

Saint Sabina Catholic Church

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Office Hours: 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday - Thursday and 9:00am-1:00pm, Friday

Congratulations and welcome to Delaney, daughter of Jacob and Paige and one of the newest members of our parish family, who was baptized on July 23rd!



Mass Times

Saturday: 4:00pm in English

Sunday: 8:00am and 10:30am in English,
12:30pm in Spanish

Confessions: Saturdays, 3:00-3:30pm

Visit our website for Holy Day and special
Mass times.

Have you ever wanted to explore your faith in greater depth and become more informed about our Catholic tradition? Are there questions that you always had about our faith but were either afraid to ask or did not know who to ask? If so, then our one evening Foundations for Living Stones Taste and See Experience will begin to address your desire and curiosity about your faith. See page 4 for more information.

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Intentions for August 7—11, 2017

Mon.	8am	COMMUNION SERVICE
Tues.	6pm	†Charlie Morales Hernandez
Wed.	10am	†Simone Clements (Redwood of Raymore)
Thurs.	8am	†Fr. Bernard Branson
Fri.	8am	†Luis Franco

Saturday, August 12, 2017

4:00pm †Dodie Maurer

Sunday, August 13, 2017

8:00am	†Rita Miller
	†Alberta Imming
10:30am	Intentions of the Parish Family
12:30pm Spanish	†Juanita Picaso †Efren Mauro

From Death to New Life De la Muerte a la Nueva Vida

†**Luis Franco**, son of Luis Franco and Delia Lopez, sobrino de Javier Franco

†**Glen Lewis**, father of Jim (Estelle) Lewis

†**José Juan Alvarez**, esposo de Berta Martinez

†**Rebecca Rodriguez**, grandmother of Rebecca Rodriguez



Calendar/Parish Happenings

Sunday, August 6 - Domingo, 6 de Agosto

- 10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano
2:00pm Formación de Ujieres

Monday, August 7 - Lunes, 7 de Agosto

- 5:30pm Marian Prayer Group
7:00pm Boy Scouts

Tuesday, August 8 - Martes, 8 de Agosto

- 7:00pm Pequeñas Comunidades Cristianas

Wednesday, August 9 - Miércoles, 9 de Agosto

- 9:00am Legion of Mary
10:00am Mass at Redwood of Raymore
7:00pm Love Thy Neighbor Meeting

Thursday, August 10 - Jueves, 10 de Agosto

- 9:30am Quilters

Friday, August 11 - Viernes, 11 de Agosto

No Scheduled Events

Saturday, August 12 - Sábado, 12 de Agosto

- 10:00am Pláticas Pre-bautismales
3:00pm Confessions

Sunday, August 13 - Domingo, 13 de Agosto

- 10:00am Talleres de Oración y Vida
11:00am Ensayo del Coro Hispano

Holy Day Mass Times

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated on Tuesday, August 15th and is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have a Mass at 8am in English as well as a bilingual Mass at 6pm.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – 2017-2018

(Contact: Biagio Mazza – 816-979-3153; e-mail: biagio@stsabinaparish.org).

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, the RCIA, is a process which welcomes all who are interested in becoming Catholic, or any Catholic wishing to deepen their understanding of the faith. The Rite involves the formation of a community that learns, shares, builds community and prays together to deepen their relationship to God and to the parish family. The entire process leads to full commitment to God and the faith community, celebrated during the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. This year the key steps, rituals and dates are:

August 24, 2017, 6PM – Initial getting to know one another gathering and meal

August 31, 2017, 7-9PM – The first of our weekly Thursday evening gatherings

December 10, 2017, 10:30AM – The Rite of being welcomed and accepted by the parish family

February 17, 2018, 10AM – The Rite of being welcomed and accepted by the diocesan family

March 29-30-31, 2018 – The Triduum Rituals leading to full commitment to God and parish family

If you or anyone you know would be interested in being part of the RCIA, please share the information with them. There are forms in the gathering space, along with a complete calendar for this year's program. Please fill out the contact information on the other side and we will personally contact and invite all those interested to our RCIA Meal which will be held on Thursday, August 24th, 2017 at 6:00pm.



Volunteers, including parishioners Sandy Katzer, Calvin, and Joseph attended Mass at Corpus Christi in Anapra, Mexico last Sunday while doing mission work. Pictured are the volunteers with Estela Huerta and Fr. Bill Morton, Columban priest.



