

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY

August 6, 2017

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

— Psalm 97:6

EYEWITNESSES

Today is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew's Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased," and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$4,574.00	\$3,368.00
Number of Families contributing	96	74
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (31 Weeks)	\$102,770.00	\$108,973.00
Received to Date	\$101,604.56	\$87,703.20
Envelopes Outstanding	\$1,165.44	\$21,269.80

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$142.00	\$8,322.00

Fifteen ladies made a contribution last week.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$6,945.41
Amount Outstanding	\$18,759.59

Two people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$55.00	\$7,111.00

Two people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

PARKING LOT totaled \$13.00.

12 **CHILDREN** contributed \$59.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$100.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 135 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 120.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Burt Lancaster, the famous actor, was a poor boy in New York, he had the usual boyish cravings for cream puffs, chocolates, and ice-cream. A mere quarter meant a lot to him.

One day as he stood on a corner he saw a \$20 bill lying in the gutter. It was the largest amount of money he had ever seen. He was thinking of the joy it would give his mother when he ran home with the prize. As he stood there an elderly lady approached him. He noticed how worried and upset she looked. "You didn't see a \$20 bill, did you?" she asked. And she explained how she had cashed a check for that amount at the bank to buy some articles that were badly needed for her family. She was in tears when she said, "I don't know what I'll do if I don't find it. I must have dropped it near here somewhere...."

Burt's fingers closed on the bill; a picture flashed through his mind of all the good things that money could buy. But he pulled out the bill. "You did lose it here, Ma'am. I found it," and he handed it to the old lady.

The look of joy on her tired, anxious face sent a warm glow to his heart. She thanked him and went home. In later life Lancaster recalled it as the happiest memory of his life.

The approval of one's own conscience at being honest, and the resultant joy and satisfaction of having done the right thing is indescribable and unparalleled. Lancaster's example tells us of the satiating power of honesty;

HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Apples in loving memory of Big Apple on the 1st Anniversary of his death;
2. A Parish Family Member in Thanks to St. Expedite;
3. A Parish Family Member in Thanks to the Infant of Prague;
4. a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

SCHOOL SUBSIDY

Parents who wish to get a subsidy for their children attending Our Lady of Peace School must contact Fr. Cherian or the Church Office as soon as possible.

THE BEST SERMONS ARE LIVED, NOT PREACHED

- Today, I kissed my dad on the forehead as he passed away in a small hospital bed. About 5 seconds after he passed, I realized it was the first time I had given him a kiss since I was a little boy.

- Today, when I witnessed a 27-year-old breast cancer patient laughing hysterically at her 2-year-old daughter's antics, I suddenly realized that I need to stop complaining about my life and start celebrating it again.

TRUST HIM

God closed the lion's mouths for Daniel, parted the Red Sea for Moses, made the sun stand still for Joshua, opened the prison for Peter, gave Sarah a baby, and raised Lazarus from the dead...Nothing you'll face today is beyond His control. Have Faith. Trust Him.

THANK YOU

to a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

JOKE OF THE WEEK A young boy is doing poorly in Math in public school. His mother decides to send him to a private school run by nuns. Lo and behold, after a semester the boy's grades became higher. Being surprised his mother asked him how he did it. "Well," he says "as soon as I entered the room I saw a guy nailed to the plus sign. I knew they meant business."

CYNICAL MEANINGS

Compromise: The art of dividing a cake in such a way that everybody believes he got the biggest piece.

Tears: The hydraulic force by which masculine will-power is defeated by feminine water power.

Classic: A book which people praise, but do not read.

Smile: A curve that can set a lot of things straight.

GOD IS LIKE WIFI Once a man asked God why you don't fulfill my wishes if you are everywhere...? God replies... I am like WiFi my child. I am available everywhere but you need to connect with me with a Correct Password: "FAITH"

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday:** St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
- Tuesday:** St. Dominic
- Wednesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
- Thursday:** St. Lawrence
- Friday:** St. Clare
- Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Apple Riley on the 1st Anniversary of his death
- Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Pete Jason Carroll on his 31st Birthday.
- Wednesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph
- Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Little Bibbie Sherlock.
- Friday:** In Thanks for Easton Sherlock on his 6th Birthday.

TAKE WINGS

Take wings of faith and rise above
The craggy shores of grief,
Cross o'er the waters of your tears,
Be lifted by belief.

Empowered by the One Who knows
The weakness of your soul.
Be not cast down, but praise His name,
Give Him complete control.

You have endured and you have stood,
To show My mighty power;
You've let My grace supply your need
To lift you in this hour.

Of loss and sorrow, deepest pain
When loved one was called home.
Now fly! My wings will carry you;
You'll never be alone!

Anna Lee Edwards McAlpin

READERS

- Sat. Aug. 5th, 4:00 P.M.**
Christina &
Julie Ann
- Sun. Aug. 6th, 10:00 A.M.**
Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph
- Sat. Aug. 12th, 4:00 P.M.**
Sable &
Mary Martha
- Sun. Aug. 13th, 10:00 A.M.**
Theresa Maria Cat &
Jimmy Joseph

READERS – WEEKDAYS

- Monday** Theresa Maria Cat
- Tuesday** Christina
- Wednesday** Ann Rita
- Thursday** Sable
- Friday** Fallon

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

- Saturday 4:00 P.M.**
Front
Left Cup
- Aug. 5th**
Bridget Ann
Winnie Ann

Sunday 10:00 A.M.

- August 6th**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie
- August 13th**
Pete Man's Nora
Rose Marie

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

- Monday** Rose Marie
- Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora
- Wednesday** Ann T.
- Thursday** Rose Marie
- Friday** Ann Rita

I HAVE A FRIEND!

His name is Jesus.
He loves me at all times.
He is with me in my trials,
my troubles,
my temptations,
my sorrows and my joys.
He is the strength of my life,
my Courage, and
my Purpose for living.
No matter what's going on
in my life,
My heart is open to Him.
He is the Power of God
working in me.
He is able to keep
whatever I commit to Him.
In good times or bad- happy or sad-
I know Who loves me.
I know Who cares for me.
I know I have a friend named -JESUS

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES

O Mother of mercy, comforter of the afflicted, You know my suffering and my needs. Look upon me with loving kindness.
By appearing at the Grotto of Lourdes, You made it a sacred place, a sanctuary of healing. Many have been cured there, both physically and spiritually, I come, therefore, with faith in the Lord's healing power. O Mary, please grant my requests for healing. Most of all, help me to know and embrace God's will for Me. Amen.