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“After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them” (Mark 9:2).

We find a peculiar description in this week’s gospel recounting the scene of the transfiguration. We hear that “Jesus took Peter, James, and John” with Him and “led them up a high mountain apart by themselves” (Mark 9:2). What is interesting is that they climb the mountain together and yet they are described as being “apart by themselves”. The moment of the Transfiguration in the gospels has often been described by Pope Benedict XVI as a “prayer event” (Jesus of Nazareth, p.310); and the Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, “Jesus often draws apart to pray in solitude, on a mountain … He includes all men in his prayer” (CCC 2602). The details Mark uses to describe the ascent where the apostles with Jesus are together and yet “apart by themselves” makes more sense when seen from this view. This seemingly insignificant phrase shows us that to encounter Jesus in the transfiguration we must also be apart by ourselves and find solitude.

Mingled in the subtlety of the words is the principle that the solitude needed for prayer is not isolation. The apostles are with Jesus in this event and they are near one another as well; they are close to Christ and therefore closer to one another. Often we get the terms isolation and solitude mixed up. The absence of others in activity is not solitude. Watching shows, scrolling through social media, or playing video games, while possibly being enjoyable and not evil in themselves, fit more in the category of isolation. As John Mark Comer appropriately defines it, “Solitude is engagement; isolation is escape” (The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry p.134). To be in solitude, as we see in the Gospel, does not mean to be completely alone but “to be” with Jesus and to rest in His presence and His love. The solitude in which we pray is in many ways an imitation of Elijah and Moses in the scene who were “conversing with Jesus” (Mark 9:4). Coming into this dialogue with Jesus requires that we first take time to slow down and become aware of the presence of God who is with us “at every time and in every place” (CCC 1).

Then, shrouded in the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the voice of God the Father like lightning struck the heart of the apostles with such thunder that it reverberates down to us today with the words, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him” (Mark 9:7). At some point, we too ought to allow these words to strike us to stillness so that we can look up and peer above the frenetic activity that we inevitably allow ourselves to be swept into, and in solitude allow our mind, our body, our breath, our heart, our vision and the sole activity of our entire being to abide with “Jesus alone” (Mark 9:8). One of the most powerfully unique displays of glory in the Gospels is the Transfiguration. At the pinnacle of the Transfiguration, Jesus opens to His disciples access to the elevation of His prayer with the Father, and shows them where His strength comes from. This revelation is an invitation for us to take time to rise above the hectic speed of the day and enter into time with God. Here in this breathtaking experience, Peter, James, and John were shown the incredible power that comes from being “apart by themselves” in solitude with Jesus.

PRACTICE

This week, take time to be alone with Jesus. There are many ways to practice solitude: observe silence as you drive, don't look at your phone when you are eating, listen to a piece of music intentionally, eliminate all unnecessary multitasking.

So many times we think that we need to work hard, do more, speed things up. Perhaps God is actually asking us to pray intentionally, do less, and slow things down. St. Paul asks, "Will he not also give us everything else along with him?" (Romans 8:32). We must ask ourselves this question: if we seek the presence of God in solitude, will He not give us Himself but also many other things as well?

Solitude can seem very daunting at first - it can certainly be a sacrifice. God calls us to be ready to make this sacrifice, just as He asked Abraham to be prepared to sacrifice his son. We can know from the sacrifice of Abraham that although God asks us to make challenging sacrifices, He will be with us, and He will provide what we need.

Let us remember that we are human beings, not human "doings". Peter wanted to do something, instead of engaging with what God was doing. Let's spend time with Jesus in solitude and disengage from the busy world for a moment in order to re-engage with what God is doing in our lives. Perhaps this time alone with Jesus will allow us to remember that we are His beloved child with whom He is well pleased.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

+ What stands out to you from the readings this week? What might God be speaking to you at this time?
+ Were you able to examine your conscience and perhaps receive Reconciliation? If not, when might you be able to receive Reconciliation this Lent?
+ We know that when Elijah and Moses appeared, they were "conversing with Jesus" (Mark 9:4). What do you think they were talking about?
+ Why do you think solitude is so difficult especially in our times?
+ Our last pre-pandemic Mass was this day in 2020. How has this time been for you: have you cultivated a fruitful solitude during this year? How can you begin or continue to have fruitful solitude in your life?
+ What do we value more than the Lord? Abraham was willing to sacrifice his beloved son - what are we willing to sacrifice? Are we more like Peter who wants to stay on the mountain? Where do we choose comfort and what is easy over the Lord?
+ Fasting is one of the ways we can sacrifice. On March 3 we will be talking about fasting in depth - a perfect topic for Lent! Would you be willing and able to join us either in person or online for Cultivate at 7 pm Wednesday March 3?

