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AUGUST 6, 2023



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

The month of August is now upon us and as summer winds down, a new school year is ramping us as well as preparations for religious education. If you haven't yet registered your child for religious education, now is the time to start doing that. Contact Peggy Bradley for more information: pbradley@archchicago.org. We still have a need for a first-grade catechist as well and some door volunteers to keep the building secure while RE classes are in session, please let us know if you can help.

We are blessed and thankful to the Lord that our average Sunday Mass attendance has increased from last year to this year by about 75 people per weekend. With this moderate increase in attendance and the availability of the Precious Blood, we still could use a few more Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. The commitment would only be about once a month, based on your availability. It is a great privilege to offer the Body of Christ to others. Do not be afraid of being worthy, none of us is worthy of such a calling. But the Lord who calls us will make us worthy to serve Him... contact Jim Madura if you are willing to assist.

This Sunday also coincides with a rotating Feast Day, the Transfiguration of the Lord, which occurs every August 6th. There is so much revealed in this significant moment of the Lord's life for our benefit. Let's first consider that Moses and Elijah were seen at the Transfiguration, speaking with Jesus while He was brilliantly changed.

Why were they there? One common answer is that they show how Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law (represented by Moses) and the Prophets (represented by Elijah). But there is even more, Moses and Elijah both encountered God in a very intimate ways in their time on earth, however, neither one saw God face to face. Moses was allowed to see a vision of God pass by; ***"Then I will remove my hand, so that you may see my back; but my face may not be seen...for no one can see me and live"*** (Ex. 33:23, 20). Elijah also experienced God's presence but then hid his face, and the Lord was known through the tiny whispering sound.

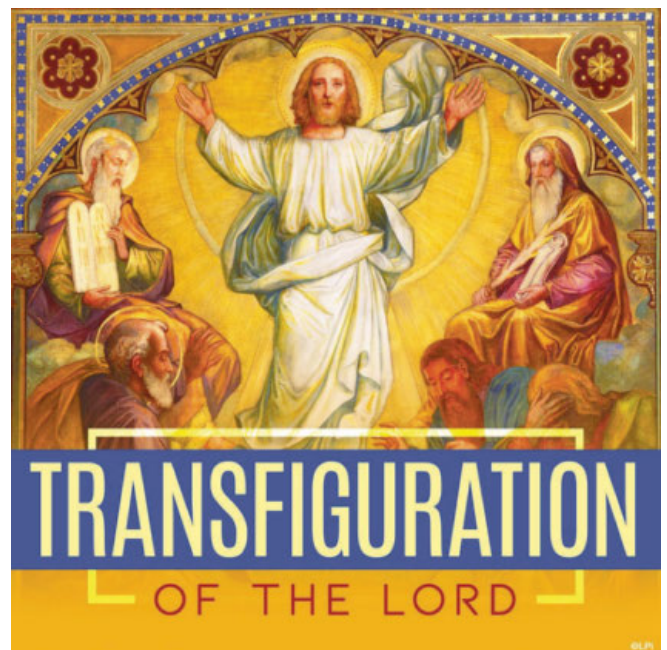
God is invisible, but even beyond that we cannot "see" His face given our fallen human nature. To be in union with God, to share in the divine life, we need His grace. So on the mountain of transfiguration, these two great prophets got to behold the face of God through Jesus, who is God, the one they had longed to see.; ***"Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it"*** (Mt. 13:17). Jesus Christ has now revealed the face of God, the Holy Trinity. The whole world now has the hope of seeing God face to face for all eternity in the beatific vision because of the salvation that Jesus has won for us.

Jesus also was revealed in this way to Peter, James, and John to strengthen their faith because of His upcoming Passion and death. Just as we never grow weary of hearing that we are sincerely loved by the Lord, we also often need to be reminded that Jesus is still in charge and to keep our eyes on the prize with hope and courage.

We have all received grace-filled experiences of the Lord's love and concern for us, it is good to recall them to receive continued strength for the journey.

