

August 6, 2017 The Transfiguration of the Lord

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 5

8:45 a.m. **Altar Rosary Society**
5:00 p.m. +**Carl Sniezek**
 By Irma Marquart

Sunday, August 6

8:00 a.m. +**Theresa Rebinski**
 By Henry Rebinski
10:30 a.m. +**Sergio and Sabina Cappelutti**
 By Angela Gross

Monday, August 7

8:45 a.m. **God's Blessings for Susan Reynolds**
 By Ivins and Joanne Smith

Tuesday, August 8

8:45 a.m. +**Ed Hardman**
 By Brian and Gerry Moss

Wednesday, August 9

8:45 a.m. +**George Reynolds**
 By Susan Reynolds

Thursday, August 10 (NO MASS)

Friday, August 11

8:45 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**

Saturday, August 12

5:00 p.m. +**Louis Kryzch**
 By Alison Ervin

Sunday, August 13

8:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Theodore Church**
10:30 a.m. +**Victor Vallo, Sr.**
 By Victoria and Bob Dicheck

The Transfiguration of Christ is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end.

What is the Transfiguration?

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Transfiguration is: "The mysterious event in which Jesus, speaking with Moses and Elijah on the mountain, was transformed in appearance – in the sight of Peter, James, and John – as a moment of disclosure of His divine glory" (CCC, Glossary, pp. 901-902; 554).

When do celebrations of Our Lord's Transfiguration appear in the Church's calendar?

The Feast of the Transfiguration is celebrated on August 6th of every year and it is featured during the Lenten season, on the Second Sunday of Lent.

Who witnessed the Transfiguration?

There were three witnesses to the Transfiguration: St. Peter, St. James, and James' brother, St. John.

What changes occurred in Our Lord?

Our Lord's appearance changed! The three Gospel narratives tell us that the Lord Jesus' "face shone like the sun," (Matthew 17:2); and "the appearance of His countenance was altered" (Luke 9:29). Each narrative tells us that Our Lord's clothing changed: "His garments became white as light" (Matthew 17:2); "glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them" (Mark 9:3); "and His raiment became dazzling white" (Luke 9:29).

Why were the three Apostles allowed to witness Jesus' Transfiguration?

Like most Jews of the time, the Apostles mistakenly believed that the blessings to be brought by the Messiah or Christ would be earthly or material blessings. As in the time of King David, the Messiah was supposed to bring freedom from foreign domination; there would be a return to a golden age of material prosperity like the times when David and Solomon ruled.

When Jesus had already begun to prepare His disciples for His impending death by revealing that He would suffer (Matthew 16:21), the Apostles rejected this revelation. By means of His Transfiguration Christ wanted to teach them that God's Christ would give them more than earthly happiness, political independence or material prosperity. Our Lord wanted them to learn that He would come to His glory through suffering and Death, in order to bring them the better happiness of freedom from sin and the grace of everlasting life. The Transfiguration was to teach them and us that we will come to share in Christ's glory in the same way and that ultimate happiness cannot be measured in earthly terms. The Transfiguration also "gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when He will change your lowly body to be like His glorious body" (Philippians 3:21). The Transfiguration also reminds us that "it is through many persecutions that we must enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22; Cf. CCC, 556).

Does the Transfiguration have any meaning to me or any effect upon me in this present time?

Yes! The Transfiguration allows us to experience the Second Coming of Jesus even before it happens in the history! The Transfiguration of Jesus’ human nature shows us that when He returns in glory at the End of Time, Our Lord will transform our bodies to be like His (Philippians 3:21). The Transfiguration also warns us that “it is through many persecutions that we must enter the Kingdom of God” (Acts of the Apostles, 14:22). Thus, as the Preface of the Second Sunday of Lent proclaims: “...the Passion leads to the Glory of the Resurrection” (Roman Missal, 3rd Edition).

Was Jesus’ Transfiguration a permanent change or state?

No, Jesus’ Transfiguration was only a temporary change or transformation, because Jesus’ “permanent” transformation or Transfiguration would come only through His suffering, death, and resurrection – the very things He was discussing with Moses and Elijah (Luke 9:31).

If St. Peter needed to be corrected by God, wouldn’t this undermine the Church’s claim that the Pope is infallible?

Papal infallibility is not compromised because St. Peter and the others are still earning and receiving God’s Revelation! After the Resurrection and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, St. Peter and all Popes after him, remain true to Christ. Christ Himself makes this absolutely clear when He tells Peter: “when you have turned again [i.e. after he recovers from denying Christ], strengthen the brethren” (Luke 22:32).



Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saksa, Anna Paine, Anna Saksa, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Philip Kinney, Kerry Kraft, Peter S., Mary Supple, Mary Rupell, Patty Mahoney, Susan Reynolds, Millie B., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding



By now many of you have heard or read about the tragedy that struck the Anema family, owners of *Dutch Valley Florist*. Randy Smith, the husband of Vicki Anema Smith was killed in a farming accident

last week. Randy leaves behind his wife and their young son, Michael.

However, some of you may not know that the Anema’s of *Dutch Valley Florist* have donated fresh flowers to our church every week since 2008. Their floral donations have saved us many thousands of dollars yearly and we are grateful to them for their generosity.

The Parish of St. Theodore Church will be taking up a collection on August 27 to help in little Michael’s upbringing. This collection will show our appreciation for their generosity to our church and in sympathy for their profound loss.

Our Weekly Offering

Last Week \$2,387.

Last Year \$2,111.

We are the hands of Christ!

The use of Church envelopes is the responsible way to support our parish faith community. Therefore, we encourage our parishioners to use your **weekly offertory envelopes** for the success of the operation of the Parish and for their sacrificial gift to the Parish. We also depend on the financial support of our people in all its endeavors. We are called to be good stewards of all God entrusts to us, especially our time, talent and treasure. If you are absent for any reason on a particular weekend Mass, please mail your contribution or put it in next week’s basket.



Sts. Peter and Paul Walking

Pilgrimage. Again this year, **St. Theodore Church** will welcome

the priests, religious brothers and sisters of the pilgrimage to our Parish Center for respite.

We are asking parishioners, if they are able, to donate water, cookies, fruit. The pilgrims will stop at our parish on August 10 at 12 noon. Please put you donations in the Narthex.



Registration for Religious Education students is

open. We are asking parents to please take time out of their busy schedule

to register their children ASAP. -