

# Transfiguration Of The Lord

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## The Transfiguration of Our Lord

When the voice from the cloud tells Peter, James and John to “listen to” Jesus, they will hear something new. They were not prepared, however, for the “new” Jesus was inaugurating: that human flesh can shine with the glory of God; that death is not the end, rising “from the dead” is. Jesus’ new covenant promises us a share in His risen Life. In the Transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James and John see their own glorification. And so do we.



Living Liturgy

## CCD Registration Continues

 CCD registration for 2017-18 continues in the Church Office until **Wednesday, August 16**. CCD classes will begin with Mass at 8:30 a.m. **Sunday, August 20**—a month early this year. Please call the Church Office if you have any questions. Remember, there will be **NO registration on the first day of classes.** Registration will reopen Monday, August 21, at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Office during regular office hours.

## Bethlehem Catholic Mission

Father Jacoub Nasser’s group, the Bethlehem Catholic Mission from the Roman Catholic Church in Bethlehem in the Holy Land, will be visiting our church next weekend, August 12-13. Brother Gabriel Sada will speak to us about the Christian struggle in the Holy Land. The group will also have some beautiful olive wood carvings which are all handmade by the Christian people there. This Church mission maintains the existence of the Catholic people in the Holy Land. Catholics used to be the majority, but the percentage has now dropped to less than 1.5%.

## Assumption Of Mary

The celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Masses will be Monday, August 14, at 5:00 p.m. (Vigil Mass) and Tuesday, August 15, at 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Assumed body and soul into Heaven, Mary enjoys now what we have been promised. We ask her intercession on our behalf when we face our death and we trust that she will be there for us. We pray, “We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.”



## Offertory Giving

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today’s Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James and John caught a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter’s confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today’s second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This comes from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed His humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired, and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in His glory when He was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into Heaven with the promise that He is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter’s apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

<b>Weekly Budgeted Need</b>	<b>\$7,242.00</b>
<b>Last Sunday July 30</b>	
Envelopes	\$3,479.00
Loose	<u>1,049.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,528.00</b>
<b>Progress Report</b>	
Cumulative Budget	\$36,210.00
Cumulative Income	<u>34,394.00</u>
<b>&lt;Behind&gt;</b>	<b>&lt;\$1,816.00&gt;</b>

## Building Fund

Next weekend’s second collection will be for the Building Fund.



## Parish Guide Book & Directory

We are happy to announce that you will soon be receiving in the mail your new Parish Guide Book and Directory. This booklet contains important information about our Church Parish, its ministries, the Sacraments, Parish Life and a Parish Directory with contact information for parishioners. We hope you find this confidential guide helpful.

## Words For Thought

Faith makes all things possible, NOT easy.

## Mass Intentions Requested

### Monday, August 7

(Nm 11:4b-15; Mt 14:13-21)

No Mass Scheduled

### Tuesday, August 8

(Nm 12:1-13; Mt 14:22-36)

8:00 a.m. Deacon Richard and June Calkins

### Wednesday, August 9

(Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Mt 15:21-28)

6:30 p.m. Purgatorial Society

### Thursday, August 10

(2 Cor 9:6-10; Jn 12:24-26)

8:00 a.m. Cuccia and Spansel Families

### Friday, August 11

(Dt 4:32-40; Mt 16:24-28)

8:00 a.m. Pat Cuccia

### Saturday, August 12

(Dt 6:4-13; Mt 17:14-20)

5:00 p.m. James Bailey Jr., Jody Roszczynialski, Richard Hursey, Tony & Joyce Engolia, Imelda Gares, Roger Doucette, Curtis & Vita Owens, Eugene Blanchard Jr., Tina Mangano, Rosemary Poche, Ken & Adele Salzer, Louis Mangano Sr. & Jr., Lee & Joseph D'Antoni Jr., Yvonne Tracey, Roszczynialski Family, Altar Society Members

### Sunday, August 13

(1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33)

7:00 a.m. Jacques Fuselier

8:30 a.m. Tom & Pat Cuccia Family, Veronica Wingerter, Zelda Reuter, Merle B Behrens, John Ross Jr., Sal Sperandeo, Ronnie & Betty Lambert, Ben Spansel, Carmelita Fogg, Maxie Ducote, Al Brown, Leo Rose

10:30 a.m. Parishioners



## WEEKLY EVENTS

**GASPP**—Monday at noon in Parish Hall. Bring your favorite dish or dessert and join us!

**Legion of Mary**—Monday 7:00 p.m. in St. Anthony Hall

**Tuesday Morning Rosary**—Tuesday after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and the St. Jude Novena in St. Anthony Hall

**RCIA Tracks I**—Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in classroom

**Patriotic Rosary**—Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

**Confirmation Class**—Sunday, August 13, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. in Parish Hall

## Antonians' Christmas In July

Donations for the clients of the Battered Women's Shelter and the Pregnancy Help Center in Slidell, sponsored by the Antonians, are **now due**. Donations should be put in the boxes in the front lobby of the Church. The items will be taken to the groups this week.



