

## FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023

*“All you who are thirsty, come to the water!”*

*— Isaiah 55:1a*

### OUR DEEPEST NEEDS

The word of God serves up a tremendous feast for us today. Isaiah beckons all who hunger and thirst to come to the Lord for satisfaction. The psalmist cries out, “The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs” (Psalm 145:16). Saint Paul tells us that nothing can separate us from the love of God. Finally, in the Gospel, we hear the story of the miraculous feeding of over five thousand people from a mere five loaves and two fish. Most of us have our material needs met on a day-to-day basis. These scriptures, nevertheless, have much to say to the contemporary believer. We must ask ourselves, “Where are my deepest hungers? Where are my thirsts?” After material needs are satisfied and, in some cases, over-satisfied, many people still experience a deep longing for spiritual balance and well-being. As the loaves and fish are multiplied in today’s Gospel, perhaps our prayer can be a longing for the satisfaction of the deepest needs that only God can fill.

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### TODAY’S READINGS

**First Reading** — All you who thirst, come to the water! You without money, come to the feast! (Isaiah 55:1-3).

**Psalm** — The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs (Psalm 145).

**Second Reading** — Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ (Romans 8:35, 37-39).

**Gospel** — All ate until satisfied; they collected twelve baskets of what was left over (Matthew 14:13-21).

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

**Monday:** St. Sixtus and Companions; St. Cajetan

**Tuesday:** St. Dominic

**Wednesday:** St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross

**Thursday:** St. Lawrence

**Friday:** St. Clare

**Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantel

### ~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

#### AN EVENING PRAYER

*O Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, pray for me that I may be preserved this night from all evil, whether of body or soul. Dear St. Joseph, all you saints and angels, and especially you, my guardian angel and my chosen patron, watch over me. I commend myself to your protection now and always. Amen.*

### REFLECTION

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The Gospel from Matthew, takes Peter, James, and John high up on a mountain where they are given a glimpse of the Son of God glorified. Jesus’ face shines like the sun, his clothes transform and appear to be white as the snow, and a voice from the sky proclaims that he indeed is the Son of God. Prophets from the Old Testament—Moses and Elijah—attend this spectacular event, lending credence to the idea that Jesus Christ was the one foretold in the prophecies. Jesus Christ was the one who had been sent by the Creator to reconcile the world and bring it back into the oneness with God in heaven. Jesus Christ was in fact the Messiah that the people of God had been waiting for. Yet, this was still the same Jesus that the disciples ate, drank, and traveled with each day. This was the same Jesus who they would accompany down the mountain and with whom they would resume their normal lives. No wonder they fell prostrate and were in shock! How could anyone hold such dramatically different realities together at once? How can anyone expect to simply go back to normal after an event like that?

At one point, Peter tells Jesus that it is good that they are here and offers to set up three tents for Jesus and the two prophets. This, however, is not the plan; they are not meant to stay on the mountain. They must return. When we have powerful experiences of God through the worthy participation of the Holy Eucharist, receiving the sacraments, reading the Bible and sharing and caring experiences in the community all these can transform the way we see everything. All this wonderful experience will make us a return journey to Jesus. A return journey to the figure of Jesus.

#### TRUST IN GOD

Talk with God, **NO BREATH IS LOST.**

Walk with God, **NO STRENGTH IS LOST.**

Wait for God, **NO TIME IS LOST.**

TRUST in God, **YOU WILL NEVER BE LOST.**

#### TWO THOUGHTS DECIDE THE SUCCESS IN YOUR LIFE

1. **The way you *MANAGE* when you have nothing in hand.**
2. **The way you *BEHAVE* when you have everything in hand.**

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
Last Week's Collection	\$1,836.00	\$1,052.00
Number of Families contributing	48	35
Total Pledge for 2023	\$160,375.00	\$163,292.00
Pledged to Date (28 Weeks)	\$95,746.00	\$97,114.00
Received to Date	\$77,654.00	\$62,462.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$18,092.00	\$34,652.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$62.00	\$5,559.00

Ten ladies contributed last week.

### PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2023
\$130.00	\$49,395.00

Two people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

### BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$71,565.00

### CATHOLIC APPEAL OF SOUTH CAROLINA (BAA)

Amount given to date	2023 GOAL
\$4,831.00	\$19,882.00

POOR BOX totaled \$72.00.

4 CHILDREN contributed \$15.00.

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. The Family of Big Apple in loving memory of him on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THANK YOU to a parish member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

### FARMWORKER MINISTRY CLOTHING DRIVE

The Diocese of Charleston is collecting baseball caps and long-sleeved T-shirts of all sizes for migrant/seasonal farm workers. All parishes are asked to help assist men and women migrant farm workers who travel to our state annually for agriculture work. There will be a box in the Church where you can donate these items. When the box is full a Farm Worker coordinator will pick it up.

### I LOVE YOU LORD

*You move me, Lord.*

*I am moved seeing you scoffed at and nailed on a cross.*

*I am moved seeing Your body so wounded.*

*Your injuries and death move me.*

*It is Your love that moves me, and in such a way*

*That even though there were no Heaven,*

*I would love You, and even though there were no hell,*

*I would fear You.*

*You do not have to give me anything so that I love You,*

*For even if I didn't hope for what I hope,*

*As I love You now, so would I love You.*

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday:** For the repose of the soul of Big Apple on the 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.

**Tuesday:** For the repose of the soul of Margaret Sherlock on her Birthday.

**Wednesday:** In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague and St. Joseph for all the sick and for all the holy souls in purgatory; for Joel Carroll on his 17<sup>th</sup> Birthday; for Pete Suedle on his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday and for the repose of the soul of Mary Louise.

**Thursday:** For the repose of the soul of Bibbie on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death.

**Friday:** In thanks for Easton Sherlock on his 12<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

### READERS

**Sat. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Julie Ann &  
Natalie

**Sun. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Jimmy Joseph &  
Lauren Ashley

**Sat. Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

Mary Martha &  
Paris

**Sun. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

Jimmy Joseph &  
Lauren Ashley

### READERS – WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Monroe  
**Tuesday** - Paris  
**Wednesday** - Dayna  
**Thursday** - Natalie  
**Friday** - Macy

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAYS

**Monday** - Theresa Hun  
**Tuesday** - Jack's Mary Rita  
**Wednesday** - Julie Ann  
**Thursday** - Cathy Carroll  
**Friday** - Rosie Cat

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**

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**Left**

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**

Jack's Mary Rita  
Cathy Carroll

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**August 6<sup>th</sup>**

Ned's Rose Marie

**August 13<sup>th</sup>**

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