

LIVING FAITH

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 25, 2024



THE GOSPEL FOR TODAY-- Mark 9:2-10

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean.

REFLECTING ON THE GOSPEL

There is a story told of a man who went every day to a long-term care home to sit beside his wife, who seemed to be totally unaware of her surroundings. Day in and day out, for years, the man made the early-morning trek to the home to sit all day beside his unresponsive wife. Every evening, when visiting hours were over, he made the trek back to his own home. This went on for several years. One day, as he was leaving, a staff member asked, "Why do you come every day? Give yourself a break. She doesn't even know who you are." And, with eyes filled with love, the old man smiled at the staff member and replied, "Ah, but I know who SHE is!"

Love transfigures and strengthens people. Love transfigures and strengthens the one who gives love, and the one who receives love. In today's Gospel passage, the love of God enfolds Jesus with light, and the words of God: 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' assure the disciples of who Jesus is and what their role is, to listen to Jesus, learning from him, and be sent out by him as missionaries to the world.

TALKING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

- This Lent, who needs your love to transform them?
- How will you show that love?



On the Mountain Top

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. Mark 9:2

Choose the word that best matches the definition.

Answers can be found in Mark 9:2-9



- ___ 1. The Son of God
A. Jesus B. Peter C. James D. John
- ___ 2. The color of snow or milk
A. black B. green C. white D. orange
- ___ 3. A white or gray mass of very small drops of water that floats in the sky
A. sun B. moon C. cloud D. star
- ___ 4. Articles of apparel such as pants, shirts, dresses, etc.
A. white B. voice C. clothes D. mountain
- ___ 5. Something that is pleasing, enjoyable, or of high quality
A. bad B. good C. ugly D. trouble
- ___ 6. To have a strong feeling of affection for someone
A. love B. hate C. dislike D. afraid
- ___ 7. A raised part of the earth's surface, larger than a hill
A. valley B. mountain C. tree D. sky
- ___ 8. The sound produced by the vocal organs; what we use to speak
A. clothes B. love C. cloud D. voice
- ___ 9. Having a great distance from top to bottom
A. low B. flat C. high D. level
- ___ 10. Jewish leader who received the Ten Commandments
A. Peter B. Elijah C. John D. Moses

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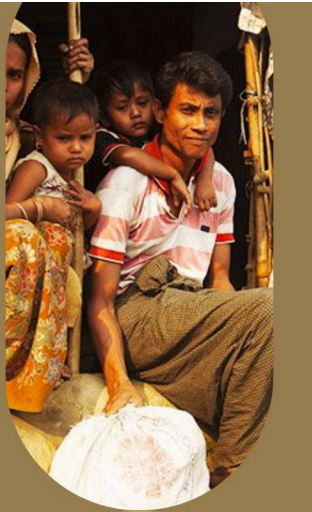
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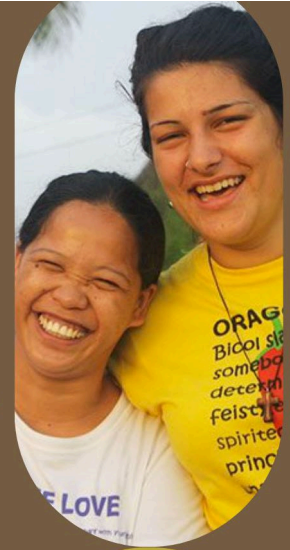


Our Approach



Solidarity

Living solidarity is essential to our mission. By solidarity, we mean standing with our partners as equals against injustice in their countries and supporting their efforts through fundraising, education, mobilization and advocacy initiatives here at home.



Our Approach



**Human
Dignity**

We put human dignity at the heart of our development projects, forming cooperative and equal partnerships with local groups around the world to achieve lasting change.



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Subsidiarity

Rather than sending “development experts” to manage projects in the Global South, or Canadian volunteers to work on projects abroad, we support local grassroots organizations.



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**Community
participation**

The local communities in the Global South with whom we work are actively involved in identifying their needs, proposing solutions and implementing new ways of working.



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THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

LOOKING AT THE SYNTHESIS REPORT- DELVING INTO PART I THE EASTERN CHURCHES AND LATIN CHURCH TRADITIONS

PART I – THE FACE OF THE SYNODAL CHURCH

6. The Eastern Churches and Latin Church Traditions



Among the **Eastern Churches** those in full communion with the Successor of Peter enjoy a **liturgical, theological, ecclesiological and canonical distinctiveness** that greatly enriches the whole Church. In particular, their experience of **unity in diversity** can make a valuable contribution to the understanding and practice of **synodality**.



Eastern Churches

Throughout history, the level of **autonomy** granted to these Churches has gone through **different phases**. Some customs and procedures are now considered outdated, such as **Latinization**.



The substantial **migration** of faithful from the Catholic East into Latin-majority territories raises important **pastoral questions**. If the current pattern continues or increases, there may be more members of the Eastern Catholic Churches in diaspora than in canonical territories



The establishment of **Eastern hierarchies** in the countries of immigration is not sufficient to address the problem, but there is a need for the **local Latin-rite Churches**, in the name of synodality, to help the Eastern faithful who have emigrated to preserve their **identity** and cultivate their specific **heritage**, without undergoing processes of assimilation.



In regions where the faithful of different Catholic Churches are present, we need to find **models** that render visible effective forms of **unity in diversity**.



To foster **forms of reception** that respect the heritage of the faithful of the Eastern Churches, we need to **intensify relations** between Eastern clergy in diaspora and Latin clergy to deepen mutual **knowledge and recognition** of the respective **Traditions**