## Thank You For Your Contributions

The Youth Group would like to thank those who generously donated to the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Northlake Crisis Pregnancy Center. These funds will help a mother and baby with medical services, counseling services and long-term material assistance such as maternity clothes and baby items for up to two years. For more information about the services your donations will be providing, visit [www.northlakecpc.com](http://www.northlakecpc.com)



## In Memoriam

With deep sympathy we inform you of the death of **Carmelita Fogg**, mother of Pamela Hester (Sam), of our parish, who was called by God to her eternal reward. Please remember **Carmelita** and all those who mourn her in your Masses and prayers.



## With Deepest Sympathy

With deepest sympathy we inform you of the death of **Beatrice L. Almario**, mother of Tracie DiVincenti (Anthony).



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention

“That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of the creation.”

## Tabernacle Lamp

This week the Tabernacle lamp in the Sanctuary burns in memory of **Ramon Garay, Sr.**



## Pray For The Sick

Audrey Bonnet, Diana Bradshaw, JoAnn Brewin, Mary Brown, George & Wanda Butko, May Caballero, Patricia Cuccia, Dotsy Chedville, Deacon Pat Downey, Steve Dunn, Marcelle Ernewein, Carroll Fourcade, Gail Garay, Jeanette Gomez, Deacon John Howard, Virgie Hurstell, Allen & Joan Jagneaux, Maria Kalcic, Gloriette Kiern, Elizabeth Kittel, Vito Montalabano, Jessie O'Dell, Ed Roszczynialski, Adele Salzer, Cathy Smith

## SPP Stained Glass Window Prints

Prints of the stained glass windows of Sts. Peter and Paul are still available for sale. The original paintings were completed by local artist and parishioner Diane Bourgeois and were auctioned at the 2016 Summer Soiree. The proceeds from this sale go toward the needed funds for the 2018 Youth Washington Trip. The prints are available for purchase at \$20.00 each or both saints for \$35.00. Contact the Church office or Danny Bourgeois at 504-376-3701.

## Slidell Life Chain—Sunday, October 1

Please join us for the 26th Slidell Life Chain on Sunday, October 1, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Gause Boulevard. This is an annual silent prayerful protest against abortion sponsored by the St. Tammany Right to Life organization. Sts. Peter and Paul Church is assigned the area **in front of Slidell Memorial Hospital**. Pro-lifers will hold signs proclaiming “Abortion kills children” and “Jesus heals and saves.” Call Michelle Gorney at 985-882-7210 or 985-640-8765 to pick up signs in advance. An Open House will follow at 3:00 p.m. at the Slidell Pregnancy Help Center, 550 Gause Blvd., Suite 2.



## Fatima Rosary At SMM

St. Margaret Mary Church invites you to join the presentation and recitation of the rosary in honor of the Jubilee 100 Year Anniversary of the appearance of Mary at Fatima. The rosary will be in St. Margaret Mary Church on August 13, at 6:00 p.m. After the rosary, Fr. Alex will share his call to the priesthood. The rosary will also be recited on September 13 and October 13 at St. Margaret Mary in honor of the Fatima appearances. Please join us.



## SMM Racial Harmony Ministry

The St. Margaret Mary Racial Harmony Ministry continues the prayers and fellowship for Racial Harmony, open to everyone. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. in the SMM Chapel, followed by Mass on the third Monday of the month, August 21. The Fellowship in the Evangelization Center includes a scripture reading and brief reflection on the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

## The Real Purpose Of Prayer

“We look upon prayer simply as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the Biblical purpose of prayer is that we may get to know God Himself.”

Oswald Chambers

## A Student's Prayer

Dear Lord,

Help me to be the best student I can be.

Help me to study well and to study often, especially when I do not feel like studying at all.

Help me to be honest when I am tempted to cheat.

Help me to listen to my teachers and my coaches.

Help me to play fair and to play safely.