Are We Still Doing RCIA?

This is the first in a series of three articles on the Christian Initiation process at St. Ann.

Yes, we are, but with some recent changes that we are excited to share with you.

What is RCIA

RCIA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. It is a ritual process for those who are unbaptized (uninitiated). RCIA is all about introducing someone to the person of Jesus Christ, followed by an experience of initial conversion leading to a full conversion with Christ. He/she is welcomed into the community of believers where he/she is apprenticed into a christian lifestyle centered on worship, the word, community and service/mission. This process can take one or more years. When ready, he/she is received with the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and eucharist.

For those already baptised (Christian and Catholic), we have a sacramental formation process. This process helps to define where these candidates are on their faith journey and develop a pathway for them to be welcomed into full communion of the Catholic Church or if already Catholic to complete their sacraments of initiation.

Moving Away from Classroom Model

The recent release of the revised edition of the *Directory For Catechesis* by the Vatican (Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization) *has us moving away from the traditional classroom model to a community-based accompaniment and apprenticeship approach*. The *Directory for Catechesis* (written for pastors, clergy, directors of formation, and catechists) calls us to walk closely with those seeking Jesus in the sacraments.The parish community meets those seekers wanting to know more about God, his Son Jesus, the Church, and the foundations of our faith. This accompaniment takes place through trained parishioners, members of parish Connect Groups, and all of you, who are part of the St. Ann faith community and the real-life examples of how we live out our faith.

Embracing a Year-Round Process

We have updated the Christian Initiation and sacrament formation processes to a year-round model - rather than based on a ministry year calendar with a fixed beginning and end. In this year-round process, seekers and Catholics desiring to complete their Sacraments of Initiation (typically the Sacrament of Confirmation) are met where they are at in their life journey, and through a series of conversations, are provided with a formation process tailored to their needs. This allows them to learn the aspects of our faith needed to complete their sacramental preparation at a pace that fits their lifestyle and spiritual growth.

In part two of our three-part series on the Christian Initiation process, we will detail how the year-round process works. Until then, let everyone know that Christian Initiation is continuing at St. Ann. If you have questions or want to put someone in touch with the Christian Initiation team, please feel free to contact our Coordinator of Christian Initiation, Jackie Scofield. She can be reached at 972-304-8545 x9401 or jscofield@stannparish.org.

If you are interested in learning more about RCIA and the documents of the church that have shaped our vision for Christian Initiation at St. Ann, here are a few suggestions:

+ Book: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
+ Book: Directory For Catechesis from Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization
+ Book: The Parish as the Curriculum: RCIA in the midst of Community
+ Blogs on www.teamrcia.com. Search for blogs “Why No One Should Join the RCIA” or “Rethinking the Core Catholic Content”
+ Diocese of Dallas on Becoming Catholic: https://www.cathdal.org/Becoming_Catholic

Worship

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Monday **1**	7 AM | Armand Gutierrez 12 PM | Gloria Mathew	Tuesday **2**	7 AM | John Gutierrez 12 PM | Jerome Mathew
Wednesday **3**	7 AM | Melora Dominic 12 PM | Annie Laurie Clemmons	Thursday **4**	7 AM | Michael Masters 12 PM | Rosalie Getz 6:30 PM | Lia Cano
Friday **5**	7 AM | Albert Legere 12 PM | Jim Courtney 6 PM | Maria Phan-Thi-Hiep	Saturday **6**	8 AM | Terry Hanlon 5 PM | Paul Bladl
Sunday **7**	8 AM | John Schott 10 AM | Paul Frederick 12 PM | Members of the Parish	2 PM | Florentino Mendez Hijo 4:30 PM | Cheryl Carpenter 7 PM | Agustin Rocha Rivera	

Adoration & Confession

Adoration Times:

Every Monday and Friday from 9 AM - 12 PM, and every Wednesday from 5 PM - 8 PM, in the Assembly Room across the courtyard from the Main Church, we will have exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for adoration. To make this possible, we ask that everyone observe social distancing, and that you bring and wear a mask. The chairs will be spaced at an appropriate distance and cleaned after each use.

