

SOLEMNITY OF STS. PETER AND PAUL: JUNE 29

2nd Reading: 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18 Gospel: Mt 16:13-19 CCC: 172-175

1st Reading: Acts 12:1-11

1. What word, phrase, or sentence strikes you in this reading?
2. What do you find difficult to understand or need clarified?
3.
 - a. Which King Herod is this (1)? (See NAB footnote and that of Mt 2:1.)
 - b. What is the Feast of Unleavened Bread (3)? (See NAB footnote, Mk 14:1.) Note how this feast is associated with the Passover.
 - c. Why would Herod want to execute Peter (4)? (See NAB footnote 12:1-19.)
4.
 - a. Describe Peter's imprisonment and the special security under which they had placed him. (4-6).
 - b. Point out the miraculous elements of Peter's angelic deliverance (7-10).
 - c. Discuss the Church's belief in angels (7, 8, 10, 15). (See CCC 328-336.)
 - d. Discuss the power of prayer and how it relates to Peter's deliverance (5).
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

2nd Reading: 2 Pt 1:16-19 Gospel: Mt 17:1-9(A), Mk 9:2-10(B), Lk 9:28b-36(C) CCC: 101-108, 131-133

1st Reading: Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

1. What word, phrase, or sentence strikes you in this reading?
2. What do you find difficult to understand or need clarified?
3.
 - a. Who is the Ancient One (9)? What does his snow bright clothing and white hair tell you about him?
 - c. What is conveyed through situating him in the midst of flames of fire (9-10)? (See NAB footnote.)
 - d. Who were the many thousands ministering to him? (Compare Rev 5:11.)
4.
 - a. Who is the son of man (13)? (See NAB footnote.)
 - b. What does his coming on the clouds signify?
 - c. Why do you think "son of man" was Jesus' favorite title for himself?
 - d. When did Jesus begin to fulfill this prophecy (14)? (Compare Mt 24:30; Lk 24:51; Acts 1:9.)
5. What is the good news for you in this reading and how will you share it with others?