Help me to be kind to everyone at school and especially to those whom others treat unkindly.

Help me to treat others as I would like them to treat me.

Help me to be a good friend to others.

Help me to help others who need my help.

Help me to do the best work I can do.

Help me to use all the gifts You have given me.

Help me to love and respect my parents.

Help me to trust in you, Lord, and in Your love for me.

Help me, Lord, I need You!

<http://concordpastor.blogspot.com>



## Catholic Radio 690 AM

After a long period of complex construction, Catholic Radio 690 AM is now at 9100 daytime watts. While the original plans called for one tower and having just a daytime signal, we discovered a way of saving money by building two towers and continue a nighttime signal of 2100 watts. 690 AM (formerly the old WTIX) now reaches from Baton Rouge to Mobile. To advertise your church event or to make a donation, visit <http://www.catholiccommunityradio.org>



## Change Me

O Lord, Use the pure white light of Your Transfiguration to blind me to the faults of others, and illumine my own weaknesses. May I strive each day to be transformed to Your image. O Father, as I contemplate the glory of Your Transfiguration, change me.

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## The Transfiguration—August 6

While Jesus was in Galilee, about one year before His Passion, He manifested His glory to three of His most beloved disciples—the same who were afterward witnesses of His Agony in the Garden: Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, James and John. He led them to the summit of Mount Tabor, as it is generally believed—this mountain, situated on a plain in Galilee, best answering the description of the evangelists.



The face of the Divine Savior became resplendent as the sun and His garments white as snow. Moses and Elijah appeared at His side and conversed with Him on the death He was to suffer at Jerusalem. Peter, in admiration, exclaimed: “Lord, it is good for us to be here!” He then proposed to erect three tents: one for the Savior, another for Moses and a third for Elijah.

While he was still speaking, a luminous cloud enveloped them and a voice was heard proceeding from it: “This is My beloved Son in Whom I am will pleased; hear Him.” The three Apostles fell prostrate; but Jesus touched them and commanded them to arise. When they arose, the vision had vanished and our Lord stood beside them in His ordinary guise.

It was fitting that those who so soon should behold Jesus in the depths of the humiliation to which His sacred humanity was to be subject in Gethsemane, should catch a glimpse of that glorified humanity and of His Divinity, that they might be strengthened against temptation.

## St. Teresa Benedicta Of The Cross

### Edith Stein—August 9

Edith Stein, born in 1891 in Breslau, Germany (now Warsaw, Poland), was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in philosophy. Eventually she became interested in the Catholic Faith inspired by the writings of St. Teresa of Avila, and in 1922 she was baptized at the cathedral church in Cologne, Germany.



Eleven years later Edith entered the Discalced Carmelite Convent in Cologne. Because of the ramifications of politics in Germany, Edith, whose name in re-

ligion was Sister Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, was sent to the Carmel at Echt, Holland. When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested, and, with her sister Rose, was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz.

Teresa died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz in 1942. In 1987, she was beatified in the Cologne Cathedral by Pope John Paul II.

## St. Lawrence, Martyr—August 10

### Patron of the Poor

In 257, when St. Sixtus became Pope, he ordained St. Lawrence deacon, and though he was still young appointed him the first of the seven deacons who served in the Church of Rome. To this office was annexed the care of the treasury of the Church and the distribution of its revenues among the poor. In that same year, the Emperor Valerian published his edict of persecution and commanded all Bishops, priests and deacons to be put to death immediately. St. Sixtus was arrested twelve months later. As the holy man was led to execution, St. Lawrence followed him in tears. He at the same time ordered him to distribute the treasures of the Church among the poor. St. Lawrence did as he was commanded, selling even the sacred vessels to increase the sum.



At that time the Church of Rome, besides providing for its ministers, maintained fifteen hundred poor people and even sent alms to distant countries. The Prefect of Rome commanded St. Lawrence to surrender the treasures of the Church, and he promised to show them to him. On the third day, instead of gold and silver, he exhibited the poor whom he had gathered together.

The enraged Prefect commanded that he should be slowly roasted on a gridiron. The order was mercilessly executed but the martyr, strengthened by Divine grace, supported his suffering with heroic fortitude and even found strength to jest at the expense of his torments and his persecutor. To his last breath the holy deacon prayed for the conversion of the city of Rome, that the Faith of Christ might thence spread throughout the world. Several heathen senators, who had witnessed his execution, ere converted to Christianity and gave decent burial to his body. His martyrdom occurred in the year 258.

All articles from [Lives of the Saints](#)