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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.

- Mt 17:2

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Mass Times/Tiempos de misa

Monday – Friday ~ Lunes – Viernes
9:00AM

Saturday – Sábado
8:00AM

Saturday Evening
English 5:00PM

Sábado Por la Noche
Español 6:30PM

Sunday Mass
English 7:30AM & 9:30AM

Misa Del Domingo
Español 11:30AM

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Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

**EXPOSITION AND ADORATION
EXPOSICIÓN Y ADORACIÓN**

of the Blessed Sacrament ~
del Santísimo Sacramento

Thursday/Friday ~ Jueves/Viernes 9:30AM-
10:30PM

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PRIVATE PRAYER ~ ORACIÓN PRIVADA

Chapel open Mon-Sat ~ Capilla abierta de lunes a
sábado:
10AM-4PM

Rosario en Español

Este Martes

A las seis de la tarde



Rosary in English

*To the Immaculate Heart of Mary
Fridays after the 9am mass*

INTENTIONS/INTENCIÓNES

Monday: 8/7/23	9:00AM	William Rusin † By: The Rusin Family
Tuesday: 8/8/23	9:00AM	Jon Christensen † By: Leighann McDonald
Wednesday: 8/9/23	9:00AM	Aurelia Castillo † By: Father Fernando
Thursday: 8/10/23	9:00AM	Maria Hernandez † By: Father Fernando
Friday: 8/11/23	9:00AM	Marty Babayco † By: Priests & Staff of St. Thomas Aquinas
Saturday: 8/12/23	8:00AM	Joyce Leonard (L) By: Les & Mary Baker
Sunday: 8/13/23	9:30AM	Michael Pretzinger † By: The Wood Family

(L) Signifies a special intention for a living person



**Funerals Currently Scheduled for the week of
August 6 – 12**

Friday: 9/11/23	11AM	Carol Hawthorne
9/11/23	2PM	Lin Kaser



Life Choices

Bake Sale



**Starting September 10th
And every second Sunday
proceeds will go to Life Choices
If you can bake or help in any way
Call Maria Doran — (805) 649-3491
No Donuts will be served on those Sundays**

Events, Activities, and Opportunities

St. Thomas Aquinas Monthly Adult Formation Presentations continue



This Sunday, August 6 at 11 am
Come and Learn
Ministries of our Church

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." **1 Peter 4:10**

Contact Aina Yates (646-4338 ext. 111) for childcare

All Volunteers and Workers with the Catholic Church

Are Required to become certified in



*Call the parish office if you need to recertify or if you are new to parish ministry
(805) 646-4338*

Right of Christian Initiation of Adults RCIA



conversations continue,
for you or anyone you know who wants to begin
the journey to becoming Catholic.

*For More information Contact
Aina Yates at (805) 646—4338 ext. 111*

Share Your Faith!

CATECHIST TRAINING:

Training of new catechists:

Seminars are held weekly

Call Aina Yates at (646-4338 ext. 111)



Activities at a Glance—for your Calendar

- ☛ **St. Vincent de Paul**—August 19 and every third Saturday of the month
Sign in 9am; Distribution 9:30—10:30
- ☛ **Family to Family**—August 23 and every fourth Wednesday of the month
- ☛ **Bible Study**—Every Friday for 9 Weeks in the Church Library
- ☛ **Ongoing Bake Sale**— Every Second Sunday Bake Sale beginning September 10
- ☛ **Fellowship gathering**—There will be NO MEETING during August.
Next Meeting Tuesday, September 12, after the 9am daily mass
- ☛ ☛ **Fall Festival**—October 7 & 8

INASMUCH AS YE HAVE DONE UNTO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE MY BRETHREN, YE HAVE DONE IT UNTO ME MATTHEW 25:40

NEW—Women's Bible Study

Fridays at 6:30pm in the parish library.

It's never too late to begin!