Parish Happenings

Reserving Space for Parish Programs

As we prepare to begin a new year of programming this fall, please remember that space needs to be reserved. If you are a leader of a parish ministry group, please contact Kris via email at kris@stsabinaparish.org to request space.

Foundations for Living Stones – Taste and See Experience

Have you ever wanted to explore your faith in greater depth and become more informed about our Catholic tradition? Are there questions that you always had about our faith but were either afraid to ask or did not know who to ask? If so, then this Foundations for Living Stones Taste and See Experience will begin to address your desire and curiosity about your faith. On Wednesday evening, August 16 at 7 PM in the double classroom of the Education Wing, you can experience what our Foundations for Living Stones program is all about. This adult faith formation program explores in greater depth and knowledge the basics of our faith. Communication skills, group development, leadership skills, bible study, church history, prayer and sacraments are some of the many areas explored and examined. Adult methods of learning and reflection are employed throughout.

This Taste and See experience allows you to meet Living Stones graduates, as well as explore the syllabus, books and materials used throughout the 9-month program. Come and enjoy. Information about the program, questions and inquiries, along with application forms will be available. So, if you have a desire to learn more about your faith and to continue growing in it, then do plan on attending the Taste and See session and find out more about Foundations for Living Stones. It could change your life for the better. For questions or further information, don't hesitate to contact Biagio at 816-979-3153 (e-mail biagio@stsabinaparish.org) or Kris at 816-979-3151 (e-mail kris@stsabinaparish.org).

Discover the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff

Travel to the South Pacific with Fr. Jeff where you will get to see the Great Barrier Reef, the Sydney Opera House, Auckland and Milford Sound, New Zealand, and more. Information packets are available in the gathering space.

Heritage Celebration

Share your heritage with us, as we celebrate the diversity in our parish family! If you can help by decorating a table in the tradition of your heritage, please contact Berenice in the parish office. 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org. There will be a prize for the best decorated table!



Celebración de Patrimonio Cultural

¡Comparta su cultura con nosotros, mientras celebramos la diversidad en nuestra familia parroquial! Si puede ayudar decorando una mesa en la tradición de su patrimonio cultural, comuníquese con Berenice en la oficina parroquial. 816-979-3150 o berenice@stsabinaparish.org. ¡Habrá un premio para la mesa mejor decorada!

Stewardship

"As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven; When he reached the Ancient One and was presented before him, the one like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship; all peoples, nations, and languages serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed."

Daniel 7: 13-14

Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and this reading very much parallels what is portrayed in the Transfiguration. The interesting point within this reading from Daniel, however, is that it refers to the "Son of Man," which is the term Jesus Himself used most often to describe Himself. In fact, the term "Son of Man" occurs 85 times in the Gospels, and in 83 of them it is Jesus who uses the term. The important point for us is that Jesus calling Himself the Son of Man explains that He was born of a woman, and He shares in our earthly conditions and sufferings. That fact should make us want to embrace Him as our Savior, our Friend, and our Shepherd even more. — See more at www.catholicsteward.com/blog/

Contributions for July 30

Envelopes/Sobres:	\$9,216.00
Plate/Canasta:	\$1,003.56
Maintenance-Upkeep:	\$ 490.00
Sound System:	\$1,850.00

Online Giving

St. Sabina offers an online giving option for parishioners and visitors. This is an easy, safe and secure way to make contributions online. To set up a one-time or recurring contribution: go to our parish website at www.stsabinaparish.org, click the "Online Giving" button in the top right section and fill out the online contribution form.

Donating Securities and Mutual Funds

Are some of your shares of stock or mutual funds higher than when you bought them? This provides you a wise method of giving to St. Sabina Parish.

Donating appreciated stock or mutual fund shares is a strategic gift-planning method. In most cases, the donor receives an itemized deduction in the full amount of the fair market value (FMV) of the shares donated as of the date of the gift. This value is deductible up to 30% of the donor's adjusted gross income and can be carried over for up to five years after the year of the gift. Please consult your financial or legal adviser.

