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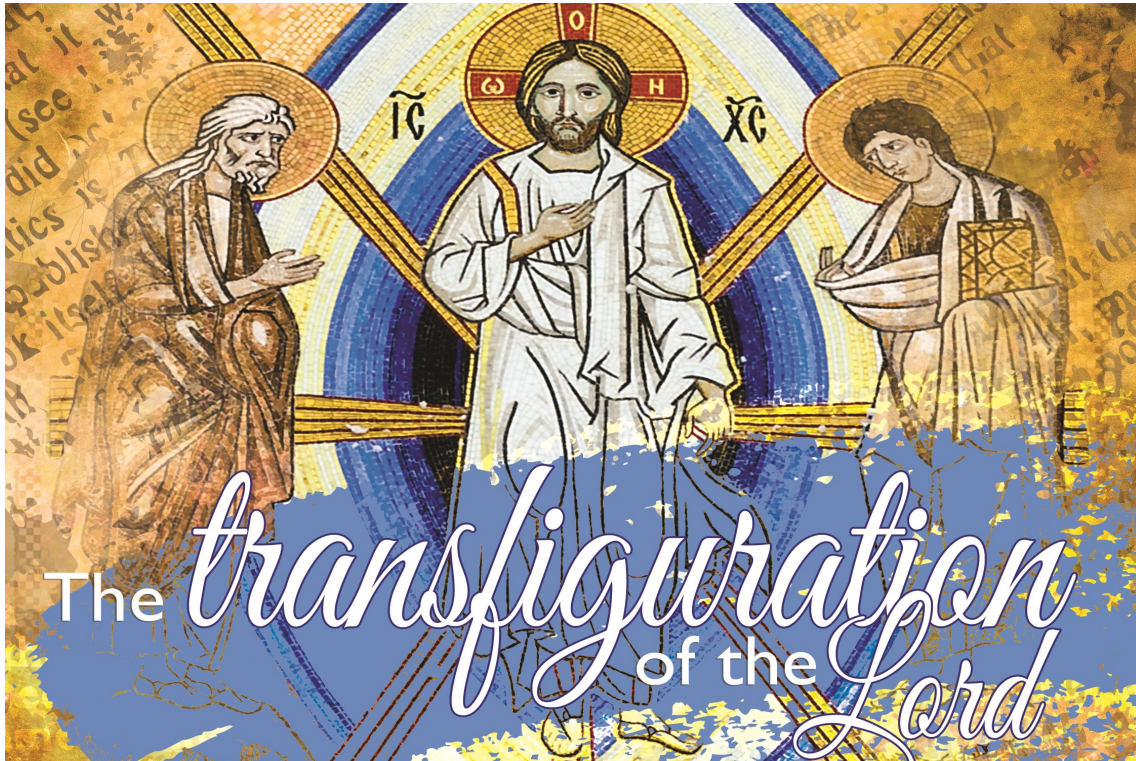
PARISH COMMUNITY

Santa Clara, California

**Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

August 6, 2023

**Decimotavo Domingo
del Tiempo Ordinario**



The *transfiguration*
of the *Lord*

LA TRANSGURACIÓN DEL SEÑOR



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PARISH COMMUNITY

Parish Mission Statement

*Founded in 1777,
Saint Clare Parish is
an ethnically diverse
Catholic community
of faith, united in
worship, discipleship
and service.
In welcoming
immigrants,
newcomers and
strangers, we strive to
live the virtues of
justice and love, so as
to be the face of
Christ in the world,
becoming in Him a
sign of unity and an
instrument of God's
peace.*

From Monsignor Fran Cilia

When August 6 falls on a Sunday, the whole Church celebrates the Transfiguration of the Lord. Otherwise, it receives little more fanfare than a weekday at the beginning of August. We also hear the gospel of the Transfiguration each year on the Second Sunday of Lent.

The Transfiguration is more than an historical accounting of an event in the life of Jesus and Peter, James and John. As it was a sign of hope to them, so it is for us; in facing His darkest days, Jesus remained faithful, not taking the easy way out. In the same way, we can find encouragement in the glory that we will share one day. An old Latin expression, quoted sometimes during Lent, comes to mind: Per crucem ad lucem – Through the cross to light. We live in the hope that no matter how things turn out in our lives and the life of our world, they will turn out well. If despair gives way to hope, then we have undergone a transfiguration to the depths of our being.

