses.

Today I would like to focus on the appearance of God to his favorites. Yahweh of the chosen people likes to get involved with his people. A genuine encounter with God will change us.

God's manifestation brings a radiance, or light, in our lives. We read from the scripture that people witnessed God's manifestation. Exodus 34: 29-35 Explains when Moses went into the tent to talk to God and came out, his face was radiant. In prophet Ezekiel's vision we see the same thing. "I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire; and brilliant light surrounded him. Like the appearance of a rainbow in the clouds on a rainy day, so was the radiance around him (Ezekiel 1:27 -28). Elijah had a little experience when God revealed himself to him.

In the Gospel today, we heard that Peter, James, John saw that his face shone like the sun, and his cloths became white as light. Psalms 19 and 34 talk about radiance on people. Acts 10:30 says, "Cornelius replied, "Four days ago at this very hour, three o'clock in the afternoon, I was praying in my home. All at once a man in radiant clothes stood in front of me".

There are numerous witnesses about God's manifestation in the scripture, in saints' lives and in our lives, too. This feast is the important one to reveal God's presence in his son Jesus. Sometimes I heard people say God appeared in their deathbed. They saw a light very radiant shining and conversing with them. You may have similar stories from your loved ones.

The favor of God reaches to all people. When do you feel you are God's favorite?

God loves you and me. He keeps all of us as his favorite. Have you ever felt that in your life?

God's manifestation is in the Eucharist. Eucharist is nothing but Jesus himself in body and blood. We encourage all of you to be in the presence of God to see the radiance of God. Spending time in Eucharistic Adoration gives that radiance as Moses had. As we are here in the midst of Eucharistic Revival, let us take time before God.

Jesus said to the apostles not to be afraid. Let us have hope and trust in God. He will reveal himself to us. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful opportunity to have that encounter happen in our lives. As Peter said, it is good that we are here. Let us get the mountain top experience in Adoration.