

## **HOLY SPIRIT PARISH**

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#### **Our Mission Statement**

Inspired by the Holy Spirit we are a Eucharistic community called by God

To share the love of Jesus Christ and create a welcoming parish of renewal and mission.



August 6, 2023 | Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

#### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to "transform into something more beautiful or elevated." This is what we see happening in Matthew's Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God's promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, "Listen to him." That's a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

#### GO EVANGELIZE

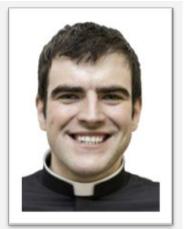
#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, "You will do well to be attentive to it" and then compares doing so to being "a lamp shining in a dark place." The world today can be a very dark place, but we don't have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus' example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the "day will dawn." When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God's kingdom.

**PRAY** This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord's Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.

We are pleased to welcome our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Greg Smith-Windsor.

Fr. Greg is also the Pastor of St. Aloysius Parish, Allan; St. Mary's Parish, Colonsay; St. Alphonse Parish, Viscount, and will continue to pursue further studies.



#### **Mass Times**

**Saturday** 5 pm **Sunday** 10 am, 12 noon, 7 pm Weekdays, Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am

#### Confessions

Saturdays 11 am - 12 noon or by appointment.

#### **Adoration**

Fridays, 9 am - 12 pm Sundays, 1 - 4 pm Wednesday Adoration will resume in September



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#### Sunday, Aug 06, 2023

#### Improve your vision

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). "As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."

#### Monday, Aug 07, 2023

#### May your faith ripen sweetly

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). "They all ate and were satisfied."

#### Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023

#### For want of a better word

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "Dominique." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). "Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."

#### Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023

#### The awful truth

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). "We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."

#### **Thursday, Aug 10, 2023**

#### Where's your treasure?

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR
TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).
"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this
world will preserve it for eternal life."

#### Friday, Aug 11, 2023

#### Love takes its toll

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

#### Saturday, Aug 12, 2023

#### Youthful endeavors

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."

#### Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

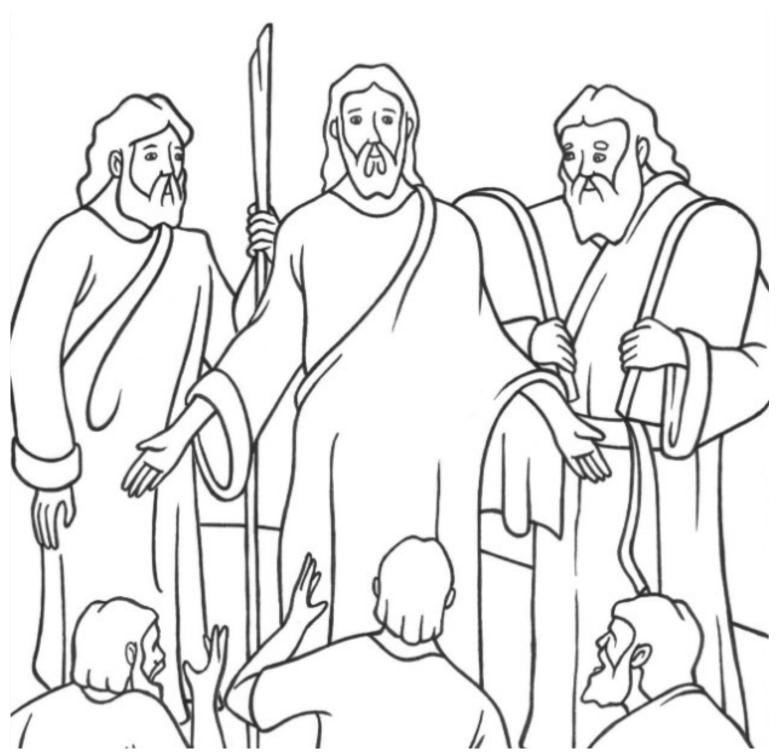


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#### **Family Connection**

Every family has special moments that they remember and share. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of the events develops and deepens over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' Death and Resurrection. As Peter, James, and John reflected on the event and told other believers about the Transfiguration, their own faith deepened. Because Matthew, Mark, and Luke recorded the account of the Transfiguration in their writings, we too can deepen our faith in Jesus, the Son of God and our Savior.

Gather as a family and think about some special memories that your family recalls over and over again. Talk about why these moments are important to you. Remember that in the Bible we find many important stories about Jesus. They have been recorded so that we too can learn about him and his teachings, so that we too can come to know and love Jesus, God's beloved Son. Read today's Gospel, Matthew 17:1–9. Discuss as a family how Jesus fulfills the promises that God made to Israel and how God glorified Jesus after the Resurrection. Talk about your family and the promises you have made to one another. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer so that as a family you continue to grow in faithfulness to one another and to your heavenly Father.