Like Peter, we try to capture those moments, to hold on to them for ever, but they will pass, but not totally if we allow those “mountaintop” moments to change us.

10:30 [English] Mass Next Weekend

The 10:30 Mass next Sunday will be in the Tent, so that the Portuguese community may use the church for Mass at the same time.

Welcome, Father Roy, from Shalom Media

This weekend, we welcome Father Roy Palatty, who comes to us on behalf of Shalom Media, one of the many missionary activities of the Church. We pledge our prayers and our support to help the ministry of Shalom Media.

Here is the link to a video and background information that has been provided to us: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQL01zYij4&t=2s>, Shalom Media is an international Catholic media ministry with a rich history of over 30 years of service to the Church and God's people. Our primary mission is to witness the Gospel, nurture discipleship, and empower individuals to participate in the mission of the New Evangelization. Using the power of modern mass communication, Shalom Media spreads the Gospel message through various channels, both electronic and print. We are committed to promoting the teachings of the Catholic Church and reaching people from all corners of the world. Our goal is to bring Christ into the lives of those who seek peace and solace amidst the chaos of the world. Shalom World is a faith-filled, virtue-building, family entertainment television network that complements the efforts of the Catholic Church in spreading the Gospel. This commercial-free channel offers an array of programs suitable for all age groups, including news, live event coverages, apostolic journeys, documentaries, talk shows, interviews, real-life stories, music shows, movies, and devotional content. Through these diverse programs, we strive to bring harmony, peace, justice, and enlightenment to society at large.

Our award-winning bi-monthly magazine, Shalom Tidings, is designed to instill hope in the hearts of readers through inspirational testimonies, stories of remarkable God experiences, and personal conversions. Published in English and German, Shalom Tidings is also digitally available in twelve other languages and distributed to hundreds of prisons worldwide. Shalom Media Ministry is entirely donor-supported and does not receive funding from any other source. This enables us to offer Shalom World TV and Shalom Tidings to viewers and readers for free, without any subscription charges. Our donors, particularly those who contribute monthly, play a vital role in sustaining and advancing the work of Shalom Ministries. We consider the community of supporters who contribute financially and through prayers. Without their invaluable support, we would not be able to continue our mission of spreading the Gospel and bringing Christ's message of peace

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and love to people around the world. We invite you to join us in this fellowship of faith and support. Your contribution, no matter how big or small, makes a significant impact on our journey. Together, let us continue to bring light and hope to the world through the powerful medium of media. Thank you for being a crucial part of our mission, and may God bless you abundantly.

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Next Weekend: Parish Celebration for Feast of Saint Clare

At our English and Spanish Masses next weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of our Patroness, Saint Clare, who died in Assisi 770 years ago on August 11, 1253. Our observance will give us an opportunity to continue to learn about this saint whose name has been given to our Parish, Mission, University, City, County and Valley.

Next Weekend:

Collection for the Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa

The Church in Africa is the fastest-growing Church in the world. Please see the information sheet that is included in this Bulletin about the ways our generosity helps our sisters and brothers in the many dioceses throughout the continent

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults & Preparation of the Sacraments of First Communion (Eucharist) and Confirmation for Adults

RCIA is a process by which a person who wishes to receive the sacraments and be received in the Catholic Church will be instructed in the Catholic faith. Catechumens are received during the Easter Vigil.

Also adults over 18 *who have been baptized* but wish to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist and of Confirmation meet weekly and sessions begin in September. Please contact us to register.

If you want to be Catholic and are interested in receiving the *Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation* or if you know someone who wants to be then please contact Diane Madruga by email to camponese6@gmail.com for more information.

Youth Ministry

Please pray for our 6 young people as they journey back from World Youth Day in Lisbon. Our pilgrims are: **Estefani, Beatris, Justin, Ryan, Esmeralda, and Marco.**



We are in the works of creating a youth space in the church basement. The vision is to give young people a space to hang out, do their homework, and host youth meetings. If you have any furniture that you are willing to donate to this project, please contact Ryan (ryan.bao@dsj.org). We are looking for couches, lounge chairs, rugs, bookcases, and anything else you think would go well in a youth space!