Delegation to El Salvador - January 2018



2016 Delegation to El Salvador

St. Sabina Parish currently sponsors 7 students in Cinquera, El Salvador. This past February we were honored to have Heydi Gomez, one of our students, visit us. Currently we are planning a trip to

El Salvador in January of 2018. During our visit to El Salvador we plan on visiting all of our students in Cinquera, as well as several historical places in San Salvador, including the chapel where Blessed Oscar Romero was murdered, his tomb, and also the Jesuit University, UCA. Delegates will have the opportunity to learn more about the reality of living in El Salvador by visiting several of our students in their homes and meeting their families. The cost for the trip is approximately \$750 plus airfare. The delegation fee covers all meals, transportation (excluding airfare) and hotels. It is not necessary to speak Spanish, as a translator will be provided. If you are interested, please contact Kris at 816-979-3151 or via email at kris@stsabinaparish.org.

Green Team Tip of the Week

Become a Lorax and learn to care for orchard and/or shade trees. <https://bridgingthegap.org/heartland-tree-alliance/keeper-training/>



Area Information

Family Vocation Day - August 19



The Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph is presenting a Family Vocation Day "Your Life - God's Call" on August 19th at St. Therese Parish, 7207 NW Hwy 9,

KCMO. All ages can attend. Tracks for young adults, parents, children by age group, as well as child care for kids ages 2-4, will be offered. Come and be inspired. Experience prayer, learn more about the consecrated life, ask questions and have fun. For the complete schedule and registration information, please contact the Family Life Office at 816-714-2373 or www.kcpriest.org. \$5 per person or \$30 per family. Child care \$5 per child.

Cass County Family Resource Center

The Resource Center is offering free breakfasts to Belton/Raymore students through August 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. For information or to register, call Michelle Sánchez at 816-425-5706. 528 North Scott Ave. Belton, Missouri.

Married Couples. Getting ready for school means lots of time spent on your children. After school begins, why not give yourselves some time together? Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Weekend in Kansas City is:

November 10-12, 2017.

For more information or to apply, please visit our website: www.wwme4youandme.org or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email tonybarbz@prodigy.net

Drivers Needed

The non-profit BelRay Rides Pilot Program is seeking volunteer drivers to help with a curb-to-curb, advanced reservation, transportation service for residents of Belton and Raymore. Service will be available to and from any destination within the Belton and Raymore city limits and up to the MTA park and ride at Red Bridge. Service will be provided between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. There will be no service on major holidays.

The program will also provide transportation service for seniors from individual homes or from senior communities in Belton and Raymore to hospitals or medical buildings outside Belton and Raymore for appointments. For more information about the program, please go to www.belrayrides.org. If interested in being a driver, please sign up at www.casscountyfamilies.org.

happy birthday

Camila Aguilar	Vanessa Hernandez	Marin Neri
Andy Albor	Clinton Hill	Victor Ortiz
Adolfo Albor	Dallas Hille	Nicolas Pettit
Hilda Alvarado	Denisse Hinojos	Zach Poland
Moises Angel	Joseph Huerta	Giacomo Randazzo
Abelardo Arreola	Alan Hughes	Jose Reyes
Carlos Arroyo	Alisa Hurtado	Ana Rivas
Nayeli Ayala	Joseph Jackson	Angel Rocha
Bill Birkner	Lisa January	Maria Rocha
Susan Budnik	Jeremy Jones	Celia Rodriguez
Alma Cano	Audrey Kelch	Adam Rosas
Brenda Chavez	Aaron King	Paulette Samson
Erica Chevalier	Nelson Lara	Yuliana Sanchez
Genesis Cruz	Patti Ledford	Nicholas Sargent
James Curtis	Keaton Lee	Lou Scaccia
Rodolfo Dominguez-Gomez	Lorenzo Lozano-Leya	Donna Sedlock
Genoveva Driscoll	Allison Lozano-Leya	Bill Sellmeyer
Dan Emerick	Jonathan Lynn	Brianna Stoddard
Cesar Franco	Janis Macias	Jack Taylor
Jesús Gaspar	Saith Mancilla	Doug Thurman
Jacqueline Gonzalez	Noel Martinez	Scott Thurston
Isaac Gonzalez	Jose Martinez	Michelle Vargo
Aaron Gonzalez	Julien Martinez	Jassiny Vazquez
Karen Grantham	Noelia Martinez	Dorothy Watkins
Arlene Guss	Jennifer McDaniel	Richard Westbrock
Maria Guzman	Kendra McLain	Stephanie Wilson
Joyce Hammack	Sabrina Mendez	Roland Woods
Kathlyn Henke	Charlene Morgan	Elizabeth Woolfolk

