



Ask, Father James:

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"Lord, it is good that we are here... (Matthew 17:4). This was Peter's statement of firm commitment to Christ on the Mountain of Transfiguration when he and the others experienced the glory of Jesus Christ. It is good that we are here, too. At this Mass where we experience the Real presence of Jesus Christ in his glory. Peter also said something very crucial. He says: "If you wish I will build three tents." The word used for tents can also be translated as "tabernacle," or it can mean a "house" -- a permanent dwelling place for God a worship place. In Bible study, this text is quoted as the reference to the origin of the idea to build churches as a worship place. This confirms what Jesus earlier said to Peter, "You are Peter, and, on this rock, I will build my church (Matthew 16:18).

Peter was ready to do all in his power to build three tents (churches). God confirms Peter's plan when that voice came saying: This is my beloved son, "in whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him." The voice repeats exactly the words at Jesus' baptism (Matthew 3:17). We come to church to listen to him and to do things for him. What are "you" willing and ready to do for HIM? The disciples also fell on their faces" (Matthew 17:6). We too come to church/Mass to fall on our faces in worship. Lent is following Jesus to this place where we would "fall on our faces" in worship and pledge to do something, like Peter. Again, it is said in Bible study that the reason Jesus orders the disciples not to tell anyone about the vision (Matthew 17:9), was to allow each person to decide what they would do for Christ and his church after they "fall on their faces" in worship.

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