

THE
TRANSFIGURATION
OF THE LORD

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

AUGUST 6, 2023



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Monday, Wednesday & Friday: 7:00 am

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:30 pm

Saturday*: 5:30 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 12:00 pm

*1st Saturday of the month 8:00am

Sacrament of Confession/Reconciliation:

Tuesday & Thursday: 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Saturday 4:45 pm - 5:15 pm

Sunday: Please see weekly schedule.

Sacrament of Baptism:

Call the parish office at least six weeks in advance.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Call the parish office at least six months in advance.

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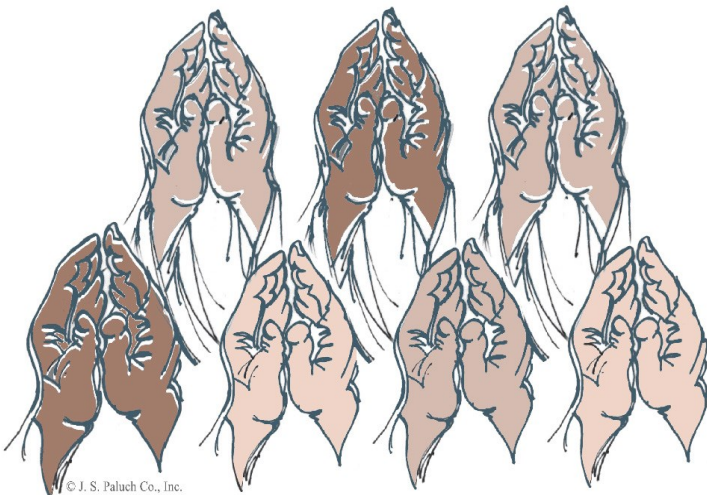
The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.

— Psalm 97:6

This weekend's second collection

is for the

Parish Outreach.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

All are welcome to the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Exposition begins every Tuesday in the Adoration Chapel after the 5:30pm Mass and ends on Friday at 7 am.

For more information please contact Becky Prieto at 210-725-2383.

All are welcome to join the Rosary Prayer Group Every third Tuesday of the month.

Please join us from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Madonna Room.

For more information, contact Greg Clary at 903-714-0232.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Eugenio B., Neomi Balderas, Mary Blake, Rosa Becnel, Michael Castro, Juliana Cavazos, Maria Chavez de Hernandez, Maverick Condon, Esther Contreras, Ashley Cuellar, Emiliano Cuellar, David Davis, Kate DeWein, Mary Jane Diaz, Angela Fitzner, Deacon Frank Gallardo, Vangie Gallardo, Sadie Garcia, Danny Gusme, Erlinda Hamilton, Eric Hawbecker, Marialice Hayes, Josephine Janczar, Markus Klink, Kathy McCoy, Sally McDuffee, Joseph McKinley, George Perez, Rina Pollack, Jeanie Sanders, Carlos Saucedo, Edward Jacob Sciantarelli, Jim Sciantarelli, Laurie Seligman, Jerry SESCO, Carolyn Smith, Henry Wolff, Stephen Wyrick, The Zetter Family.

Prayer list requests can be made by calling the Office at 210-734-7285.



Our Lady of Grace Men's Faith Study

The Venerable Bishop Fulton Sheen was a master theologian, philosopher and preacher of the Word who recorded a series of talks entitled **Life is Worth Living!**

We will gather each Saturday morning through September 30th from 8:30 - 9:30 am in the Madonna Room basement

to listen to a 25 minute talk from Bishop Sheen, share our thoughts as a group, and close with prayer.

For information contact Roger Williams at 210-724-8828 or rogerwtx@gmail.com.



