



ALL THINGS NEW

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WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

READING

MATTHEW 17:1-8

¹ After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. ³ And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

BRIEF REFLECTION (GIVEN BY LEADER)

EVANGELII NUNTIANDI

PARAGRAPH 18

For the Church, evangelizing means bringing the Good News into all the strata of humanity, and through its influence transforming humanity from within and making it new: "Now I am making the whole of creation new." [46] But there is no new humanity if there are not first of all new persons renewed by Baptism [47] and by lives lived according to the Gospel. [48] The purpose of evangelization is therefore precisely this interior change, and if it had to be expressed in one sentence the best way of stating it would be to say that the Church evangelizes when she seeks to convert, [49] solely through the divine power of the message she proclaims, both the personal and collective consciences of people, the activities in which they engage, and the lives and concrete milieu which are theirs.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION

What is your response to seeing the glory of God revealed?

How can you see the world around you through a spiritual lens?

What parts of humanity is God calling you bring the Good news to?