God bless you,

Fr. Mike





In the Gospel today, we hear God's voice say: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and touched them, saying: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Know that in making your gift to the St. Vincent de Paul Society you are listening to Christ, and helping others to not be afraid.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir

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A purple and yellow poster for a parish social event. The top left features a photo of people at a social gathering. The top right has a circular logo with a cross and the text 'ST. EDWARD' and 'OF THE TRINITY'. The center text reads '23 SEPTEMBER 2023' in large white and yellow font, with 'PARISH SOCIAL' below it. A yellow banner at the bottom left says 'SAVE THE DATE!'. The bottom right features a photo of three children smiling.


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We could also use additional Extraordinary Ministers of Communion. If you would be willing to help distribute the Body & Blood of Christ at Mass once or twice a month please contact Jim Madura for more information.

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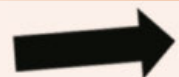
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August 27th, 10:00 AM

RE Families – Please join us in the Auditorium following the 9AM Mass for a parent meeting to learn more about the 2023-24 RE program.

Fr. Luke Spannagel, National Eucharistic Preacher



Fr. Luke Spannagel is a member of the team of National Eucharistic Preachers which is part of the National Eucharistic Revival of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Mission of the Revival is “To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.” Having recently served as the pastor of St. Mary and Sacred Heart Churches in Rock Island, Illinois, Fr. Luke currently assists at St. Mary’s Cathedral and the Heart of Peoria Parishes in downtown Peoria, IL

As Fr. Luke has shared, “Being with Jesus in the Eucharist is where I feel most at peace and where I feel most myself. I never wonder if I should be doing something else—I always feel the peaceful conviction that there is no better place I can be at that moment. Being in His presence helps me see clearly that I am loved and that He has given everything for me. It is where I am renewed in strength when I falter and where I receive the strength to do whatever He asks of me each day. My time with Jesus in the Mass and in Adoration is always the best part of my day.”



Step-by-Step Walk Through the Mass
Do This in Remembrance of Me
Part 1: Holy Water and Sacramentals
By FR. LUKE SPANNAGEL
(This is the first of a year-long series)



Why is the Mass so important?

Why do we stand, sit, and kneel at specific times during the Mass?

Where did the prayers we say at Mass come from?

When does Jesus actually become present in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity?

How do I pray better at Mass?

These are just some of the many questions parishioners have asked me through the years. They're really great questions! The goal of this series is to explore the most common things Catholics want to know about the Mass.

What is the Mass?

The first question that we need to talk about, the one that underlies all the other questions you might have regarding the Mass, and the question you probably haven't asked yourself, is this: What is the Mass? This is a really important question, and we'll be deepening the answer to this throughout the series. However, as we begin, I want to give you for starters a way you can think about the Mass:

- The Mass is our participation in the one perfect Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross.
 - The Mass is our participation in true communion with God and one another.
 - And the Mass is our taste on this earth of the full perfection we will experience in the Kingdom of Heaven.
- The Mass is the perfect worship of the Father in heaven, and it is an inestimable source of gifts and blessings for us as well.

In this series, we will be exploring each of the parts of the Mass, beginning from that first moment when we walk through the church doors. So let's begin.

Holy Water

What is one of the first things you do when entering the body of a Catholic church? You reach down and dip your fingers in the holy water font and make the Sign of the Cross on yourself. We do this seemingly small gesture so often that sometimes we may not think about its meaning.

First, have you ever wondered why there are holy water fonts located near the entrance of the church? Msgr. Peter Elliott explains, "The holy water stoups [fonts] at the doors of the church are signs which recall the baptismal washing of the faithful" (Ceremonies for the Modern Rite, no. 44). In many traditional church layouts, the baptistry was located near the main door of the church. So just as the Sacrament of Baptism is our entrance into the life of God and the Christian Faith, it's symbolic that baptistries and fonts are located at the entrance of churches. Their location just inside the church doors recalls for us our entrance into the life of the Church when we were baptized with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (the Sign of the Cross).

So as you enter the body of the church, you bless yourself with holy water to recall the sacrament through which you entered into God's family, the Church. When you enter the church for Mass, you are, we could say, entering the place of "family celebration." We have been given tremendous gifts as members of God's family, and holy water reminds us of these gifts. By blessing ourselves with holy water, we recommit ourselves to living holy lives in fidelity to Christ, and we prepare ourselves to participate fruitfully in the Holy Mass.