Happy Anniversary

Bob and Sally Coshun	55 Years!	8/11/1962
James and Sandra Flynn	53 Years!	8/8/1964
Marvin and Karen Henrich	45 Years!	8/12/1972
Biagio and Dorothy Mazza	41 Years!	8/7/1976
Kurt and Mary Shatford	26 Years!	8/9/1991
Dennis and Kay Glaser	22 Years!	8/12/1995
Robert and Lynn Roseburrough	20 Years!	8/7/1997
Drummond and Jennifer Mackinnon	18 Years!	8/7/1999
Joel and Olga Ortega	18 Years!	8/10/1999
John and Cecelia Berryman	17 Years!	8/12/2000
Scott and Heather Thurston	13 Years!	8/7/2004
Claudio and Justina Cruz	13 Years!	8/11/2004
Fred and Danielle Yonker	11 Years!	8/12/2006
Toby and Jody Crookshanks	9 Years!	8/8/2008
Brian and Barbara Hall	9 Years!	8/9/2008
Josh and Mary Srader	4 Years!	8/10/2013

Pastoral Care

What is Grief?

Grief is the normal response to loss. Grief is deep sorrow, especially that caused by someone's death.

What is a Grief Recovery Group? The grief group we offer at St. Sabina is based on an adult mutual self-help grief recovery model. It is a safe place to recognize and acknowledge a painful loss. The participants are grievers that are courageous and have chosen to be proactive rather than passive. It's a place to give your grief its voice. Advanced registration is important, group size is limited, but we must have at least five participants in order to benefit from this model. All are welcome; you do not have to be a parishioner to participate. Friends or family members are welcome.

When and How? This year our group will begin mid to late September. The group will meet once a week on Mondays, 6:30-8pm, at St. Sabina. For more information contact Marta Roper at 816-979-3154 or marta@stsabina.org.

Free Alzheimer's Educational Seminar

With Dr. Richard Isaacson Alzheimer's specialist and co-author of "The Alzheimer's Diet". Sat., Aug. 12th, 10am-noon, Intercontinental Kansas City at the Plaza, 401 Ward Pkwy, KCMO. Reservations required. To order complimentary tickets call 816-527-8247.

Anointing of the Sick?

If you suffer from a chronic illness, or have an upcoming surgery and wish to receive the sacrament of anointing of the sick, let Fr Jeff know before the Mass you attend and he will be glad to anoint you after Mass. If you would like to schedule it in advance or make an appointment for a weekday, contact Marta Roper in the parish office at 816-979-3154.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule

Aug 9	10:00am	Redwood of Raymore (formerly Rehab. of Raymore)
Aug 16	10:00am	Foxwood Springs
Aug 23	11:00am	Carnegie Village

Prayer Requests/Peticiones de Oración

Jim Agnew	Luis Franco	Jane Nouryeh
Armando Alarcon	Emily Frezza	Rick Orey
Diane Atchison	Dick Garnier	Thelma Palmer
Marilyn Avalos	June Glunt	Dee Raya
Polleth Bautista	Karen Grantham	Patricia Rellihan
Nikki Barrett	Laverne Harlow	Ann Ryan
Pauline Bellm	Amber Hartenbower	Yvonne Salmon
John Bidondo	Cherie Hatfield	Shelline Smoot
Fran Birkner	Bob Heffernan	Larry Spencer
Jim Carol	Beth Heide	Marie Stinger
Teresa Carol	Bart Henke	Jim Storm
Nancy Christian	Rhonda Henke	Leo Storm
Steve Circo	Pam Kelleher	Mary Jane Storm
Anna Clark	Mary Carol King	Jean Tate
Kristen Conner	Donna Kozar	Ruth Tayler
Helen Cook	John Lally	Angel Thomas
Joseph Coots	Susan Lewis	Priscilla Tristani
Paul DeMar	Beverly Little	Eduardo Vasquez
Nolan Dickerson	Bill Locke	Sunny Vigil
Frances DiGeorge	Debbie Locke	Mary Westfall
Argentina Meza Dubon	Jo Locke	Marie Wilburn
Carol Eckford	Denise Mehlo	Jeannette Woolworth
Terry Eppert	Leonard Meiron	Merle Woolworth
Joan Feeback	Harry Muench	Carmitia Yust
Butch Ford	Joan Muench	Pablo Zayas
Larry Foster	Bella Nouryeh	

Wellness Center

Did you know exercise can improve memory and brain function? Aerobic exercise increases the creation of new brain cells in the areas of the brain that control memory, complex thought and decision-making. Aerobic exercise also increases both the production of molecules that carry brain signals and the connections between cells where these molecules work.