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Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening Vigil
(Livestreamed)
5:00 p.m. (English)

Sunday
7:30 a.m. (English)
9:00 a.m. (Portuguesa)
10:30 a.m. (English)
12:00 p.m. (Español)
Livestreamed

Liturgy of the Word for Children
During 10:30 a.m. Mass
(English)

Liturgia de la Palabra para Niños
Durante Misa de
12:00pm (Español)

Weekday Masses

Monday-Saturday 8:00 a.m.
Holidays - 9:00 am

Confessions
Saturdays 3:00 p.m.– 3:30 p.m.
(In the church)

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9am - 5pm
Monday - Friday

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Saint Clare School

Now Enrolling TK-8th Grade for 2023-2024

Saint Clare School prepares students to become ethical and moral servant leaders who graduate ready for the challenges of our Catholic high schools as well as our many excellent public and charter high schools. The faculty and staff support each student as they find their voice and the gifts they will take into the world.

Visit <https://www.stclare.school/admissions-2> to learn more. Support our robust tuition assistance program by making a donation: <https://www.stclare.school/supportus> Call Cherell Rizzo, Recruitment, Retention, and Marketing Manager, at 408-246-6797 or email cherell.rizzo@dsj.org Schedule a tour: <https://www.stclare.school/schedule-a-tour>



Creation Care Tips

On this feast day, when we remember how Jesus' seemingly normal human body was transfigured into dazzling white, honor it by transforming what some might see as trash or waste into something life-giving. Repurpose something you normally throw away into something useful in your home. Or start a compost bin, letting your fruit and vegetable scraps decompose into soil-building organic material. Search online for "how to start a compost bin" for hundreds of ideas of what can work for your home

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Weekly Justice Challenge

On August 7 and 9, we mark the bombings of Nagasaki and Hiroshima during World War II. Today we have nuclear weapons which are much more devastating than the atomic bombs dropped on Japan almost 70 years ago. Our U.S. Bishops have written courageously about nuclear war. Applying the Catholic Church's teaching about just war, which has evolved over the past two thousand years, the bishops have concluded that they cannot justify the use of nuclear weapons. Your challenge this week is to look at how you can contribute to a peaceful world so that the threat of nuclear war is made remote and unimaginable. How are you a peacemaker in your home? At school or at work? In your community? In how you engage in civic life? What is one thing you can do this week to make our world safer for everyone?

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Mass Intentions
July 29– August 5, 2023



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Saturday	5:00 pm	Jones Alabanza †
Sunday	7:30 am	Saint Clare Parishioners
	9:00 am	Ernesto Gonsalves † Manuel & Cristina Jeronimo † Maria Mello † Jose Manuel Correia † Vidalia Gaspar Rocha † Jose & Lilia Almeida † Luiz F. Madruga † Maria Alice Madruga † Irene Pacheco † Pope Paul VI In Honor of Senhor Bom Jesus Milagros
	10:30 am	Bill Kelly †
	12:00 pm	Urbano Amaya † Miguel Ochoa † Richard Gillick † Alicia Suárez - Health Ida López - Health
Monday	8:00 am	The Peters Family
Tuesday	8:00 am	George Keane †
Wednesday	8:00 am	Olga Foote †
Thursday	8:00 am	Santa Clara Jesuit Community
Friday	8:00 am	Marie Dunn
Saturday	8:00 am	The Schmidt Family



Daily Readings

Monday:
 Numbers 11:4b-15
 Psalms 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17
 Matthew 14:13-21

Tuesday:
 Numbers 12:1-13
 Psalms 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13
 Matthew 14:22-36
 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday:
 Numbers 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a,
 34-35
 Psalms 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23
 Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday:
 2 Corinthians 9:6-10
 Psalms 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9
 John 12:24-26

Friday:
 Deuteronomy 4:32-40
 Psalms 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21
 Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday:
 Deuteronomy 6:4-13
 Psalms 18:2-3a, 3c-4, 47 & 51
 Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday:
 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
 Psalms 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:22-33