We will be going through Dr Brant Pitre's engaging nine-session series: The Case for Jesus.
(*Dr. Pitre is the Distinguished Research Professor of Scripture at the Augustine Institute.*)

A donation of \$10 is requested for the cost of the workbook

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LOST E-MAIL

St. Thomas Aquinas Prayer Line

"Our Prayer Line has experienced a technical problem with the service that automatically sends out the daily email with the prayer request. We are working on getting the problem resolved. However, we've lost all of the email addresses of the people who had signed up to receive the daily emails. To rebuild our distribution list You will need to sign up at the web address for the prayer line as soon as the problem is resolved.

<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line>

In the meantime please visit the online version of the Prayer Line at
<https://stacojai.org/worship/prayer-line> to see the latest prayer requests.

CASTING OUR NETS:

Making Disciples of Jesus

Jesus gave us a mission: Go and make disciples!

Have you ever stopped to think about how you actually do that?

Or what it is that makes someone a disciple in the first place?

When you look at your ministry, how do you know if you actually ARE making disciples? We want to help you wrestle with these questions in a way that we believe can transform your ministry!

Casting our Nets is a bi-weekly (August - December 2023) series based on the book *Forming Intentional Disciples* by Sherry Weddell. All Youth Ministers, Confirmation Coordinators, PCLs, Pastors/Priests, Parish Life Directors, Pastoral Associates and any parish ministry leaders are invited to join this free monthly experience.

WHEN: August 8th - December 5th, 2023

Retreat Date: Saturday November 4, 2023

Bi-weekly sessions (August - December 2023)
every other Tuesday from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Spanish translation will be available

WHERE: Virtual (on zoom)

**zoom links will be provided closer to the start date.

Retreat experience information will be provided closer to the date.

For questions or more information contact

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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



INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

MEDITACIÓN EVANGÉLICO -
La transfiguración de Jesús

Nuestra vocación cristiana tiene su raíz en la revelación del amor de Dios por medio de Jesús. Este domingo, pidámosle a Dios, que nos dé el regalo de seguir escuchando su voz y profundizar en su Palabra: "*;Este es mi Hijo, el Amado; éste es mi Elegido, jescúchenlo!*" (Mateo 17:5). Señor, tres discípulos tuyos fueron los elegidos para acompañarte al monte y ser testigos de verte transfigurado. Hoy, también a nosotros nos ofreces momentos íntimos para estar contigo, para admirar todo lo que haces por nosotros en el vivir de cada día. Nuestro compromiso de cristianos es estar bien atentos a tu diaria presencia en nuestra vida.

Jesús, antes de su Pasión, nos muestra su Transfiguración para que estemos listos a entender el misterio de su sufrimiento. El misterio de amor, dar su vida por nosotros. Gloria y sufrimiento se unen mostrando el infinito amor de Dios. Ante el sufrimiento, no debemos tener miedo, sino fijarnos cómo Jesús es valiente en aceptar la voluntad de su Padre. La experiencia de los discípulos fue de gozo y de miedo, sin embargo, Jesús anima diciendo: "*Levántense, no tengan miedo. Ellos levantaron los ojos, pero ya no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús*" (Mateo 16:7-8). Él nos levantará de todos nuestros sufrimientos y miedos. La esperanza debe estar puesta en su resurrección. Los momentos de fe y gracia que el Señor nos da, nos alentarán.

INSPIRACIÓN DE LA SEMANA

"No cuenten la visión a nadie hasta que el Hijo de Hombre haya resucitado de entre los muertos," dijo Jesús a sus discípulos. ¿Por qué mantener en secreto algo tan asombroso como la Transfiguración? Porque el mundo no estaba listo aún para el final de la historia. A veces, la gloria solo tiene sentido después de las pruebas.

Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

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

Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

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:	19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time

REFLECT AND RESPOND

First Reading: In a vision, the prophet Daniel sees the heavenly throne of God and the coming kingdom of God represented by a human figure, a “son of man.” The vision speaks to God’s everlasting love and ultimate control of the world. Why do you think God reveals Himself in visions?

