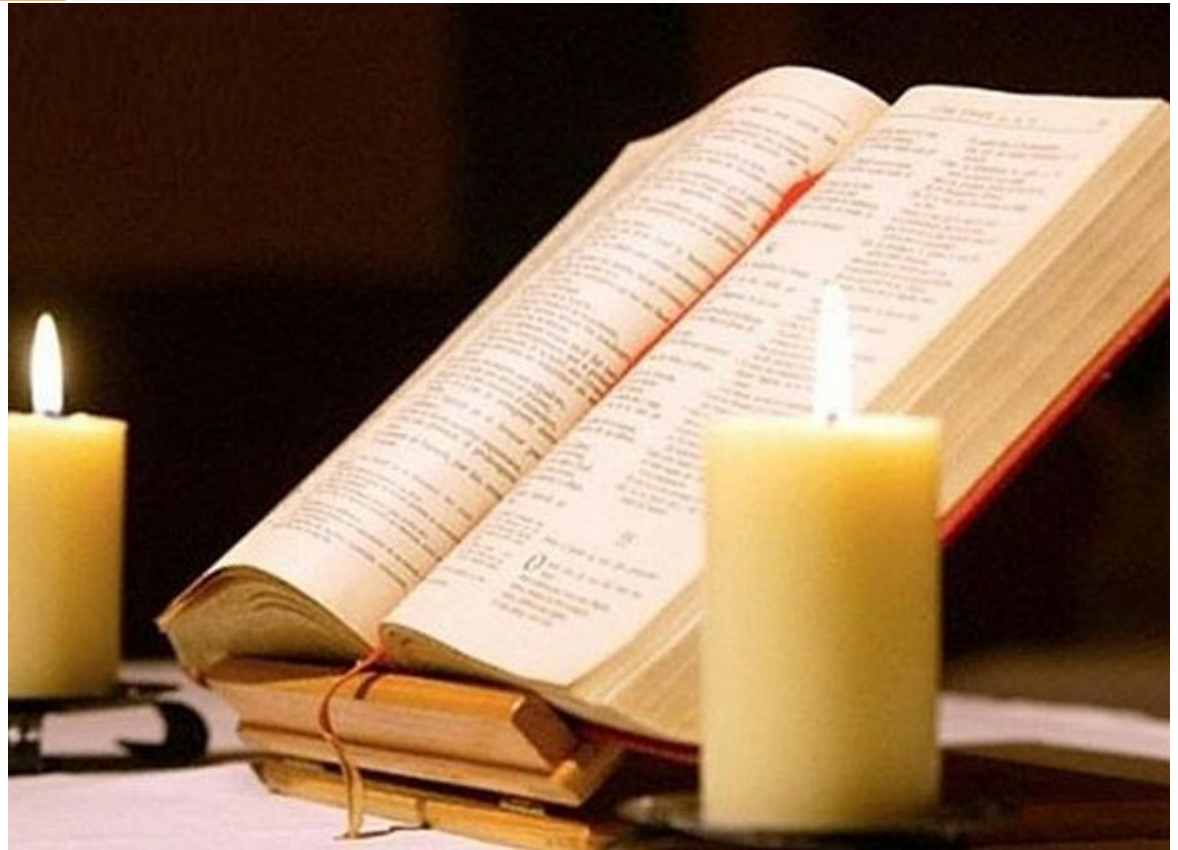


GOSPEL PEARLS

That faith that saves us

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And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And

suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead might mean. (Mark 9: 2-10)

During the transfiguration Peter, James and John are the first men to witness what Jesus will look like following His resurrection. The apostles had more questions than answers at that moment. Nevertheless, they continue to follow Jesus faithfully because they want to love Him, first and foremost. It is this very faith that will save them. We, too, must not render meaningless the faith witnessed to us by the Apostles, their successors, and those who have taught us.