

The members of the Oblate family connect with each other through this prayer on the third Sunday every month.

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EVANGELIUM LIVE: Lk 9,28:36

"This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

Jesus took Peter, John, and James with him. The first pope, the disciple whom Jesus loved and Santiago! The pillars of the Church! And the moment Jesus' clothing becomes dazzling white, his face changes, he speaks of his death and his exodus with Moses and Elijah, they fall asleep. I have to say that it fills me with hope to see that even these great men weren't flawless, it's quite encouraging. God is doing great things in my life. At the same time, I often struggle, especially with myself. Things that happen to me fill me with wonder: Bruno OMI's perpetual vows in Calabria, the visit to the Oblate General House in Rome, Ash Wednesday celebrated by Mamy OMI... And that's just the last two weeks! And don't get me started on how I have a wonderful wife! Yet I am often unable to be amazed by it, at least not for long. The daily worries and news from the world drive these wonders from my mind. Do you understand? Mamy, a missionary from Madagascar, celebrated mass in Ledce in the west of Czechia! And I rejoice over it for a while, and then I fall asleep with the apostles. I am afraid and forget how great our God is.



The God who has brought so many wonderful people into my life from all over the world. The God who made those three sleepers into some of the greatest saints. The God who loves us so much that he sacrifices himself for us, even when we are lost. I listen to the news of the world and let it take away my joy. Perhaps it is for me that the voice from the clouds says: "This is my chosen Son, listen to him!"

Louis Lougen OMI, from the speech delivered at the Oblate World Youth Days in Malaga, 2011

What does it mean to be holy or to be a saint? Is a holy person a self-righteous perfectionist, a "goody two-shoes"? Sometimes we think it means to be exceptionally weird or different, kind of strange or bizarre, perhaps boring and sad. Not at all! To be holy is to be a witness of God's love and goodness. It is someone who thinks of others and respects them. It is someone who is in love with God and who lets God's grace transform his life.

Luke 9,28:36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