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. — Mt 17:1-2

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Boletim Paroquial Português
6 de Agosto de 2023; Solenidade da Transfiguração do Senhor – A
Reflexão por João Pereira Arruda

A Festa da Transfiguração, que já era celebrada no Oriente desde o século V, só veio ser celebrada no Ocidente a partir de 1457. Este acontecimento faz-nos reviver um fase na vida de Jesus, com reflexos na nossa vida. O Monte do Tabor, também conhecido pelo monte de Deus foi o sítio escolhido para Jesus se transfigurar na presença de Pedro, Tiago e João escolhidos de antemão para serem testemunhas dessa transfiguração. Os Apóstolos contemplando a glória divina na Pessoa de Jesus, ficaram preparados para os dolorosos acontecimentos que iriam por á prova a sua fé. Vendo Jesus na Sua condição de servo, já não poderão esquecer a sua condição divina. A nossa vida cristã, é pois, um processo de lenta transformação em Cristo. Iniciado no nosso Baptismo, completa-se na Eucaristia, “penhor da futura glória, que opera a nossa transformação, até atingirmos a imagem de Cristo glorioso. Jesus ao transfigurar-Se no meio de Moisés e Elias, que simbolicamente representavam o Antigo Testamento, a lei e os profetas; Jesus o Único e o maior dos profetas ao transfigurar-Se deslumbra os Apóstolos. O deslumbramento dos Apóstolos fazem-nos cair na tentação de quererem ficar no Tabor. A missão destes não é se quedarem no que virem mas darem continuidade em testemunhar a condição divina de Jesus a todo o mundo. Na Transfiguração de Jesus se completa a sua condição humana na divina. Nós pea fé em acreditar nas Escrituras Sagradas acreditamos na autenticidade desse Evangelho de S. Mateus e tal como os Apóstolos somos chamados a testemunhar que Jesus Cristo era de condição divina e Se fez um de nós de carne e osso. Na Páscoa, depois da Sua paixão e morte, Ressuscita glorioso na Páscoa da nossa salvação. A voz do Pai faz-se ouvir vinda das nuvens **“Este é o meu Filho muito amado, no qual pus toda a minha complacência. Escutai-O”**. e o próprio Pai que oficialisa essa Transfiguração. É o próprio Pai que nos diz que seu Filho está toda a Sua aprovação e nós devemos escutar-IO e fazer esforços de modelar as nossas vidas aos ensinamentos de Jesus e sermos aqui e agora testemunhas da Sua divindade e do Plano de Amor de Deus para a nossa salvação. Hoje, somos todos chamados a darmos continuidade dos testemunhos que os Apóstolos nos legaram pelas escrituras sagradas.. Os Apóstolos fizeram a sua experiência ocular da Transfiguração luminosa de Jesus, porém cada um de nós deverá fazer a sua própria experiência, porque os Apóstolos não a podem fazer por nós. A nossa experiência parte de cada um de nós dispor seu coração acessível a escutar a Palavra de Deus e a viver-la na prática.

Festa de Santo António: Na próxima semana dias 12 e 13 de Agosto a Irmandade de Santo António, Conselho #1, leva a efeito a sua festa anual. Por assim ser a nossa missa em Português será ás 10:30 e não ás 9 horas .A Irmandade de Santo António promove a partir de hoje até á próxima sexta feira reza do terço ás 7 horas da tarde na Capela da SES. No Sábado o terço será rezado ás 6 horas da tarde. Toda a comunidade é convidada a participar nesta festa anual que este ano marca a celebração de 121 anos de existência dessa Irmandade que foi fundada pelos portugueses de Santa Clara.

Um Santo e Alegre Domingo para todos!



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De Monseñor Fran Cilia

Cuando el 6 de agosto cae en domingo, toda la Iglesia celebra la Transfiguración del Señor. De lo contrario, recibe poca más fanfarria que un día laborable a principios de agosto. También escuchamos el evangelio de la Transfiguración cada año en el Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma.

