

Precious Blood Themed Suggestions for Homilies August 2023

August 5/6 Transfiguration of the Lord

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun and his clothes became dazzling white.” (Mt 17:2)

There’s something to be said about getting a glimpse into the future! ---Getting a foretaste of the divine life that will one day be ours! It’s that vision of God’s glory that we want to share with others, for we ourselves will share in God’s glory as part of his mystical body. It’s that vision of the triumph of God over sin and death that should inspire ourselves to be transfigured in a noticeable way, by our outreach in ministry to the marginalized, the outcast, and the sinner who’s lost all hope. Others will be drawn to that witness.

August 12/13 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul’s letter to the Romans today affords us an opportunity to speak about the relationship we have with the Jewish people and the interfaith dimensions of our striving for a more just and peaceful world and a tolerance and deep respect for all world religions. Paul clearly stands for the irrevocable promise of the Jewish nation to salvation, and so should we. Citing Vatican 2’s treatment of the Jewish nation would give added impact.

August 19/20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today’s gospel challenges us to avoid judging others prematurely and with prejudice. It invites us to look deeper, to the person’s faith. It also invites us to be ready for ministry and to act with mercy, even if inconvenient at times.

August 26/27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our gospel challenges us to continue to explore the depths of our faith in Christ more fully. As Precious Blood Missionaries, it may invite us to share with others our own experience of answering that question and how Christ’s redeeming love and precious blood gives us inspiration, at our core, to stand up for the dispossessed, the disenfranchised, the outcast in society and in our churches.