Sacramentals

Holy water is water blessed by a bishop, priest, or deacon and is among holy things that fall into the category called "sacramentals." The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that sacramentals "are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments" (CCC, no. 1667). That means that these holy things or actions remind us of sacraments in some way. They help us recall the graces of the sacraments. They don't confer grace, but prepare us to receive grace and help us be ready to cooperate with those graces so we can grow in faith and holiness.

Beloved Children of the Father

I mentioned earlier that holy water recalls our Baptism. Dipping our fingers into the holy water and making the Sign of the Cross as we enter the church for Mass is certainly not the same as our Baptism, when water was poured upon us and baptized in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. However, intentionally blessing ourselves with holy water as we enter the church recalls the day that we were brought into God's family, and it reminds us we are beloved children of the Father.

As we prepare to join together with Christ in his perfect offering to the Father, this first gesture as we enter the body of the church helps us to know that we belong and that we have been invited to take part in the Sacrifice of Christ.



Watch *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity* 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for *St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish* channel.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5, 2023

5:00 PM — Marty Fulara, Don Love, Jr., Raymond Mikolajczak

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

7:30 AM — Mark Brown, Lorraine, John, Martin, Richard & Brian Fulara, Eugene Fraczkowski, Margaret & Matthew Futterer

9:00 AM — Peter Eck, Vilma Pangoniene, souls in purgatory

11:00 AM — Joe Dziedzic, Richard Bartuce (2nd anniversary), Carl Abbinanti, Rosalie & Jennie Abbinante, Ann Swanson, Mary Coffman (health)

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Jose Luis Bucio, Cesar Hernandez Marin, Rosa Maria Rousset, Pedro Arroyo (9th anniversary)

MONDAY, AUGUST 7, 2023

8:30 AM — deceased members of the Gonsalves & D'Souza families

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

8:30 AM — Eleanor, Samuel, Grace, Joseph & Catherine Holden

11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00

5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION

6:30 PM — Joseph Placzek

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2023

8:30 AM — Peter Eck

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2023

8:30 AM — Mary & Joseph Jaszczor

6:30 PM — CONFESSION (bilingual)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023

8:30 AM — Ron & Connie Polaniecki (50th wedding anniversary)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12, 2023

8:30 AM — Joe Volpe, Judie & family, Robert Spchalski, Mary Jo Pelley

3:30 - 4:30 PM — CONFESSION

5:00 PM — Danny Guerrero, deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023

7:30 AM — Helen & Alexander Kolinski, Jo & Ed Sanborn, Anna, Joseph, Estelle, Rose & Walter Dyjak

9:00 AM — Frank Jakubiak, Peter Eck

11:00 AM — Mary Coffman, Ron & Connie Polaniecki (50th wedding anniversary)

1:00 PM — (Spanish) Cesar Hernandez Marin, Alma Evila Guzman

Presider Schedule - August 12 & 13

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Grisolano / piano

7:30 a.m. — Fr. Griso;ano / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Sepulveda / piano

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Fallon / organ

1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Sepulveda



Mary Ann Raptis

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest

Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

Friday: St. Clare, Virgin

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

Next Sunday: 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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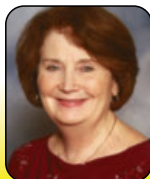
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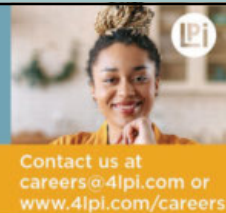
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Rosary:

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Confession:

Tuesday: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m., Thursday: 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. (bilingual)
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Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.)
Last Thursday from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Benediction at 7:30 p.m.)

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Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Peggy Bradley for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the rectory office to make arrangements.

Food Pantry: Open Tuesdays - 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. in the lower level of the gym
For more Info email us at: food-pantry@stelizabethtrinityschool.org

Bulletin Deadline: Noon on Fridays (9 days prior to bulletin date)

Rectory: 773-763-8228
Fax: 773-774-8461
School: 773-763-7080
Website: www.stelizabethtrinity.org
Email: parishoffice@setparish.org

*"It seems to me that I have found my
heaven on earth,
because my heaven is You,
my God,
and You are in my soul.
You in me,
and I in You – may this be my motto."
St. Elizabeth of the Trinity*