

**August 06, 2017**

**Feast of the  
Transfiguration**



**Summer  
Mass Schedule:**  
Sunday 10:00 a.m.  
(interpreted)

At Masses we  
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10 am:  
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**Looking ahead:**

**The Feast of the  
Ascension is Tuesday,  
August 15. Newman will  
have a Mass in the Allen  
Chapel at noon to  
celebrate the feast.**

God, help me pause today to see  
the dazzling light of your glory.

## RIT Nation

This weekend our Church celebrates the Transfiguration of Christ. It is easy to listen to this gospel story and think of it as another event in the life of Jesus. In today's second reading, we hear Peter's eyewitness account of the transfiguration of Jesus. I love Peter's words from the scripture text, "Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your heart." 2 Peter 1: 19.

Peter is inviting us to be attentive to the truth of his account of being in the presence of Jesus when he was transfigured. Peter is inviting us to be attentive to the truth of the power of Jesus to transfigure/transform those things in our lives that desperately need changing. Peter, through his description of this particular event reminds us, all these years later, to do our best to love God with all our heart and soul and mind—and we too, can be changed. Those behaviors and attitudes we find so difficult to face, the people we find impossible, the goals that seem beyond our reach...with the example before us, we are reminded that we too can be transfigured, transformed into the women and men our God intends for us to be.

As I was praying this week, I found a comforting and inspiring writing by Fr. Thomas Keating. [Think of God in a very big way. And if you do, that's too small! You can't think of anything more wonderful than this God. And you can't figure out anything about God without a special grace.... God is so marvelously good, there is not word for it. So gentle. So considerate. So kind, so tender – so everything marvelous. That is God. And whatever you say is far less than it is. As Paul says, 'It hasn't crossed the imagination of any human being what God has prepared for those who love him.'](#) Thomas Keating, October 2012

Reading this reminded me that God is gentle, and Alice can be gentle. God is considerate, and so can Alice, and so on. Take some time to notice the possibilities—God inviting each of us to be the dazzling light of God's glory...alive and well in each of our days.

Peace friends. Have a good week.

Alice