Confession Times:

Confessions will take place in a socially distant manner in the Church. Masks are strongly encouraged.

Monday, Wednesday, & Friday: 12 PM – 1 PM

Tuesday: 7 PM – 8:30 PM

Saturdays: 8 AM – 10 AM

Parish Prayer Intentions

+ Gabriel Marquez
+ Jose M Lucio
+ Ya-thip Pong-thorn-purt
+ Nichole Tucker
+ Modesta Rubio
+ Jose Vasquez
+ Ivy Sam
+ Mark Kahling Charli Harrison
+ Anne Shelton Puente
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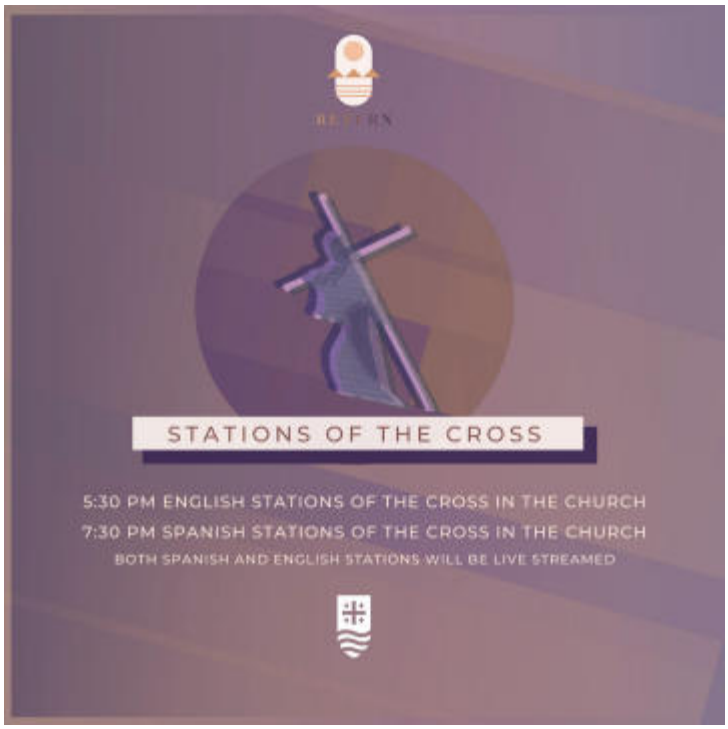

Do you need to refuel or reboot your faith life? Feeling stagnant in your walk with Jesus?

We want to pour into you! Providing you the opportunity to gather as a community for worship, prayer, and a speaker and help us grow in our relationship with Jesus.

Our next Cultivate is on Wednesday, March 3 from 7-8:30 PM where Fr. Paul will be teaching on Fasting.

Altar Server Training

New Altar Server Training: Youth 11-18 interested in serving at Mass. Sacraments required: baptism, reconciliation & Eucharist. Meet at Welcome Desk. 7:00-8:45 pm on Monday, 3/1. Parents required to attend short meeting. Registration required: marye222@verizon.net or call Mary Hicks at 214-985-9676 for questions.

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Need help?

We are excited to announce a new ministry, the CCD (Catholic Charities Dallas) Food Ministry at St Ann! The Catholic Charities Mobile Food Pantry will be at St. Ann the second Wednesday of every month from 1:00 - 2:30p, beginning Wednesday March 10th. Fresh produce and other food items will be distributed. Diapers will also be available for distribution. There is no need to register! Simply come to the St. Ann parking lot. Please stay in your car and volunteers will direct you. Masks are required. Any family in need is eligible to receive this service.

