

SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL: JUNE 29

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11 Gospel: Mt 16:13-19 CCC: 172-175

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8,17-18

1. What word, phrase, or sentence strikes you in this reading?
2. What do you find difficult to understand or need clarified?
3.
 - a. What is libation (6)? (*See NAB footnote.*)
 - b. How can you, like Paul, consider your life as a Christian a fight or a race (7)?
 - c. What is the merited crown Paul awaits (8)? (*Compare NAB footnote.*)
4.
 - a. What is "that Day" (8)?
 - b. How can we dispose ourselves to await Jesus' appearance with eager longing (8)?
 - c. Discuss how God's presence can replace loneliness and strengthen us (16-17).
 - d. What brings out the urgency of preaching in our day (17)?
 - e. How can Paul speak of being rescued by God when he is so sure of being put to death (18)?
5. What is the good news for you in this reading and how will you share it with others?

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: AUGUST 6

1st Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9(A), Mk 9:2-10(B), Lk 9:28b-36(C) CCC: 101-108, 131-133

2nd Reading: 2 Pt 1:16-19

1. What word, phrase, or sentence strikes you in this reading?
2. What do you find difficult to understand or need clarified?
3.
 - a. Describe Jesus' coming in power as witnessed by St. Peter (16). (*See Mt 17:1-8.*)
 - b. Discuss the glory and praise given to Jesus by the Father in declaring "This is my beloved Son, on whom my favor rests".
4.
 - a. What do you "hear" (experience) when you are in the company of Jesus (18)?
 - b. What is the prophetic message that is so reliable regarding Jesus' coming in power (19)? (*Compare Lk 1:78; Mt 24:30; Dan 7:9-10, 13-14.*)
 - c. Discuss the meaning of "until the first streaks of dawn appear and the morning star rises in your hearts".
5. What is the good news for you in this reading and how will you share it with others?