Walking is great **exercise** and can be very beneficial aerobically. Aerobic exercise is defined as "brisk physical activity that requires the heart and lungs to work harder to meet the body's increased oxygen demand.

You will have better success if you exercise with someone else or if are accountable to someone else in maintaining your program. Start a walking partnership with a friend or family member. Walking a dog is another great way to be accountable. You can be sure that your dog will eagerly await your daily walks.

Wellness Center Class Schedule

Monday:	Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Tuesday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Circuit Training 6-7pm
Wednesday:	Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm Strength & Restore 6-7pm
Thursday:	Stretch & Strength 1-2pm Gentle Stretch & Strength 2-3pm Yoga 6-7pm
Friday:	Yoga 1-2pm Gentle Yoga 2-3pm ReFit® 6-7pm



School of Religion/Youth Ministry

Volunteer Opportunities

Uplift Org. If you would like to bring meals to the homeless on the 4th or 5th Monday of any month, please contact Kirstie Roberts! This ministry is open to all parishioners age 14 and older. Volunteers must report to the Uplift Warehouse by 5pm and will be finished around 9:30pm.

Uplift Cooks! Anyone who would like to help prepare a meal for the homeless is welcome to join our team on the 4th Monday of each month at 10am in the gym. We recommend that you bring a good cutting knife, vegetable peeler and can opener. **Our next cooking date is Monday, August 28th.**

Harvesters! This local food bank provides food to needy families around the KC area. Volunteers are needed to help sort food donations and pack weekend food bags for kids in our community. We will be taking a group of 5 people on the third Thursday of each month. **Our next date is August 17th, 6-8pm.** If you would like to volunteer, call or email Kirstie in the Youth Office.

Community Meals Lord of Love Lutheran Church offers a free meal to the community each Wednesday. Every third Wednesday of the month St. Sabina volunteers help prepare, serve and clean up in an effort to work together with other Christians to carry out Christ's work. **Our next volunteer date is August 16th.** Contact Berenice Zayas for more information or to sign up at 816-979-3150 or berenice@stsabinaparish.org.

Peer Ministry Training - August 26th, 7:30am to 12:30pm at St. Mark's Parish! All current Peer Ministers and youth who have been confirmed and would like to participate in the upcoming school year on the Peer Ministry and Search Team are invited to attend a special training day. This is an excellent opportunity to help all of us work together and best serve our new group of young people. There will be workshops on Hospitality, Ice Breakers, Choosing Topics and Input, Leading a Small Group Discussion and Leading Prayer. Please contact Kirstie Roberts by August 18th if you plan to attend. We will meet at St. Sabina at 7:45am and carpool to St. Mark's. Everyone will need a permission slip and there is no cost for this valuable training day!

High School Youth and College Youth! The National Catholic Youth Conference is coming soon, November 16th-19th! We will be registering youth to go on this amazing trip to Indianapolis until September 18th. Contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office to get an information and registration packet!

Child Safety

The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816.812.2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

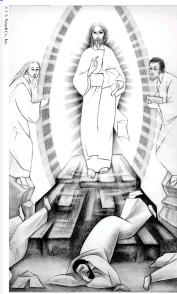
All volunteers with youth and children must attend one Protecting God's Children workshop, submit to a background check and sign the policy on Ethics and Integrity in Ministry, (EIM). More info at <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

Parish School of Religion! Registration for all grades, K through 12, will begin on August 5th. Registration forms can be picked up in the back of church or from the parish website. Classes will begin September 17th. Children entering 2nd grade are eligible for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year and youth entering 10th grade or older are eligible for the sacrament of Confirmation. Information packs about the sacraments will be sent upon receipt of registration. We look forward to sharing your children's faith journey this school year!