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- 3. Parish Offertory: <a href="https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/">https://dscf.ca/parish-offertory/</a>
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## **Diocesan Bulletin**

August 2023 - Summer Edition

In all things we are rooted in Christ, in His desire to bring God's love to all peoples.

## **Upcoming Events**

African-Canadian Catholic Community monthly Mass is held at St. Michael Parish, 18-33rd St. E. Saskatoon, with the next celebrations at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6 and Sunday, Sept. 3. (Mass is in English, featuring liturgical music in many African languages with traditional drums).

Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle includes adoration, the rosary, benediction, hymns and various prayers, 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3 and Thursday, Aug. 31 at St. Michael Catholic Church, #18-33rd St. E., Saskatoon. A Diocesan Cenacle of Prayer will also be held at 3 pm. Wednesday, Aug. 9 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent, Saskatoon. For more information contact Edna at (306) 382-1680.

Knights of Columbus Brothers' Keepers Men's Breakfast will be held 7 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Queen's House, 601 Taylor Street West, Saskatoon. Call Brendan Bitz to register: (306) 242-1916, Extension 225.

Garage Sale Donations - St. Mary Catholic Church in Saskatoon is seeking donations of clean, small saleable household items (no clothes or footwear) in good condition for the St. Mary fund-raising Garage Sale to be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18 and 19 at the parish hall, 211 Avenue O South and 20th Street West, Saskatoon. Please drop off donated items Aug. 8 to 17 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the north door of the hall, or arrange for pick-up of items between Aug. 8 to 17, by calling (306) 244-2983 during parish office hours of 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Monday to Thursday.

Grow Hope Saskatchewan Field Day will be held as part of the Bruno Cherry Festival (www.cherrysunday.ca) Sunday, Aug. 13. There will be a booth set up to celebrate the growing season and provide opportunities to learn more about the work being done abroad, as well as an opportunity to meet one of the Grow Hope farming families in the Bruno area. With donors' financial support to cover input costs, local farmers grow crops for sale and give proceeds to Canadian Foodgrains Bank to fight hunger through emergency food relief, support for young mothers, and local agricultural projects. Donations of any amount are welcome. See www.growhopesk.ca/donate or contact Mike LeBlanc at (306) 205-2334 or Myron Rogal at mrogal@rcdos.ca.

Saskatoon Filipino Catholic Community monthly Mass will be held 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Cr. E., Saskatoon. All are welcome.



#### Icon of the Sacred Heart 2017 written by Andre J. Prevost in collaboration with Romeo Crow Chief of Siksika Nation.

# Indigenous Pastoral & Lay Leader Ministry Education

Course 4: Introduction to Reconciliation: The Church and Indigenous Peoples
Sept. 26 to Nov. 21

4:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays

Offered online

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Cost: \$200 per course (some funding assistance available)

No pre-requisite necessary to take Course 4.

Those completing all four courses will earn a ministry certificate.

Video Introduction and Registration: rcdos.ca/indigenous-ministry-education

Rama Pilgrimage will be held Aug. 14-15 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, located at St. Anthony Church, 104-1st St. N., Rama, SK. beginning at 3 p.m. Aug. 14 (Mass at 8 p.m. with Archbishop Donald Bolen) and continuing from 8:30 a.m. to noon Aug. 15 with Mass in Polish, Divine Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite and Mass in English with anointing of the sick, etc. Find more information at www.Ramashrine.ca

#### Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

will be celebrated **Aug. 15** at the St. Laurent pilgrimage site north of Saskatoon, with priests available for confessions 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Eucharistic adoration from 6:30 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.; praying of the Rosary at 7 p.m.; and outdoor Mass at 7:30 p.m. followed by candlelight procession. Find more information: www.padiocese.ca/st-laurent-shrine or phone (306) 467-2057.

**Temporary Vows** – Please pray for Sr. Micheline Thibault, formerly of our diocese, who will make her temporary profession of vows with the Queenship of Mary community in Ottawa on the Feast of the Assumption, **Aug. 15**, **2023**. Livestream starting at 5 p.m. Saskatchewan time will be available on the Queenship of Mary website at www.queenshipofmary.ca/multimedia/vows.

**Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity** is a two-year ecumenical program on Zoom, created by Fr. Ron Rolheiser OMI, grounded in the mystical Christian tradition, designed for those seeking to engage in their maturing years with wisdom and grace. Registration deadline is **Sept. 1**. For more info and application form, see: growinginwisdom.ca.

