



# INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

## ST. THOMAS AQUINAS ON THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD ON MOUNT TABOR SUMMA THEOLOGÆ, TERTIA PARS, Q. 45, ART. 1 AND 2



Our Lord, after foretelling His Passion to His disciples, had exhorted them to follow the path of His sufferings (Matthew 16:21-24). Now in order that anyone go straight along a road, he must have some knowledge of the end: thus an archer will not shoot the arrow straight unless he first see the target. Hence Thomas said (John 14:5): “Lord, we know not whither Thou goest; and how can we know the way?” Above all is this necessary when hard and rough is the road, heavy the going, but delightful the end. Now by His Passion Christ achieved glory, not only of His soul, which He had from the first moment of His conception, but also of His body; according to Luke (24:26): “Christ ought to have suffered these things, and so to enter into His glory.” To which glory He brings those who follow the footsteps of His Passion, according to Acts 14:21: “Through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God.” ...

The clarity which Christ assumed in His transfiguration was the clarity of glory as to its essence, but not as to its mode of being. For the clarity of the glorified body is derived from that of the soul, as Augustine says (Ep. ad Diosc. cxviii). And in like manner the clarity of Christ’s body in His transfiguration was derived from His divinity, as Damascene says and from the glory of

His soul. That the glory of His soul did not overflow into His body from the first moment of Christ’s conception was due to a certain Divine dispensation, that, as stated above (III:14:1 ad 2), He might fulfil the mysteries of our redemption in a passible body. This did not, however, deprive Christ of His power of outpouring the glory of His soul into His body. And this He did, as to clarity, in His transfiguration, but otherwise than in a glorified body. For the clarity of the soul overflows into a glorified body, by way of a permanent quality affecting the body. Hence bodily refulgence is not miraculous in a glorified body. But in Christ’s transfiguration

clarity overflowed from His Godhead and from His soul into His body, not as an immanent quality affecting His very body, but rather after the manner of a transient passion, as when the air is lit up by the sun. Consequently the refulgence, which appeared in Christ’s body then, was miraculous: just as was the fact of His walking on the waves of the sea. Hence Dionysius says (Ep. ad Cai. iv): “Christ excelled man in doing that which is proper to man: this is shown in His supernatural conception of a virgin and in the unstable waters bearing the weight of material and earthly feet.”



*Above: Detail from Transfiguration, by Raphael, 1520, (Pinacoteca Vaticana)*

*Left: Detail from The Apotheosis of St. Thomas of Aquinas by Francisco de Zurbarán, 1631, (Museum of Fine Arts of Seville)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DAY OF RETREAT POSTPONED

Due to the coronavirus restrictions we will not be able to preach the Day of Retreat as planned on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, we will have to postpone this important spiritual exercise to a later date which will be announced as soon as it will be possible to make new arrangements.

## PASCHAL TRIDUUM

The Triduum Paschale in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite will be celebrated at St. Winefride's church according to the following schedule:

**Holy Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00 pm**

**Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00 pm**

**Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 7:00 pm**

## Gift Aid Envelopes Arrived

The envelopes used for the weekly collection have arrived. In the back of the church, please pick up your box with the (green) envelopes which will be used this year and which carry your individual (Gift Aid) number. We apologize for the delay in bringing them to you. – If you are interested in joining the Institute's local Gift Aid Program, please contact Canon Wiener.

## March 12<sup>th</sup> Mass will be at 6.30pm

Due to a Requiem at the Cathedral on Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, Mass in the Extraordinary Form will be celebrated at 6:30 pm, not as usually at 10:00 am.

## Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas on March 8<sup>th</sup>

This year, the feast of our patron, St. Thomas Aquinas, falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Since all Sundays in Lent are of 1<sup>st</sup> Class and privileged, the celebration of our patron's feast is deferred to March 8<sup>th</sup>.

## SHREWSBURY WEEKLY SCHEDULE

DAY	DATE	TIME	MASS OF THE DAY	INTENTIONS	
				CANON WIENER	FATHER GRIBBIN
SUN	28 <sup>TH</sup> FEB	12:30 PM	SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT	THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI
MON	1 <sup>ST</sup> MAR	10:00 AM	FERIA IN LENT	PI	PI
TUE	2 <sup>ND</sup> MAR	6:30 PM	FERIA IN LENT	PI	PI
WED	3 <sup>RD</sup> MAR	10:00 AM	FERIA IN LENT	PI	PI
THU	4 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	6:30 PM	VOTIVE MASS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE ETERNAL AND SOVEREIGN HIGH PRIEST	HUSZAR LAJOS (FOR HEALING)	PI
FRI	5 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	10:00 AM	VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS	TAMAS AND GRANDSONS	PI
SAT	6 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	10:00 AM	VOTIVE MASS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	PI	PI
SUN	7 <sup>TH</sup> MAR	12:30 PM	THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT	THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING	PI

SUNDAY MASSES AT 12:30 PM AT ST. WINEFRIDE'S CHURCH, CROWMERE ROAD, MONKMOOR, SHREWSBURY, SY2 5RA

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