Substitute Teachers Needed! If anyone is available to occasionally help out in a PSR classroom, please contact Kirstie Roberts in the Youth Office. All volunteers must meet the Diocesan requirements to work with children.



Reflection on the Readings



Today, the feast of the Transfiguration takes over the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Each year we celebrate the feast on August 6, proclaiming the narrative from the gospel for that

Lectionary year. Since we are in Lectionary Year A, the gospel account comes from Matthew. The account appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but not in John. The only other New Testament mention of the Transfiguration is found in today's second reading from the letter of 2 Peter.

The event occurs on a mountain, and in Mark and Matthew it occurs after Jesus' first prediction of his passion, death and resurrection. *Mountains were understood as the location where one came into contact with the divine.* Both Moses and Elijah, among other biblical figures, encounter the Lord on a mountain and are definitely transformed by the experience. Moses and Elijah are connected with Jesus' transfiguration not only because of their own mountain transfiguration but also because they symbolically represent the entire Jewish tradition of the Law and the Prophets. *Intimacy with God results in transformation. In being transfigured through their intimacy with God, Jesus, Moses and Elijah all reveal God's presence and power that now shines through them.*

For Christians, we believe that Jesus is so connected with God that he fully reveals God. *The Transfiguration event clearly conveys the message that Jesus is the long awaited Jewish Messiah, through whom God is revealed and in whom God is experienced.* The voice from the cloud, a biblical symbol for

God, affirms Jesus' identity as "my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." It also counsels all to "listen to him." In this manner, Jesus is identified as intimately connected with God and as one who speaks for God. *All the readings for this feast unpack a different aspect of Jesus' transformative identity while pointing to the eventual fulfillment of his mission.*

The first reading from the book of Daniel speaks of visions in which God, the Ancient One, receives and gifts the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of heaven, with everlasting "dominion, glory and kingship," that will never be taken away or destroyed. *We believe Jesus to be this Son of Man, a title applied to him by the gospel writers, who came to proclaim God's reign.* Through his passion, death, and resurrection, he has firmly established that reign forever, and has prepared a place for all those who seek to be transformed and thus reflect the shining glory of God in their lives.

The refrain from Responsorial Psalm 97 invites us to proclaim that "The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth." *As Christians, we believe that Jesus is that king for whom "justice and judgments are the foundation" of his reign, and where all disciples will be united with the Lord forever.*

The second reading from 2 Peter, one of the last New Testament writings, attests to the Transfiguration as a clear affirmation of the prophetic and reliable message that Jesus proclaimed. *The Transformation event becomes a source of hope and courage as we face life's challenges, similar to "a lamp shining in a dark place."* We wait in hope "until day dawns and the morning star rises" in our hearts.

Matthew's Transfiguration account highlights Jesus' true identity which can only be fully understood and experienced after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." While the disciples wanted the experience to last, Jesus informs them that much has to be accomplished, namely his journey to Jerusalem and his passion, death and resurrection, before this can become a true reality for them and all who choose to follow Jesus.

As we celebrate this feast, try to recall times when you were transformed by life's experiences. How did they help you get in touch with your true identity as a child of God? *When have you heard God say, "This is my beloved child, in whom I am well pleased?" Try to cultivate life's transformative experiences whenever possible.*

Biagio Mazza

Readings



Sunday, August 6

1st Reading: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm: Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9-12 (1a, 9a)
2nd Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-19
Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Sunday, August 13

1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm: Psalm 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)
2nd Reading: Romans 9:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Bible Study

Catholics are mostly exposed to the Bible through the Sunday Lectionary Readings. In order to help us all enter into the Bible through the Sunday readings, we offer study sessions that provide an opportunity to read, to study background to the readings, and to reflect on how to apply the readings to our lives. **Remaining summer date is August 20th at 10:30am in the conference room.** All are welcome; bring a bible. To register, call Biagio at 816-979-3153.



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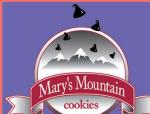
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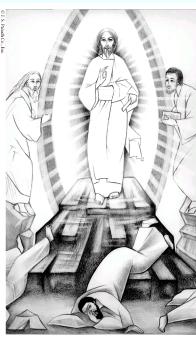
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Reflexión Sobre las Lecturas



Hoy, la fiesta de la Transfiguración reemplaza el XVIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario. Cada año celebramos la fiesta el 6 de agosto, proclamando la narración del evangelio para ese año Leccionario. Como estamos en el Año Leccionario "A", el evangelio viene de Mateo. El relato aparece en los evangelios de Mateo, Marcos y Lucas, pero no en el de Juan. La única otra mención de la Transfiguración en el Nuevo Testamento se encuentra en la segunda lectura de hoy de la segunda carta de Pedro.