**This is My Beloved Son
with whom I am well pleased**

Just prior to the Transfiguration, Jesus began to reveal to His disciples that He would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, be killed and then rise on the third day. This caused much fear for the disciples as they grappled with this unsettling revelation from our Lord. And even though Jesus remained firm with them and even rebuked Peter for his fear, Jesus also gave three of His disciples a very precious gift. After much traveling, preaching, miracle working and private conversations about His passion with the Twelve, Jesus invited Peter, James and John to go with Him up a high mountain to pray. These disciples most likely had no idea what they would soon encounter. As they made the difficult and arduous journey, their minds must have been pondering not only the mighty deeds done by Jesus in the previous months but also His words about the suffering to come. As they struggled with this, much to their amazement, Jesus “was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.” Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared before them, representing the Law and the prophets. These two Old Testament figures appeared as a way of saying to these disciples that everything that Jesus was telling them was to take place to fulfill all that had been foretold about Him from of old. Perhaps Jesus thought that if His disciples would not fully listen to Him, then seeing Moses and Elijah would help. But Jesus went even further. The Voice of the Father Himself thundered and said, “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Thus, if these disciples would not ultimately listen to Jesus alone, or if even Moses and Elijah failed to convince them, then the last hope was the Father Himself. And Jesus delivered such a grace. The Transfiguration was a true mercy. These disciples had never seen anything like it before. But it was most likely this act of mercy that ultimately helped them to accept the hard truth that Jesus was trying to teach them about His coming suffering and death. If the Father in Heaven Personally gave witness to Jesus, then everything that Jesus had said was trustworthy. As we read through the Gospels and the many teachings God has given us through the Church, think about whether there are some teachings with which you struggle? Or in your own life, on a personal level, are there some things you know God wants of you but you find it difficult to accept? When confusion sets in, that means we are not listening, are not fully hearing what God is saying to us or are not understanding. And though we will not see the Transfigured Lord with our eyes and hear the Voice of the Father with our ears as these three disciples did, we must choose to believe all that God has said as if it were the Transfigured Lord, with Moses and Elijah, and the Father Himself speaking clearly and directly to us. “This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.” Those words were not only spoken for the good of the disciples, they are also spoken to us. Reflect, today, upon this powerful experience given to these disciples by our Lord. Try to place yourself in the scene so as to witness Jesus transfigured in the most glorious way, with Moses and Elijah and with the thundering Voice of the Father. Allow the Father to speak also to you, telling you that all He has spoken through the Scriptures, the Church and within your own conscience is true. Allow this revelation to convince you on the deepest level to acknowledge not only the divinity of Jesus but also to “Listen to Him” in every way.

***My transfigured Lord, You are glorious beyond imagination, and You revealed a small glimpse of this glory to Your disciples to help them trust You more fully. May I also trust in You more completely, knowing that all You have spoken to me is true. Please remove any doubt and fear in my life so that nothing keeps me from embracing Your holy will.
Jesus, I trust in You.***



*The Altar flowers this weekend are
In Celebration of
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of
Jim & Beth O'Brien*

MASS, CONFESSION & INTENTION SCHEDULE

Monday, August 7

7:00 AM *Fr. Rick*
John LeVreir (d)
-Pat LeVreir

Tuesday, August 8

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Jorge*
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Jorge*
Steven Davila (d) - His Parents

Wednesday, August 9

7:00 AM *Fr. Rick*
In Thanksgiving

Thursday, August 10

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Jorge*
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Jorge*
Edward Dehan (d) - Family

Friday, August 11

7:00 AM *Fr. Rick*
Kenneth W. Johnson's Birthday
- Marylin Johnson

Saturday, August 12

4:45 PM *Confessions - Fr. Jorge*
5:30 PM *Mass - Fr. Jorge*
Manuel Leon Fernandez (d) - Daughters

Sunday, August 13

8:30 AM *Fr. Rick*
Al & Angela Notzon- 63rd Anniversary
10:30 AM *Confessions - Fr. Rick*
10:30 AM *Fr. Jorge*
Mary Ann Faubion (d)
- Marie & Firmin Hickey
12:00 PM *Confessions - Fr. Rick*
12:00 PM *Fr. Jorge*
Our Lady of Grace Parishioners

Scripture Readings For the Week of August 6, 2023

*Sunday, Feast of the
Transfiguration of the Lord*
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

*Monday, Memorials of Saint
Sixtus II, Pope and Martyr
and Companions, and Saint
Cajetan, Priest*

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

*Tuesday, Memorial of Saint
Dominic, Priest*

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

*Wednesday, Memorial of
Saint Teresa Benedicta of
the Cross, Virgin
and Martyr*

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

*Thursday, Feast of Saint
Lawrence, Deacon
and Martyr*

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

*Friday, Memorial of Saint
Clare, Virgin*

Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt 16:24-28

*Saturday, Memorial of Saint
Jane Frances de Chantal,
Religious*

Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 & 51; Mt 17:14-20

*Sunday, Nineteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33



**TUESDAY
AUG.15**

**Holy Day of
Obligation**

Mass Times

Monday, 14th

5:30pm

Tuesday, 15th

7:00am

12:10pm

5:30pm

Our Lady of Grace "That Man Is You" 2023-24



"Life isn't about doing or having. It's about becoming. Who you become is infinitely more important than what you do or what you have." (The Rocking Chair Prophet)
If you want to find more meaning in your life and become the-best-version-of-yourself, then please join us for our Fall semester of That Man Is You (TMIY) beginning September 12. We will meet on Tuesdays from 6:15-7:30 a.m. in the OLG Madonna Room. This year's program is entitled "Thy Kingdom Come" and it features 10 dynamic speakers. Come join a community of dedicated Catholic men striving to find meaning in our lives and to actively build up the kingdom of God. Each week will include an educational thought-provoking video and small group discussions.

