

August 5-6, 2017
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Daniel 7:9-14 Second Peter 1:16-19 Matthew 17:1-9

Seeing your son in a suit for the first time or your daughter in a prom dress causes many parents' heart to skip a beat or two as they realize their 'baby' is growing up and becoming a man, a woman. Seeing older photos of ourselves from our earlier years forces us to acknowledge the passage of time that has stripped us of our youth. On this weekend of 'The Transfiguration of the Lord' we are reminded of who Jesus FULLY is beyond being a carpenter from Nazareth or as some casual bumper stickers still proclaim, 'Jesus is my copilot.' As human beings, we have come to experience Jesus in his 'incarnate' flesh and blood; without the benefit of photographs or reliable sketches, we have developed a rich deposit of 'supposed' imagery...sometimes forgetting that THE ETERNAL WORD, the Son of God, eternally pre-existed the human incarnated Jesus. All of this is a very huge mystery, something of which we are continually invited to ponder, consider and grow in understanding about. Our honoring of 'The Transfiguration' prompts us to remember more precisely who it is with whom we speak when in conversation with Jesus, to perceive a sliver of what/who the 'Alpha and the Omega' truly is and basically get a small glimpse behind the curtain of the BIGNESS of God. As we are sometimes surprised to discover that our 'human heroes' have normal sides to their lives, the Transfiguration nudges us to likewise never lose sight of who Jesus has always been...and let's just say that Jesus/The Eternal Word has been around long before Bethlehem or the Middle East or time itself came into existence....and now he/The Eternal Word chooses to share himself with us via flesh and blood.

Thank you for sharing these first Masses of August with our Santa Clara Community. This weekend and next weekend are the designated dates for you to return the backpacks (distributed last weekend) FILLED with school supplies. School seasons are starting up within a few weeks and we want to get the backpacks to the students ahead of time....please bring them to weekend Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office, thanks. The Bulletin has other news for your consideration, please take a copy with you and enjoy these Dog Days of Summer...remembering always, as you perhaps refresh yourself with an icy lemonade, that you are loved. FKB