El acontecimiento ocurre en una montaña y en los evangelios de Marcos y Mateo, ocurre después de la primera predicción de Jesús de su pasión, muerte y resurrección. *Las montañas fueron entendidas como el lugar donde uno entró en contacto con lo divino.* Tanto Moisés como Elías, entre otras figuras bíblicas, encuentran al Señor en una montaña y son definitivamente transformados por la experiencia. Moisés y Elías están conectados con la transfiguración de Jesús no sólo debido a su propia transfiguración en montaña, sino también porque representan simbólicamente toda la tradición judía de la Ley y los Profetas. *La intimidad con Dios resulta en la transformación. Al ser transfigurados a través de su intimidad con Dios, Jesús, Moisés y Elías revelan la presencia y el poder de Dios que ahora brilla a través de ellos.*

Para los Cristianos, creemos que Jesús está tan conectado con Dios que revela plenamente a Dios. *El acontecimiento de la Transfiguración transmite claramente el mensaje de que Jesús es el tan esperado Mesías*

Judío, a través del cual Dios es revelado y en quien Dios es experimentado. La voz de la nube, un símbolo bíblico para Dios, afirma la identidad de Jesús como "mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias". También aconseja a todos a "escucharlo". De esta manera, Jesús es identificado como íntimamente conectado con Dios y como alguien que habla por Dios. *Todas las lecturas de esta fiesta desempacan un aspecto diferente de la identidad transformadora de Jesús mientras señalan el cumplimiento eventual de su misión.*

La primera lectura del libro de Daniel habla de visiones en las cuales Dios, el Anciano, recibe y regala al Hijo del Hombre, viniendo sobre las nubes del cielo, con "la soberanía, la gloria, y el reino" eterno, que nunca serán quitados ni destruidos. *Creemos que Jesús es este Hijo del Hombre, un título que le fue aplicado por los escritores de los evangelios, que vino a proclamar el reinado de Dios.* A través de su pasión, muerte y resurrección, ha establecido firmemente ese reinado para siempre, y ha preparado un lugar para todos aquellos que buscan ser transformados y así reflejar la brillante gloria de Dios en sus vidas.

El refrán del Salmo responsorial nos invita a proclamar que "el Señor reina, altísimo sobre toda la tierra". *Como Cristianos, creemos que Jesús es ese rey por quien "justicia y derecho sostienen" su reinado, y donde todos los discípulos se unirán con el Señor para siempre.*

La segunda lectura de 2 Pedro, uno de los últimos escritos del Nuevo Testamento, atestigua la Transfiguración como una clara afirmación del mensaje profético y confiable que Jesús proclamó. *El acontecimiento de*

la Transformación se convierte en una fuente de esperanza y valor ante los desafíos de la vida, similar a "una lámpara que ilumina en la oscuridad". Esperamos con esperanza "hasta que despunte el día y el lucero de la mañana amanezca" en nuestros corazones.

La Transfiguración según Mateo resalta la verdadera identidad de Jesús, la cual sólo puede ser entendida y experimentada plenamente después de que "el Hijo del hombre haya resucitado de entre los muertos". Mientras los discípulos querían que la experiencia durara, Jesús les informa que hay mucho que hacer, su viaje a Jerusalén y su pasión, muerte y resurrección, antes de que esto pueda convertirse en una verdadera realidad para ellos y para todos los que decidan seguir a Jesús.

Al celebrar esta fiesta, trate de recordar los momentos en que usted fue transformado por las experiencias de la vida. ¿Cómo le ayudaron a entrar en contacto con su verdadera identidad como hijo de Dios? *¿Cuándo ha escuchado a Dios decir: "Este es mi hijo amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias?" Trate de cultivar las experiencias transformadoras de la vida siempre que sea posible.*

Biagio Mazza
Asociado Pastoral

Lecturas



Lecturas del Domingo, 6 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Salmo: Salmo 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 9
Segunda Lectura: 2 Pedro 1:16-19
Evangelio: Mateo 17:1-9

Lecturas del Domingo, 13 de Agosto

Primera Lectura: 1 Reyes 19:9a, 11-13a
Salmo: Salmo 84:9ab y 10, 11-12, 13-14
Segunda Lectura: Romanos 9:1-5
Evangelio: Mateo 14:22-33

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Entrenamiento para Ministros Jóvenes - 26 de agosto, 7:30 am a 12:30 pm en la parroquia de San Marcos!

