

## ***PASTOR'S DESK – Week of 3/16/14***

When John Paul II introduced a fourth set of Mysteries for the Rosary, he concentrated on the highpoints of his ministerial life where His Mission 'came to light'. Hence, the Luminous Mysteries. This past Tuesday, we shared in a discussion of the role of Mary as a faithful and courageous Disciple who bore Christ into this world and continues to bring us closer to her Son.

The five Mysteries of Light are all tied to His public ministry:

- 1) Jesus' Baptism in the Jordan,
- 2) Jesus' revealing his first miracle at the wedding of Cana,
- 3) His Proclamation of the Kingdom of God,
- 4) His Transfiguration, and
- 5) The Institution of the Eucharist

If we polled people outside of our parish to list these events 'in order of importance', I have no doubt that many would place the Transfiguration on the bottom of their lists. How sad we do not see how these important manifestations of Jesus as connected and important moments where the truth of our Savior emerges and the salvation promised revealed. While we will always hold the name of our churches close to our hearts, I am proud that our parish takes on a name that signifies what John Paul II described as "the mystery of light par excellence." The glory of Jesus' divine nature shines through his humanity while at the same time the appearance of Moses and Elijah reveal that he is the fulfillment of 'the Law' and 'the Prophets'. The Transfiguration roots us in the past, calls us to stand firm in the present, and causes us to envision the future where we too will become dazzling as the light. In our prayers for the deceased we often quote Psalm 36, verse 9: "For with You is the fountain of life; In Your light we shall see light." May we, as a community, be transfigured and allow the light of Christ to change us, without fear and without hesitation. God bless you!

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