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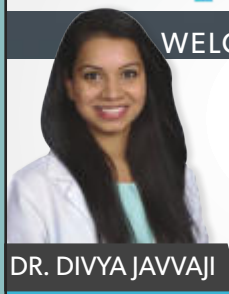

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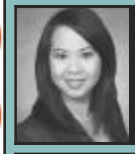

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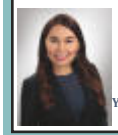

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Estamos emocionados de anunciar una nueva oportunidad para crecer en nuestra parroquia. Cultivar son oportunidades mensuales para reunirnos como comunidad para adorar, orar y predicar y ayudarnos a crecer en nuestra amistad con Jesús. Acompáñenos el 10 de Marzo aquí en la Iglesia o en línea a las 7 PM.

Culto

Tiempos y Intenciones de la Misa

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Domingo **7**	8 AM | John Schott 10 AM | Paul Frederick 12 PM | Miembros de la Parroquia	2 PM | Florentino Mendez Hijo 4:30 PM | Cheryl Carpenter 7 PM | Agustin Rocha Rivera	

Adoración y Confesiones

Horario de Adoración:

Adoración: Lunes y Vierne,: 9 AM – 12 PM; Miércoles de 5 PM – 8 PM

La adoración tomará lugar en el Salon de Asambleas cruzando el patio de la Iglesia Principal, tendremos una exposición del Santísimo Sacramento. Para que esto sea posible, pedimos que todos observen el distanciamiento social y que usen una mascarilla. Las sillas se colocarán a una distancia adecuada y se limpiarán después de cada uso.

Horario de Confesiones:

Las confesiones se llevaran acabo de una manera socialmente distante en la iglesia. Le pedimos que use cubre boca.

Lunes, Miércoles, y Viernes: 12 PM – 1 PM
Martes: 7 PM – 8:30 PM
Sábado: 8 AM – 10 AM

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+ Gabriel Marquez
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¿Todavía tenemos RICA?

Este es el primer artículo de una serie de tres artículos sobre el proceso de iniciación cristiana en Sta. Ana.

¡Sí tenemos RICA! Pero hemos realizado algunos cambios recientes que queremos compartir con ustedes.

¿Que es RICA?

RICA significa Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos. Es un proceso ritual para aquellos que no están bautizados (no iniciados). RICA se trata de presentarle a una persona interesada la persona de Jesucristo, seguido de una experiencia de conversión inicial que conduce a una conversión completa en Cristo. La persona es bienvenida a la comunidad de creyentes donde se le enseña un estilo de vida cristiano centrado en la adoración, la palabra, la comunidad y el servicio/misión. Este proceso puede tardar uno o más años. Cuando la persona esté lista, será recibida con los sacramentos del bautismo, la confirmación y la eucaristía.

Para los ya (cristianos y católicos) bautizados, tenemos un proceso de formación sacramental. Este proceso ayuda a definir dónde se encuentran estos candidatos en su camino de fe y desarrollar un camino para que sean bienvenidos en la plena comunión de la Iglesia Católica o si ya son católicos para completar sus sacramentos de iniciación.

Alejándose del modelo de clases

El reciente lanzamiento de la edición revisada del Directorio para la catequesis del Vaticano (Consejo Pontificio para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización) nos ha alejado del modelo tradicional de clases hacia un enfoque de acompañamiento y aprendizaje basado en la comunidad. El Directorio para la Catequesis (escrito para pastores, clérigos, directores de formación y catequistas) nos llama a caminar junto con aquellos que buscan a Jesús en los sacramentos La comunidad parroquial se encuentra con aquellos buscadores que quieren saber más sobre Dios, su Hijo Jesús, la Iglesia y los cimientos de nuestra fe. Este acompañamiento se lleva a cabo a través de feligreses capacitados, miembros de los Grupos de Conexión de la parroquia y todos ustedes, que son parte de la comunidad de fe de Sta. Ana y con los ejemplos de la vida real de cómo vivimos nuestra fe.

Adoptando un proceso durante todo el año

Hemos actualizado los procesos de iniciación cristiana y formación sacramental a un modelo que se lleva a cabo durante todo el año, en lugar de basarnos en un calendario ministerial con un comienzo y un final fijo. En este nuevo proceso, a los investigadores y aquellos católicos que desean completar sus sacramentos de iniciación (típicamente el sacramento de la confirmación) los encontraremos en la jornada de vida en que estén y, a través de una serie de conversaciones, se les proporcionará un proceso de formación diseñado para sus necesidades. Esto les permite aprender los aspectos de nuestra fe necesarios para completar su preparación sacramental a un ritmo que se adapte a su estilo de vida y crecimiento espiritual.