Second Reading: Peter speaks of his eyewitness to the majesty of Jesus Christ. How might you witness to family or friends this week your beliefs about Jesus?

Gospel: The transfiguration reveals Jesus’s divinity to Peter, James, and John, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” What would you say is the most important lesson from Jesus that we should listen to?

Las lecturas de la semana del 6 de agosto de 2023

Domingo:	Dn 7, 9-10. 13-14/Sal 96, 1-2. 5-6. 9/2 Pe 1, 16-19/Mt 17, 1-9
Lunes:	Nm 11, 4-15/Sal 80, 12-13. 14-15. 16-17/ Mt 14, 13-21
Martes:	Nm 12, 1-13/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 6-7. 12-13/ Mt 14, 22-36 o 15, 1-2. 10-14
Miércoles:	Nm 13, 1-2. 25—14, 1. 26-29. 34-35/Sal 105, 6-7. 13-14. 21-22. 23/Mt 15, 21-28
Jueves:	2 Co 9, 6-10/Sal 111, 1-2. 5-6. 7-8. 9/Jn 12, 24-26
Viernes:	Dt 4, 32-40/Sal 76, 12-13. 14-15. 16 y 21/ Mt 16, 24-28
Sábado:	Dt 6, 4-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 47 y 51/Mt 17, 14-20
Domingo siguiente:	1 Re 19, 9. 11-13/Sal 84, 9. 10. 11- 12. 13-14 (8)/Rom 9, 1-5/Mt 14, 22-33

Las conmemoraciones de la semana a del 6 de agosto de 2023

Domingo:	La Transfiguración del Señor
Lunes:	Santos Sixto II, Papa, y compañeros, mártires; San Cayetano, presbítero
Martes:	Santo Domingo, presbítero
Miércoles:	Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz, virgen y mártir
Jueves:	San Lorenzo, diácono y mártir
Viernes:	Santa Clara, virgen
Sábado:	Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal, religiosa
Domingo siguiente:	19º Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

REFLEXIONAR Y RESPONDER

Primera Lectura: En una visión, el profeta Daniel ve el trono celestial de Dios y el reino venidero de Dios representado por una figura humana, un “hijo de hombre.” La visión habla del amor eterno de Dios y del control supremo del mundo. ¿Por qué crees que Dios se revela en visiones?

Segunda Lectura: Pedro habla de ser testigo ocular de la majestad de Jesucristo. ¿Cómo podrías testificarle a tu familia o amigos esta semana tus creencias acerca de Jesús?

Evangelio: La transfiguración revela la divinidad de Jesús a Pedro, Santiago y Juan: “Este es mi Hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; Escúchenlo.” ¿Cuál dirías que es la lección más importante de Jesús que debemos escuchar?

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Healthy boundaries to create an environment of trust

Adults have a responsibility to share information about themselves in age and scenario-appropriate ways to the children in their care. Being authentic does not necessarily mean sharing every detail but rather being approachable, honest, and caring. Oversharing information, especially inappropriate information, can lead to boundary violations and inappropriate behavior. For more information on setting boundaries, read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/. Read the VIRTUS® article “Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries” here.



Límites saludables para crear un ambiente de confianza

Los adultos tienen la responsabilidad de compartir información sobre ellos mismos en forma apropiada según la edad y el escenario de los niños que estén bajo su cuidado. Ser auténtico no significa necesariamente que los adultos deban compartir cada detalle, sino más bien que sean accesibles, honestos y cuidadosos. Compartir información en exceso, especialmente información inapropiada, puede conducir a violaciones de límites y comportamiento inapropiado de los adultos. Para obtener más información sobre cómo establecer límites saludables lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, “Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries” (Barreras para implementar límites fuertes) en [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/_Lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, ‘Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries’ \(Barreras para implementar límites fuertes\) aquí](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/_Lea el artículo de VIRTUS® en inglés, ‘Barriers to Implementing Strong Boundaries’ (Barreras para implementar límites fuertes) aquí).