

Commentary on the Gospel for Sat, Feb 19th 2022

Catching Mist in a Matchbox

Look at Peter's response at the Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor. "Let us make three tents here." The Church, whose prototypal leader Peter was, has often had this temptation to capture the mystical within the four walls of a building, the eternal temptation to build external edifices to immortalize spiritual experiences. Good intentions, but not the best; for such attempts would be like catching the splendid mist emerging from the Niagara Falls in a little matchbox. When God graciously lets us glimpse his mystery, it is to spark a fire within us, imprint that memory in the sacred chamber of our hearts, and help us descend into the plain realities of everyday life. That inner spark will guide our spirits when dark clouds of Calvary come beckoning us. Hence, "templing" the experience must happen within our souls primarily, and not necessarily in bricks and mortars.

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