En la segunda parte de nuestra serie sobre el proceso de iniciación cristiana, detallaremos cómo funciona el proceso durante todo el año. Hasta entonces, di a los demás que el proceso de Iniciación Cristiana continúa en Sta. Ana. Si tiene preguntas o desea poner a alguien en contacto con el equipo de Iniciación Cristiana, no dude en comunicarse con nuestra asistente de Iniciación Cristiana, Chusi Gehrlein. Puede comunicarse con Chusi al 972-393-5544 ext. 1862 o cgehrlein@stannparish.org.

Si está interesado en aprender más sobre RICA y los documentos de la iglesia que han dado forma a nuestra visión de la Iniciación Cristiana en Sta. Ana, aquí hay algunas sugerencias:

+ Libro: El rito de la iniciación cristiana de adultos (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)
+ Libro: Directorio para la catequesis del Pontificio Consejo para la Promoción de la Nueva Evangelización (Directory For Catechesis from Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization)
+ Libro: La parroquia como el currículo: RICA en medio de la comunidad (The Parish as the Curriculum: RCIA in the midst of Community)
+ Blogs en www.teamrcia.com. Busque blogs “Por qué nadie debería unirse a RICA” o “Repensar el contenido católico básico” (“Why No One Should Join the RCIA” or “Rethinking the Core Catholic Content”)
+ Diócesis de Dallas sobre convertirse en católico: https://www.cathdal.org/Becoming_Catholic (Diocese of Dallas on Becoming Catholic: https://www.cathdal.org/Becoming_Catholic)

PRACTICA

Esta semana, tome un tiempo para estar a solas con Jesús. Hay muchas formas de practicar la soledad: observe el silencio mientras conduce, no mire su teléfono cuando esté comiendo, escuche una pieza musical intencionalmente, evita hacer varias tareas a la vez innecesaria.

Muchas veces pensamos que tenemos que trabajar duro, hacer más, acelerar las cosas. Quizás Dios realmente nos está pidiendo que oremos intencionalmente, hagamos menos y hagamos las cosas más lentas. San Pablo pregunta: "¿cómo no va a estar dispuesto a dárnoslo todo, junto con su Hijo?" (Ro 8,32). Debemos hacernos esta pregunta: si buscamos la presencia de Dios en la soledad, ¿no se dará Él a sí mismo sino también muchas otras cosas?

La soledad puede parecer muy abrumadora al principio; sin duda, puede ser un sacrificio. Dios nos llama a estar listos para hacer este sacrificio, así como le pidió a Abraham que estuviera preparado para sacrificar a su hijo. Podemos saber por el sacrificio de Abraham que aunque Dios nos pide que hagamos sacrificios dificiles, Él estará con nosotros y proveerá lo que necesitamos.

Recordemos que somos seres humanos, no "acciones" humanas. Pedro quería hacer algo, en lugar de comprometerse con lo que Dios estaba haciendo. Pasemos tiempo con Jesús en soledad y desconectemos del mundo ajetreado por un momento para volver a conectarnos con las cosas que Dios está haciendo en nuestras vidas. Quizás este tiempo a solas con Jesús nos permita recordar que somos Su hijo amado con quien Él está muy complacido.

