

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
August 6, 2017

Matthew's Transfiguration was proclaimed earlier this year on the Second Sunday of Lent, its "glimpse of glory" meant to assist our Lenten journey toward Easter rebirth. Now, just before summer turns to autumn, it provides encouragement for the longer-than-Lent pilgrimage and struggle of life itself.

Historically linked to the Feast of the Tabernacles, there is a triumphant note of harvest ingathering. The "dying" required for any harvest is not far below the surface. Matthew alludes to the Passion in the descent from the mount after the glimpse of glory passes: "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Each disciple must embrace Christ's passion, our only pathway to the Transfiguration's promise of human nature restored in Christ, Icons show the white of Christ's robe spilling onto the robes of Peter, James, and John, the Master's glory shared with his disciples. But these same disciples accompany him to Gethsemane. Becoming light from and with the Lord requires that the disciples be burned by the purifying, transforming light of the Passion.

In the second reading, Peter gives his eyewitness account of the Transfiguration, together with wisdom gained in the time since he came down from the mountaintop. He reminds us to attend to the Transfiguration's glimpse of glory "as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19).

Question of the Week

What peak experience do you hold onto, or what experience holds onto you? How does it help you when it is time to bear your cross and share in Jesus' passion?

Pray For Peace



Saturday, August 5, 2017

Vigil of The Transfiguration Of Our Lord

4:00p.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Ellsworth McKendall – Blair McDonald – Corrine Singletary – George Marcell – Gloria & Lloyd St. Martin – Joseph Relf, Sr. – Chris H. Daillier, Sr. – Nia Robertson – Leonard Belton – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Thanks St. Anthony for favors granted. – Intentions of Miriam Page – James Young – Joseph Nguyen – Marie Nguyen

Sunday, August 6, 2017

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8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Melvina Kepp – Calvin Tate – Walter Banks III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Corrine Singletary – James St. Charles – Mary Patnett – Joseph Ronald Segura – Intentions of James Young

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Fred & Dorothy Johnson – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Albert R. Pierre – Glenn Gilyot – Olga Darensbourg – Imelda Darensbourg – Pamela Chevalier August – The McKinney – Nia Robertson – Intentions of James Young – The Richard Family – Edward Parker, Jr.

12:00p.m. For the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish – St. Joseph Altar Society – Nia Robertson – Damian P. Skipper – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Charles Leonard Patin, Sr.

Monday, August 7, 2017

8:30a.m. Rose Garnett – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Albert R. Pierre – Ellsworth McKendall – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

8:30a.m. Ellsworth McKendall – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mary Patnett – Melvin Panett – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Blair McDonald – John and Sandra Guillory – Rita Washington

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Rita Washington

Thursday, August 10, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Manuel & Evelyn Gouse – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Rita Washington

Friday, August 11, 2017

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Francis Hai Cao – Ellsworth McKendall – Harold Broussard, Sr. – Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Rita Washington & Family

Saturday, August 12, 2017

8:30a.m. Intentions of James Young – Miriam Page – Rita Washington – The Living and Deceased Benefactor of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” Isaiah 41:10. Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday 9:00a.m. until 12:00 noon and Saturdays 12:00 noon till 3:00p.m.

Bible Study

The Bible Study theme for **The Transfiguration Of Our Lord** is: **From Fear to Faith. Fear is not God – Courage is a gift of the Holy Spirit. How do you go from Fear to Faith?** This Bible Study is based on the readings for **The Transfiguration Of Our Lord Reading I: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; Responsorial Psalm: 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; Reading II: 2 Peter 1:16-19; Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.**

The Bible Study can be found on the parish website and it can be downloaded for your personal use. Join us in the Center Monday, July 31 at 7:00p.m.

Registration for Our Religious Education Program for Elementary, Middle and High School Students will take place on Sunday, August 27, 2017 from 9:30a.m. until 12:00 noon in Msgr. Gauthreaux Center. The registration fee is \$25.00. There is an additional sacrament fee: \$15.00 for First Communion and \$20.00 for confirmation. All parish students, those attending catholic, public, and private schools, at Sacramental grade levels (second and eleventh) must register for and attend classes in our religious education program as sacramental preparation is the responsibility of the parish. Birth certificates and baptismal certificates are required at registration.

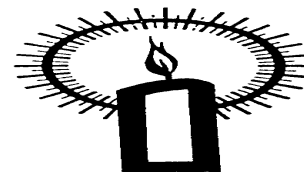


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

The St. Maria Goretti RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) now moves to the period called: **“Life in Christ and the Practice of the Faith”**: During this period, the New Christians continue to deepen their understanding of the mysteries of the faith. They are encouraged to become active in the parish community through interaction with the parish ministries, continue catechesis and participate with all the faithful in devotions and the Sunday Eucharist celebration. The New Christians are now part of Christ’s body (the Church). They must now go forth with the entire faith community to continue the mission of Jesus Christ. Please continue to support them.

For more information please contact Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard or visit the web site at www.smgola.com.

We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Helen Cheatham.

The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Jesse Hall & Parents and Chris H. Davillier, Sr.

In Our Parish 

Monday, August 7, 2017

6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday, August 8, 2017

6:00p.m. ENONAC – Center

6:00p.m. AKA – Rms. 3 & 4

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

5:30p.m. District E Meeting – Rm. 9

6:00p.m. Exercise – Center

6:00p.m. Lake Carmel – Rm. 8

7:00p.m. Catholic Men Fellowship – Library

Thursday, August 10, 2017

6:00p.m. Bingo

Friday, August 11, 2017

Saturday, August 12, 2017

12:30p.m. Haiti Partnership Meeting – Library

7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Movie Night - Center

Prayer for Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude. You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade the land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to you, O Loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen

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