

## 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

**Fr Callistus Khathali - HOMILY : 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT – C 13 March 2022**

**Luke 9:33**

***Master, it is wonderful for us to be here, so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.***

Our gospel of today (Luke 9:28-36) is about the transfiguration of the Lord. Peter reacted to this event by saying how wonderful it was to be there. Some translations say how good. The goodness of this experience prompted him to express his wish of remaining there, of abiding there, and of for ever staying in that reality.

Let us look at how good or wonderful this experience was. Firstly the ordinary Mount Tabor that they were surely used to was suddenly turned into the Lord's own sanctuary. Psalm 84 that is about the beauty of the Lord's own dwelling place. Even the noble wish of remaining there is expressed in the words "one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" (Psalm 84:10). Peter must have been inspired by this, It is indeed good to ponder the Lord's own beauty and to dwell therein.

The major goodness of the experience was the Lord's own transfiguration. The glory of the Lord was revealed, and his brilliance was beyond words of what this world can produce. The appearance of Moses and Elijah crowned it all. The two main pillars of the Old Testament were there: Law represented by Moses, and Prophets represented by Elijah. Jesus came not to abolish the Law but to fulfill it, and the prophets foretold his coming, while calling people to be faithful to the covenant God made with their ancestors. What therefore made this experience good was that it had all the ingredients of the Lord's revelation.

Jesus seems not to have even paid slightest attention to this noble request of Peter. They had to come down from that experience and face their daily challenges, the culmination thereof was the suffering and death of their Lord. The Lord's own glory was to be revealed to them at a much later stage. The transfiguration was the foretaste of the glory that was to be revealed. Prior to that they were to face the day to day challenges of following Christ.

I am sure that we too have had our little transfiguration experiences that are usually very short lived, experiences that appear to be too good to be true. Our call today is to realize that the fullness of the Lord's own glory is yet to be revealed. Let us ponder on those good moments that the Lord gives us, let those moments prepare us for the glory that is yet to be revealed.

***May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.***

***I will meditate on the Glorious Mysteries as I pray for your personal intentions.  
Have a wonderful Sunday.***

*Fr Callistus*