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## **Message Board**

From Mourning to Dawn is a diocesan grief support program for widows and widowers. It is an eight-week journey of transformation and healing, offering support encouragement for bereaved spouses, led by those who have also experienced this loss. From Mourning to Dawn is open to participants who have been widows or widowers from between two months to two years. From Mourning to Dawn will again be offered in the diocese starting in mid-September. Two sessions will be offered - one held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, at the Cathedral of the Holy Family, 123 Nelson Rd, Saskatoon and the second held at Saint Anne Parish, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon. (The day and time of sessions will be arranged jointly by facilitators and participants.) Cost: \$35. Contact Dianna Knaus: dknaus@sasktel.net or (306) 382-0535.

Employment opportunity – St. Augustine Catholic Church in Saskatoon is seeking a part-time Youth Minister to provide ministry programs to the parish community's children, youth, and families, including ministry to St. Augustine Catholic School and providing parish events for children and youth from kindergarten to Grade 8. Applicants must provide a cover letter, resumé, and contact information for their pastor and two additional references by email to jfarthing@rcdos.ca. Upon receipt, the parish will send the job description and a link to an application form. (Application is considered complete when the parish receives the completed application form.) Application deadline is **Aug. 15.** For more information contact Jeff Farthing or Jackie St. Pierre at (306) 373-3453.

BLD Marriage Enrichment Sept. 1-3: "Open in Spirit to God" (OSG) will be presented by the Bukás Loób sa Diyós (BLD) prayer group 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 1, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 2, and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 3 at St. Paul Co-Cathedral, 720 Spadina Crescent East, Saskatoon. Spiritual director is Fr. Denis Phaneuf assisted by BLD facilitators from Vancouver. Cost: \$150 per couple (includes meals and materials). For more information or to register, contact Clint and Richie Elimanco (306) 974-2072 or (306) 880-5051; or Sr. Marlene (Pinky) Aquino, MACE, (306) 202-8094. Registration forms are also available at St. Paul Co-Cathedral Office, or by e-mailing parish@stpaulcocathedral.com

Masters of Religious Education - Are you a Catholic teacher or school administrator who wants to deepen your faith and increase your earning potential at the same time? A new Saskatchewan cohort of Newman Theological College's Masters of Religious Education (MRE) is set to begin in September 2023 (classes can be attended virtually) and is designed to fit the schedules of working teachers. The degree consists of 10 courses (plus four field ed projects) in just over three years. Professional Development support is available through your Catholic school board. Contact Dr. Brett Salkeld at brett.salkeld@newman.edu or (306) 721-6722.



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## Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program

The diocesan Sts. Benedict and Scholastica Formation Program is now accepting applications for both men and women for 2023-2024. This program aims to form young adult Catholics in pursuing holiness while living in the world. It consists of academic formation, which is provided through Saint Thomas More College at the University of Saskatchewan, in conjunction with spiritual, human, and pastoral formation provided through community living, prayer, and training in a house of formation. This program may be a period of vocation preparation and discernment and preparation for priesthood, religious life, or any form of lay vocation and ministry. Please check the diocesan website for further details: rcdos.ca/sts-benedict-and-scholastica.

Contact Fr. Daniel Yasinski at dyasinski@rcdos.ca or Sr. Malou Tibayan at mtibayan@rcdos.ca

Palliative Care Resource - The Catholic Bishops of Canada have created "Horizons of Hope: A Toolkit for Catholic Parishes on Palliative Care," a four-module workshop to empower and educate parishioners and address questions about palliative care, dying, death, suffering, and bereavement. Each module includes Catholic moral and pastoral theology and medical expertise through video presentations. The goal is for this workshop to be presented in every parish community across Canada. Parishes, Catholic Women's League or Knights of Columbus councils, or anyone else interested is invited to contact diocesan Coordinator of Hospital Chaplaincy Jacqueline Saretsky at jsaretsky@rcdos.ca or (306) 659-5839. For more information, visit the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) website: www.cccb.ca.

**Diocesan Prayer** - We pray as a diocesan family for all undergoing change and transition. We pray especially for clergy who have started new pastoral assignments across the diocese, and for their parish communities, past and present; may all be blessed with a spirit of welcome, collaboration and zeal in the days and weeks ahead.

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# Bringing Home the Word +

The Transfiguration of the Lord (A)
August 6, 2023

## Resurrection Eyes

Paige Byrne Shortal

Who really changed? Jesus the Christ, the Messiah, the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, the One who was at the beginning of time and who will be at the end? Or was the change in Peter, James, and John?

I can imagine Jesus walking along the dusty roads of Palestine, shining like the sun, maybe conversing with a long-dead prophet or two. Folks didn't notice. He looked ordinary, just the carpenter's son.

