

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2006

The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.-- *Psalm 97:6*

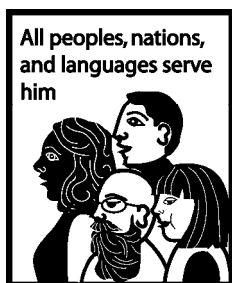
Upcoming Parish Events

Mon. Aug 7—
Bible Study & Prayer Group,
7:30 pm, Chapel

Thurs. Aug 10—
Girl Scouts, 7:30 pm
Scanlan Hall

Fri. Aug 11—
AACC Youth Group,
6:30 pm, Scanlan Hall

Prince of Peace,
8:30 pm, Scanlan Hall



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The common theme of today's readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to transform our lives by renewing it on a daily basis, radiating the grace of the transfigured Lord around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The first reading from the book of Daniel explains how the "Son of man" coming on the clouds of heaven, gets transformed by receiving dominion, glory and kingship from the Ancient One seated on the throne of heavenly glory. In the second reading, St. Peter explains to his Christian community how he was an eye witness to the transfiguration scene when Jesus received honor and glory from God the Father.



The primary purpose of Jesus' transfiguration was to consult his heavenly Father and ascertain his plan for Our Lord's suffering, death and resurrection. The secondary aim was to make his chosen disciples aware of his divine glory so that they might discard their worldly ambitions about a conquering political Messiah and not to get discouraged at his suffering and humiliating death.

The transfiguration in the Holy Mass is a source of our strength. In each Holy Mass the bread and wine that the priests offer get transfigured into the body and blood of Jesus. In other words, our Divine Lord is transfigured before our eyes taking the form of bread and wine. Hence just as the transfiguration strengthened the apostles in their time of trial, each holy Mass should be the source of heavenly strength against our own temptation, and a source of renewal of our lives every day. In addition, communion with Jesus should be a source of daily transfiguration of both our minds and hearts. We must also be transfigured into Christ by becoming more humble and selfless, sharing our love, compassion and forgiveness with others. In moments of doubts and during feelings of despair, the expectation and assurance of our transfiguration in heavenly glory helps us to reach out to God and listen to His consoling words: "This is my beloved son/daughter in whom I am well pleased".

—from *Father Tony*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK, SAINTS & SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday, Aug 6: The Transfiguration of the Lord, Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10

Monday: **St. Sixtus II and His Companions; St. Cajetan,** Jer 28:1-17; Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: **St. Dominic,** Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday: **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross,** Jer 31:1-7; Mt 15:21-28

Thursday: **St. Lawrence,** 2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26

Friday: **St. Clare, First Friday;** Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: **Blessed Virgin Mary, First Saturday;** Hb 1:12 -- 2:4; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday, Aug 13 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34; Eph 4:30 -- 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Full Plate Program: Thanks for your support of this program. Pls. bring your donations of canned foods and dry goods & place them in the green bins at the church entrance. August menu items: 1 bag of rice, 2 cns of vegetables, 1 canned ham (or other canned meat), 1 plastic bottle of cooking oil. No glass items, please. Thanks.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*A very hearty welcome to our other Parochial Vicar, **Father Rick Vandewater**. He arrives this week and will be helping Fathers Labib and Andrew. Welcome to STM, Father!

VERY IMPORTANT: There's some work going on at the walkway b/w the rectory and the church. The area is cordoned-off for **safety reasons**: pls **stay away** from that area; **make sure the children do too**.

***Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, August 15th**, (Tuesday next week) is a holy day of obligation. We will have two Masses: 8:30 AM and 8:00 PM. **(There will be no 5:30 PM Mass on that day.)** Please mark your calendars and come to one of our Masses on that day.

***RCIA:** Adult classes for preparation for **Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation** are offered at STM. If you would like to become Catholic or have been baptized but not made your First Communion or your Confirmation, pls call **Suzanne Hockel at (415) 8266834** or e-mail or call the parish for more information.

***RCIC:** Everyone between 7 and 17 years who has **not** been baptized, **not** received first holy communion, and/or **not** been confirmed is invited to the orientation on Saturday, **August 12 from 9:00 to 10:00 am in Scanlan Hall**.

Pray for peace, in the Middle East & throughout the world!



*If you plan on being **away** during the summer, pls mail us your donation or drop off at the office. There's no vacation from bills even as some activities seem to slow down a little. Thank you for your consideration.

Pilgrimage to Rome

Fr. Andrew and Fr. Govindu are organizing a **Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Italy** from **November 12-22**. The 11-day Pilgrimage to the Shrines in Rome (including an audience with the Holy Father), Giovanni Rotondo (Padre Pio), Lanciano (Miracle of the Eucharist), Assisi, Florence, Venice & Milan runs to about \$2,680, including airfare. **Pls register your names asap**. Contact Fr. Andrew or Elvira, our Secretary, for further info & registration.

OTHERS

***EWTN:** His Eminence, Alfonso Cardinal Lopez Trujillo, & EWTN fountress Mother Angelica will take part in the Grand Finale of EWTN 25th Anniversary celebration which will be broadcast live from Birmingham, Aug. 12-13, starting at 7 a.m. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, Aug. 13 at 9. Mother Angelica, now 83, will be the special guest at a live show of EWTN Program Hosts, Sat., Aug. 12 at 3:30 PM. EWTN is carried on Comcast Digital Ch. 229; RCN Ch. 80; DISH Satellite Ch. 261; and Direct TV Ch 422; Comcast airs EWTN on Ch. 70 in HMB & Ch. 74 in southern San Mateo County.

MASS INTENTIONS

Aug 6 —Aug 12, 2006

- 8/06 Sun 10:00am People of STM
8:00pm Laura (hlg)
- 8/07 Mon 8:30am Souls in Purgatory †
- 8/08 Tue 5:30pm Rodolfo Cinco †
- 8/09 Wed 8:30am Vincent Duc Luu †
- 8/10 Thu 5:30pm Pacifico Pineda, Jr.†
- 8/11 Fri 8:30am Marcelino & Juana Lara †
- 8/12 Sat 8:30am Victorio & Amancia Medina†
5:00pm Joan Carew†

Please call the office to schedule. Participating in the Mass you offer is appreciated.



All the sick people in our parish especially Reynaldo Mendoza, Rhona Palencia, Mary Lee

Burke, Florentino Sotto, Jr., Rolando Pineda, Brian D'Arcy, George Crawford, Restituto de Guzman, Michael Karney, Majida Totah, William & Deena Tannous, Issa Barakat, Jamileh Massis & Naim Totah. We also pray for the safety of family members of our parishioners who are in the Middle East.

Pls. give us names of the sick in your family, and your beloved departed; names will be deleted and/or added as needed.

Thank you for your contributions. Please remember us in your prayers.

Your offerings for the weekend of **July 30th:**

\$3,394

SVDP offertory:

\$809



Actual Construction and Repairs Money in

Bank is: \$110,172

Please continue to support our Construction fund. We need to repair the Skylight, upgrade the lights in the church and upgrade Carroll Hall. Thank you!