Se invita a todos los ministros jóvenes actuales y jóvenes que han sido confirmados y les gustaría participar en el próximo año escolar en el Equipo de Search y el Ministerio de Jóvenes a asistir a un día especial de capacitación. Esta es una excelente oportunidad para ayudar a todos a trabajar juntos y servir mejor a nuestro nuevo grupo de jóvenes. Habrá talleres sobre Hospitalidad, Rompehielos, Selección de Temas y Aportación, Dirigiendo discusiones en Grupos Pequeños y Dirigiendo Oración. Póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts antes del 18 de agosto si planea asistir. Nos reuniremos en Sta. Sabina a las 7:45am y partiremos juntos a San Marcos. ¡Todos necesitarán una hoja de permiso y no hay ningún costo para este valioso día de entrenamiento!

¡Jóvenes de la High School y Jóvenes Universitarios!

¡La Conferencia Nacional para Jóvenes Católicos está a punto de llegar, del 16 al 19 de noviembre! Estaremos registrando a los jóvenes para ir a este viaje increíble a Indianápolis hasta el 18 de septiembre. Póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud para obtener un paquete de información y registro!

ESCUELA DE RELIGIÓN

la Confirmación. Paquetes de información sobre los sacramentos serán enviados al recibir su inscripción. ¡Esperamos compartir el viaje de fe de sus hijos este año escolar!

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Si alguien está disponible para ayudar cada semana como maestro o de vez en cuando como maestro sustituto en la Escuela de Religión, por favor póngase en contacto con Kirstie Roberts en la Oficina de la Juventud. 816-979-3155. Todos los voluntarios deben cumplir con los requisitos diocesanos para trabajar con niños.

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Todas las personas que son voluntarios con los jóvenes ó niños de nuestra parroquia deben atender a un taller llamado Protegiendo a los Niños de Dios, también necesitaran someterse a una verificación de antecedentes y deberán firmar la póliza sobre Éticas e Integridad en el Ministerio (EIM). Más información en <https://kcsjcatholic.org/the-office-of-child-and-youth-protection/>

¡Escuela de Religión!

La inscripción para todos los grados, del Kinder al 12, comenzará el 5 de agosto. Las hojas de inscripción se encuentran en el espacio de reunión y en la pagina web de la parroquia. Las clases comenzarán el 17 de septiembre. Los niños que ingresan al 2do grado son elegibles para los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Comunión este año y los jóvenes que entran al 10o grado o mayores son elegibles para el sacramento de la Confirmación. Paquetes de información sobre los sacramentos serán enviados al recibir su inscripción.



Información

Felicidades a la Quinceañera

Felicidades a Nallely Martínez, la hija de Bienvenido y Dora Martínez, que celebró su Quinceañera el sábado, 5 de Agosto.

Felicidades Por Su Bautismo

Genesis Marie, la hija de Claudio Cruz y Justina Trejo

Pláticas Pre-Bautismales - 12 de Agosto

Normalmente cada segundo Sábado del mes de las 10 am a la 1 pm (Sólo para niños de 0-6 años.) Salón de juntas. Sótano de la Parroquia. Para niños mayores de 7 años requerirán una formación especial. Infórmese PRÓXIMOS BAUTISMOS: llamar a Kris al 816-979-3151. Favor de llenar su aplicación para asistir a las pláticas con anterioridad. **No se ofrece cuidado de niños.**

Pláticas Matrimoniales - 9 y 16 de Septiembre

Pláticas Matrimoniales ofrecerán los sábados, 9 y 16 de Septiembre a las 10am-3pm en el cuarto de conferencia en el abajo del templo chico. Todas las parejas necesitan asistir los dos pláticas. Para mas información, llame Martina y Abelardo Arreola a 816-269-4956 o Kris a 816-979-3151.

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