I figure what could have happened up on that mountain is that the eyes of

### **Sunday Readings**

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14

Know, then, that the LORD, your God, is God: the faithful God who keeps covenant mercy to the thousandth generation toward those who love him and keep his commandments.

#### 2 Peter 1:16-19

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.

#### Matthew 17:1-9

Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." the disciples were opened to the way Jesus was all the time. They were given a glimpse of a deeper reality. For just a moment they were given Resurrection Eyes.

I think it could have happened like that, because...well, it's happened to me. Sometimes it's when my choir sings. We ordinary, lumpy people begin to glow; our eyes full of light, our faces bright with the joy of harmony.

I've watched people process to holy Communion and they become softer and vulnerable. And the faces of those who come forward to venerate the cross on Good Friday...those faces could break your heart.

Transfiguration is what happens when a baby is brought into the room. It's like falling in love; the arguing couple who kiss and make up; or feuding neighbors who forgive each other; or enemies who finally shake hands in peace.

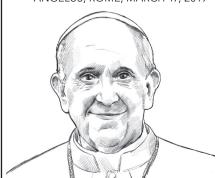
We need Resurrection Eyes. We need to see others and ourselves as God sees us—shining like the sun and full of light. Perhaps it will happen if we heed the voice from the cloud: "This is my beloved Son...listen to him." #



## A Word from Pope Francis

Prayer in Christ and in the Holy Spirit transforms the person from the inside and can illuminate others and the surrounding world. How often have we found people who illuminate, who exude light from their eyes, who have that luminous gaze! They pray, and prayer does this: it makes us luminous with the light of the Holy Spirit.

ANGELUS, ROME, MARCH 17, 2019



## REFLECTIONS OUESTIONS MEETIONS

- Can you imagine seeing yourself and other people as God sees?
- What looks different?

## Would I Have Known Him?

Daniel P. Horan, OFM

T have been surprised to encounter a number of people over the years who share that they've stopped going to Mass or participating in the sacramental life of the Church because they felt unworthy to do so. For some reason they came to believe that the sacraments were only for the righteous, the sinless in the eyes of God, the saints. Whether by their own accord or on account of what another person said to them, these individuals announced with no sense of false humility that they were not worthy for the Lord to enter into their lives, so they would save Christ the trouble of rejecting them by, in practice if not by intention, rejecting him first.

No one is worthy to receive the gifts God has given to us...yet the generosity of God's love, mercy, and forgiveness exceeds our imagining. The barrier we face in inviting Jesus into our lives isn't that he would never come, it's that we are too often afraid or ashamed to ask.



I wonder whether I would have really recognized Jesus for who he was if I were around during his earthly ministry. Likewise, even as a Franciscan friar today, I have my doubts about whether I would have joined St. Francis of Assisi in the thirteenth century or whether I would have—like many of his peers—simply thought he was crazy and kept my distance from him.

I find these thoughts both comforting and unsettling. They're comforting in that I know there were many people at both times who had this experience of doubt or outright lacked the ability to recognize how God was at work before them. We see that implied in Jesus' words to his disciples in Luke's Gospel. Their eyes are blessed because they are seeing what has long been expected, that for which so many people longed to see. And still they so often didn't get it. Even the disciples deny, betray, and abandon him. They sometimes mistake Jesus for a civil or military leader. They seek positions of influence or power. They exclude others from drawing near.

These thoughts are also unsettling because we know so much more than those early followers....We should know better. I should know better. And I should follow Jesus without reservations. How slow I can be to trust God. #

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#### A Revelation:

#### From a Commemorative Marker in Louisville, Kentucky

"In Louisville, at the corner of Fourth and Walnut, in the center of the shopping district, I was suddenly overwhelmed with the realization that I loved all those people, that they were mine and I theirs, that we could not be alien to one another even though we were total strangers....

There is no way of telling people that they are all walking around shining like the sun."

From Thomas Merton's Conjectures of a Guilty Bystander



For the grace of open eyes, that we may see the face of God in each person we meet this day and God's will in each task set before us. Amen.

The Redemptorists

#### WEEKDAY READINGS

August 7-13

Monday, Weekday: Nm 11:4b–15 / Mt 14:13–21 Tuesday, St. Dominic: Nm 12:1–13 / Mt 14:22–36 or 15:1–2, 10–14

Wednesday, Weekday: Nm 13:1–2, 25—14:1, 26–29a, 34–35 / Mt 15:21–28

**Thursday,** St. Lawrence: 2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26 **Friday,** St. Clare:

Dt 4:32-40 / Mt 16:24-28

**Saturday,** Weekday: Dt 6:4–13 / Mt 17:14–20



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