

August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of the Lord

MISSION STATEMENT

We, at All Souls Church, are a multicultural Catholic Community called to share our gifts and to grow through worship and spiritual formation. We are brothers and sisters in Christ led by the Holy Spirit to witness the Good News to all.

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PASTORAL CENTER HOURS

Monday-Friday 9am-7pm Closed for Lunch: 12:30pm-1:30pm

PARISH MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays/Entre Semana Monday-Saturday 7:30am

Saturday/Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday/Domingo

English: 7:30am, 9:00am, 5:30pm Español: 10:30am

Holy Days to be Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4-5pm & by appointment

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please call the Pastoral Center for a priest. Uncion de los Enfermos: favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para contactar a un sacerdote.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Español: El primer sabado del mes a las 10am English: Third Saturday of the month at 10am

SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Book for an appointment at least 6 months in advance Llame al Centro Parroquial por lo menos 6 meses antes

DEVOTIONS

Holy Hour: 1st Friday of the month at 7pm (Bilingual)

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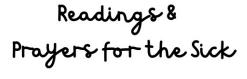
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First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire,

with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven

while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel:

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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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 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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S CORNER

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year "A" The Transfiguration of the Lord

There is a story told about Napoleon during the invasion of Russia. He somehow got separated from his men and was spotted by his enemies, the Russian Cossacks. They chased him through the winding streets. Running for his life Napoleon eventually ducked into a furrier's shop.

Gasping for air and talking at the same time he begged the shopkeeper to save him. The furrier said, "Quick hide under this big pile of furs in the corner." Then the furrier made the pile even large by throwing more furs atop of Napoleon.

No sooner had he finished when the Russian Cossacks burst into the shop. "Where is he?" they demanded to know. The furrier denied knowing what they were talking about. Despite his protests the Russian Cossacks tore the shop apart trying to find Napoleon. They poked into the pile of furs with their swords but did not find him. They eventually gave up and left the shop.

After some time had passed, Napoleon crept out from under the furs, unharmed. Shortly after, Napoleon's personal guards came into the store. Before Napoleon left, the furrier asked, "Excuse me for asking this question of such a great man, but what was it like to be under the furs, knowing that the next moment could surely be your last?

Napoleon became indignant. "How dare you ask such a question of the Emperor Napoleon?" Immediately he ordered his guards to blindfold the furrier and execute him.

The furrier was dragged out of the shop, blindfolded and placed against the wall of the shop. The furrier could see nothing but he could hear the guards shuffling into a line and preparing their rifles. Then he heard Napoleon call out, "Ready!" In that moment a feeling the shopkeeper could not describe welled up with him. Tears poured down his cheeks. "Aim!"

Suddenly the blindfold was stripped from his eyes. Napoleon stood before him. They were face to face and Napoleon said, "Now you know the answer to your question."

The lesson here is obvious: How can you describe a near death experience? You can't. It has to be experienced. Jesus' transfiguration fall in the same category of events which cannot be described. I think that is why Luke says that they kept it to themselves and told no one what they had seen. How do you describe it? It had to be experienced (Brett Blair - Adapted from a story by Richard Hayes Weyer How Do You Describe Transfigurations).

We are celebrating today the solemnity of the transfiguration of the Lord. To be transfigured is to undergo a radical change. This change could be physical or spiritual. In the case of the transfiguration, Jesus and His apostles underwent both spiritual and bodily changes.

This change displays a foretaste of the glory that awaits Jesus who was about to be crucified on the cross for the salvation of the world. During the time of Jesus, death on the cross was reserved for hardened and unrepentant criminals.

Knowing that the death of Jesus on the cross could cause a scandal to the apostles, Jesus took them to the mountain top to make them to undergo a transformational experience. From the transfiguration experience the apostles Peter, James and John were empowered to see beyond the crucifixion to the glory of the resurrection and eternal life in the kingdom of God.

According to Henry Drummond, "God does not make the mountains in order to be inhabited. God does not make the mountaintops for us to live on the mountaintops. It is not God's desire that we live on the mountaintops. We only ascend to the heights to catch a broader vision of the earthly surroundings below. But we don't live there. We don't tarry there. The streams begin in the uplands, but these streams descend quickly to gladden the valleys below." The streams start in the mountaintops, but they come down to gladden the valleys below."

From this mountaintop experience, the apostles understand the divinity and the glory of Jesus. During the transfiguration, Jesus appearance changed and His face shone like the sun to reveal to us that Jesus is more than just a prophet, holy man or teacher. Jesus is the beloved Son of God, with whom "I am well pleased."

The appearance of both Moses and Elijah means that Jesus is not any of them. Jesus is unique. The good work started by Moses and Elijah is continued by Jesus. It affirms the connection between the Law and the Prophets with Jesus as the fulfillment of both. The work of Jesus is deeply rooted in God's plan for the salvation of the world.

When God calls us to listen to Jesus, God establishes the importance of Jesus' teachings. We are called to listen to God's word and to align our lives with Jesus teachings. The word of God preached by Jesus is life and those who welcome it have life everlasting.

It is no coincidence that the transfiguration occurred while Jesus was praying. It underscores the importance of prayer in the life of a child of God. It is through prayer that we come to deepen our relationship and be opportune to experience a radical spiritual transformation.

Christian life on earth will always rotate between mountaintop and valley experiences. We go to the mountain to encounter God, and we go back to the world to live out our faith in God. Both experiences complement each other and none should be avoided. Christians should always make out time to go to the mountain to be with God and live in the world inspired by the grace of God.