Speakers will help us discover that the kingdom of God is not of this world yet within our midst and our hearts. Sessions will focus on how we can overthrow the power of sin and usher in a new way of living. Come learn how we can become authentic Catholic leaders that our families, our church, our world and so desperately need.



OLG 2023-2024

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration Opens	July 23rd
Registration Closes	Aug 20th
Catechist Training	Aug 20th
Meet the Teacher	Aug 27th
Classes Begin	Sept 10th



ACTS

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Men's ACTS Retreat

**SEPT. 28 -
OCT. 1, 2023**



ACTS is an acronym for

Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service

The ACTS Retreat is an opportunity for the retreatants to develop a deeper relationship with the Lord and fellow parishioners.

**REGISTRATION
OPEN SOON!**

Upcoming Important August Dates

- Sunday, 6th - *Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*
- Tuesday, 8th - Knights of Columbus Meeting 7- 8:30pm
- Tuesday, 8th - RCIA Team Workshop 6 - 8pm
- Tuesday, 15th - *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
- Tuesday, 15th - Mass, Rosary & Potluck 5:30 -8pm
- Saturday, 26th - Ministers Formation Day 7am-3pm
- Tuesday, 22nd - Altar Servers Training 5:30 - 8pm
- Sunday, 27th - *Blessing of Wedding Anniversaries & Birthdays*



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FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Friday, August 18, 2023

Included in conference registration

- Concert & insights by social media sensations **Emily Wilson** & **Andrew Laubacher**; with music by CMI
- Games, face-painting, and kid-friendly activities!

INTIMATE BENEFIT DINNER

Saturday, August 19, 2023

Limited tickets! \$250/person

- Exclusive evening with keynote by **Sr. Miriam James**
- Live & Silent Auctions
- Delightful fellowship
- Seated dinner with drinks



Bishop Gary Janak



Dr. Edward Sri



Fr. Carlos Martins



Michael O'Neill



Adam Blai



Sr. Miriam James



Barrie Schwartz
virtual



Fr. Ken Geraci



Fr. David Hust



Emily Wilson



Andrew Laubacher



Dave & Lauren Moore
Catholic Music Initiative

For tickets, schedule and more information call 877.218.7884 or visit www.FullnessOfTruth.org.



The Most Holy Eucharist

The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist. (Catechism #1322)

There are many things in this world that are truly priceless. You cannot put a price on the beauty of the mountains or other wonders of nature. You could never put a price on a parent's love or on the gift of a child. You cannot put a price on a faithful friend or a heroic act of charity.

And you cannot put a price on the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist!

ESSENCE CHALLENGES OUR FIVE SENSES

The Eucharist, simply put, is God. The Eucharist is God the Son, fully present in our world. It is Jesus, the eternal Son of God, fully present. The Eucharist is His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. God is made present to us in this form through the use of signs and symbols. But we should not fail to believe that the Eucharist is much more than signs and symbols. It could be said that the bread is a symbol of His Body, and the wine is a symbol of His Blood. This is true, but it is also far from complete. We must follow up that statement by saying that the bread, a symbol of His Body, actually becomes His Body, and the wine, a symbol of His Blood, actually becomes His Blood. We call this Transubstantiation. That's a big word with a lot of meaning. "Transubstantiation" means that the substance is transformed. It's changed. But it also means that the external aspects of the bread and wine remain the same. They do not change to our sight, taste, touch or smell. They look the same, feel the same and taste the same. But they are not the same in their essence. Try to imagine two primary parts of a piece of bread and a glass of wine. There are the external aspects and the essence. The external aspects are all those perceptible by the senses. But the essence is not perceptible in any way. By analogy, it could be like closing your eyes and smelling a rose-scented perfume. Your nose tells you that a rose is before you; but, in reality, it is a manufactured fragrance. Your nose is deceived as to the essence of what is before you. It's not an actual rose, it's just chemicals. The exact opposite is true with the Eucharist. In fact, the Eucharist is even more "deceiving" in that all of our senses detect only bread and wine. We can break the bread and hear it crack, taste it, etc. Our senses tell us this is bread. But, in essence, it has been transformed into God, in the Person of Jesus the Son. In order to understand this properly, we need a sort of "sixth sense." We need the spiritual sense of faith. Faith is a gift by which we come to know, with certainty, that this is no longer bread. Rather, it is God. It is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of God the Son. No amount of studying, reasoning, or arguing will convince us of this truth. But faith will. In fact, faith will convince us so deeply that we can come to believe with our whole being. And this is a conviction and level of belief that we can never arrive at using only our five senses or reasoning ability. If this is hard to believe, then it's a sign that God wants to deepen your faith in the Eucharist. He wants you to meet His divine presence there in the depth of your soul. He wants you to know Him, love Him, adore Him and surrender your life to Him in this precious gift.

Next week: The Liturgy of the Eucharist