PREGUNTAS PARA DISCUSION

+ ¿Qué le llamo la atención de las lecturas de esta semana? ¿Qué le podría estar diciendo Dios en este momento?
+ ¿Pudo hacer un examen de conciencia y quizás ir a confesarse? Si no, ¿cuándo podría ir a hacer su confesion en esta Cuaresma?
+ Sabemos que cuando aparecieron Elías y Moisés, estaban "conversando con Jesús" (Mc 9,4). ¿De qué cree que estaban hablando?
+ ¿Por qué cree que es tan difícil estar en soledad, especialmente en estos tiempos?
+ Nuestra última Misa pre-pandémia fue este día en el 2020. ¿Cómo ha sido este tiempo para usted? ¿Ha cultivado una soledad fructífera durante este año? ¿Cómo puede empezar o seguir llevando una soledad fructífera en su vida?
+ ¿Qué valoramos más que el Señor? Abraham estaba dispuesto a sacrificar a su amado hijo, ¿qué estamos dispuestos a sacrificar nosotros? ¿Nos parecemos más a Pedro que quiere quedarse en la montaña? ¿Cuando elegimos la comodidad y lo que es fácil antes que al Señor?
+ El ayuno es una de las formas en que podemos sacrificarnos. El 10 de marzo hablaremos en profundidad sobre el ayuno, ¡un tema perfecto para la Cuaresma! ¿Estaría dispuesto y podría acompanarnos a Cultivar en persona o en línea a las 7 pm el miércoles 10 de marzo?

“En aquel tiempo, Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia” (Mc 9,2).

Encontramos una descripción peculiar en el evangelio de esta semana que relata la escena de la transfiguración. Escuchamos que “Jesús tomó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan y subió con ellos a un monte alto” (Mc 9,2). Lo interesante es que escalan el monte juntos y, sin embargo, el evangelio menciona que Jesús los “tomó aparte”. El momento de la Transfiguración en los evangelios ha sido descrito por el Papa Benedicto XVI como un “evento de oración” (Jesús de Nazaret, p.310); y el Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica nos dice que, “Jesús se retira con frecuencia a un lugar apartado en la montaña para orar… lleva a los hombres en su oración” (CIC 2602). Los detalles que San Marcos usa para describir el ascenso donde los apóstoles y Jesús están juntos y, a la vez, “aparte” tienen más sentido cuando lo vemos desde este punto de vista. Esta frase aparentemente insignificante nos muestra que para encontrarnos con Jesús en la transfiguración también debemos estar apartados y encontrar la soledad.

Entrelazado en la sutileza de las palabras está el principio de que la soledad necesaria para la oración no es aislamiento. Los apóstoles están con Jesús en este evento y también están cerca unos de los otros; están cerca de Cristo y, por lo tanto, más cerca unos de los otros. A menudo confundimos los términos aislamiento y soledad. La ausencia de otros en actividad no es soledad. Ver la television, sumergirnos en las redes sociales o jugar videojuegos, aunque posiblemente sea agradable y no malo en por sí mismo, encaja más en la categoría de aislamiento. Como lo define apropiadamente John Mark Comer, “La soledad es compromiso; el aislamiento es escape ”(The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry p.134). Estar en soledad, como vemos en el Evangelio, no significa estar completamente solo, sino “estar” con Jesús y descansar en su presencia y su amor. La soledad en la que oramos es en muchos sentidos una imitación de Elías y Moisés en la escena que estaban “conversando con Jesús” (Mc 9,4). Entrar en este diálogo con Jesús requiere que primero nos tomemos un tiempo para calmarnos y tomar conciencia de la presencia de Dios que está con nosotros “en todo tiempo y en todo lugar” (CIC 1).

Despues, envuelto en la nube del Espíritu Santo, la voz de Dios Padre como un rayo impacta el corazón de los apóstoles con tal estruendo que hoy nos resuena con las palabras: “Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo” (Mc 9,7). En algún momento, nosotros también debemos permitir que estas palabras nos impacten hasta llevarnos al silencio para que podamos mirar hacia arriba y mirar por encima de la actividad frenética en la que inevitablemente nos dejamos arrastrar, y en la soledad permitir que nuestra mente, nuestro cuerpo, nuestra respiración. , nuestro corazón, nuestra visión y la única actividad de todo nuestro ser para permanecer con nadie “nadie sino a Jesús” (Mc 9,8). Una de las demostraciones de gloria más poderosas y únicas de los Evangelios es la Transfiguración. En el pináculo de la Transfiguración, Jesús abre a sus discípulos el acceso a la elevación de su oración con el Padre, y les muestra de dónde viene su fuerza. Esta revelación es una invitación para que tomemos tiempo para elevarnos por encima de la agitada velocidad del día y entrar en el tiempo con Dios. Aquí, en esta impresionante experiencia, a Pedro, Santiago y Juan se les mostró el increíble poder que proviene de estar “apartados” en soledad con Jesús.

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