Therefore, as the transfiguration reveals the identity of Jesus and the future glory that awaits Him, children of God are encouraged to remain strong in times of trial and temptation because the glory of God and the reward that awaits faithful children of God is so great that no sacrifice is too much for it. Like Jesus who could stop at nothing in order to merit the glory of God, we should invest our time, talent and treasure towards the realization of the kingdom of God. Amen.

Finance Report

Mass Intentions

COLLECTION **TOTAL**July 30, 2023 \$ 5,749.00

Thank you for your continuous support and generosity.

Did you Know?

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/.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED???

Have you been hearing a certain voice calling out to you to serve your church in a more visible way, for example, as a lector, a Eucharistic minister, an usher, an altar server, or a sacristan? If this is the case, the voice you hear may be the voice of God, and He would like for you to take a more active role in serving His people as a liturgical minister!

If you would like your answer to God to be: "Lord, I am here to do Your will," then we would love for you to please call the Pastoral Center and leave your name and contact information so we may reach out to you with details about an information session scheduled for Saturday, August 19th. Thank you in advance for saying "yes" to that important call!

SATURDAY	AUGUST	05-2023
5:30pm	Estipona & Picardal Families	Thanksgiving
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SUNDAY	AUGUST	06-2023
7:30am	Miguel Castellanos	Dec.
	Luca Maria Dinh Binh Do	Special Int.
9:00am	All Sick Members of CWA MMOC Branch	Healing
	Lovelyne Tambi	Healing
10:30am	Lorenzo Barajas	Dec.
	Lourdes Guardado	Birthday
	Atenia Blanco	Birthday
5:30pm	Leticia Gutierrez	Dec.
	Vivian Rull	Dec.
MONDAY	AUGUST	07-2023
7:30am	Maria Salinas	Dec.
	Isidro Cabaccang, Jr.	Dec.
	Jenny Corrado	Thanksgiving
TUESDAY	AUGUST	08-2023
7:30am	Rafael Cortez Balbuena	Dec.
	Xiomara Reyes	Healing
WEDNESDAY	AUGUST	09-2023
7:30am	Frank Abril	Dec.
THURSDAY	AUGUST	10-2023
7:30am	Elena & Arturo Blanco	Dec.
FRIDAY	AUGUST	11-2023
7:30am	Jesus & Maclovia Huerta	Dec.
	James Michael Jones	Dec.
SATURDAY	AUGUST	12-2023
7:30am	Aron & Reina Blanco	Dec.

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PREGUNTAS DE LA SEMANA

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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LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

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

REGISTRACIONES ABIERTAS

Estimados miembros de nuestra parroquia,

Les informamos que los formularios para registrarse a los cursos para los sacramentos de Comunion, Confirmacion, asi como RICA, ya estan disponibles. Si usted o su hijo/a necesita alguno de estos sacramentos, favor de visitar nuestro Centro Pastoral.

¿Sabla usted?

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/.

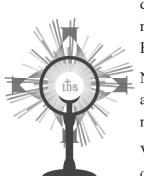
AMIGOS DE JESUS

El grupo de oración, Amigos de Jesús, les invita a unirse a una noche de reflexión, alabanza y oración en comunidad. Las reuniones son a las 7pm cada miércoles. Si gusta unirse, favor de llamar al Centro Pastoral para mas detalles.



VISITA NUESTRA CAPILLA

Cada minuto que dedicamos a la adoración de nuestro Señor profundiza nuestra relación con Él. Tómate un



descanso de las preocupaciones del mundo y ven a pasar un tiempo con Él en meditación silenciosa.

Nuestra Capilla de Adoración está abierta en el mismo horario que nuestro Centro Pastoral.

Ven a visitar a nuestro Señor y comienza este año con sus bendiciones.



Confirmation Regristrations

Applications for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now available at the Pastoral Center. If your teen is currently in, or will be enrolled in, high school please pick up a registration form.



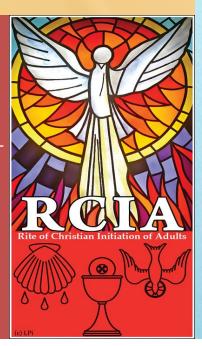
First Communion Registrations

It's that time of the year! Registrations are now open for the Sacrament of First Communion, first through seventh grade. If your child is ready to prepare for this Sacrament, please stop by to pick up a form at our Pastoral Center.

DO YOU...

- want to be baptized in the Catholic Church?
- ♦ know of someone interested in becoming Catholic?
- need the sacrament of Confirmation?
- need to make your First Eucharist (Communion)?
- want to refresh/increase your knowledge of your faith?

If you answered "yes" to any of the above, RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is for you.



Confirmation Coordinator Opportunity



ALL SOULS PARISH IS SEEKING QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR A PART-TIME POSITION AS COORDINATOR FOR CONFIRMATION/YOUTH MINISTRY AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY.

THE IDEAL CANDIDATE WILL PROVIDE CONTINUING FAITH FORMATION AND SOCIAL AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS (AGES 18-39) OF ALL SOULS PARISH.

WE ASK THAT APPLICANTS BE PRACTICING CATHOLICS, HOLD A BACHELOR'S DEGREE, HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH TEENS AND YOUNG ADULTS IN A PARISH SETTING, AND POSSESS STRONG VERBAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS.

IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT OUR PASTORAL CENTER FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Dear parishioners, we are excited to reach out to our dedicated community members with a unique volunteering opportunity. We are currently looking for volunteers to help us count our offertory money once a week. Your involvement will play a pivotal role in ensuring timely accountability.

If interested, please visit or give us a call at the Pastoral Center, and ask to speak to our office manager. Thank you!