La Transfiguración es más que un relato histórico de un evento en la vida de Jesús y Pedro, Santiago y Juan. Como fue para ellos un signo de esperanza, así lo es para nosotros; al enfrentar sus días más oscuros, Jesús se mantuvo fiel, sin tomar el camino fácil. De la misma manera, podemos encontrar aliento en la gloria que compartiremos un día. Me viene a la mente una antigua expresión latina, citada a veces durante la Cuaresma: Per crucem ad lucem – A través de la cruz hacia la luz. Vivimos con la esperanza de que no importa cómo resulten las cosas en nuestras vidas y en la vida de nuestro mundo, saldrán bien. Si la desesperación da paso a la esperanza, entonces hemos sufrido una transfiguración en lo más profundo de nuestro ser.

Al igual que Peter, tratamos de capturar esos momentos, de aferrarnos a ellos para siempre, pero pasarán, pero no del todo si permitimos que esos momentos de “cima de la montaña” nos cambien.

10:30 [inglés] Misa el próximo fin de semana

La Misa de las 10:30 el próximo domingo será en la Carpa, para que la comunidad portuguesa pueda usar la iglesia para la Misa al mismo tiempo.

Bienvenido, Padre Roy Palatty, de Shalom Media

Este fin de semana le damos la bienvenida al Padre Roy Palatty, quien viene a nosotros en nombre de Shalom Media, una de las muchas actividades misioneras de la Iglesia. Prometemos nuestras oraciones y nuestro apoyo para ayudar al ministerio de Shalom Media.

Aquí está el enlace a un video y la información de antecedentes que se nos proporcionó: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=muQL01zYij4&t=2s>, Shalom Media es un ministerio de medios católico internacional con una rica historia de más de 30 años de servicio a la Iglesia y al pueblo de Dios. Nuestra misión principal es dar testimonio del Evangelio, nutrir el discipulado y empoderar a las personas para que participen en la misión de la Nueva Evangelización. Usando el poder de la comunicación masiva moderna, Shalom Media difunde el mensaje del Evangelio a través de varios canales, tanto electrónicos como impresos. Estamos comprometidos a promover las enseñanzas de la Iglesia Católica y llegar a personas de todos los rincones del mundo. Nuestro objetivo es traer a Cristo a la vida de aquellos que buscan paz y consuelo en medio del caos del mundo. Shalom World es una cadena de televisión de entretenimiento familiar llena de fe, que construye virtudes y que complementa los esfuerzos de la Iglesia Católica en la difusión del Evangelio. Este canal sin comerciales ofrece una variedad de programas adecuados para todos los grupos de edad, que incluyen noticias, coberturas de eventos en vivo, viajes apostólicos, documentales, programas de entrevistas, entrevistas, historias de la vida real, programas musicales, películas y contenido devocional. A través de estos diversos programas, nos esforzamos por traer armonía, paz, justicia e iluminación a la sociedad en general.

Nuestra galardonada revista bimensual, Noticias de Shalom, está diseñada para infundir esperanza en los corazones de los lectores a través de testimonios inspiradores, historias de experiencias notables con Dios y conversiones personales. Publicado en inglés y alemán, Shalom Tidings también está disponible digitalmente en otros doce idiomas y se distribuye a cientos de prisiones en todo el mundo. Shalom Media Ministry está totalmente financiado por donantes y no recibe fondos de la Iglesia ni de entidades comerciales. Esto nos permite ofrecer Shalom World TV y Shalom Tidings a espectadores y lectores de forma gratuita, sin cargos de suscripción. Nuestros donantes, particularmente aquellos que contribuyen mensualmente, juegan un papel vital en el mantenimiento y avance del trabajo de los Ministerios Shalom.

Consideramos a la comunidad de simpatizantes que contribuyen económicamente ya través de la oración como la columna vertebral de nuestro ministerio. Sin su invaluable apoyo, no podríamos continuar con nuestra misión de difundir el Evangelio y llevar el mensaje de paz y amor de Cristo a las personas de todo el mundo. Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros en esta hermandad de fe y apoyo. Su contribución, sin importar cuán grande o pequeña sea, tiene un impacto significativo en nuestro viaje. Juntos, sigamos trayendo luz y esperanza al mundo a través del poderoso medio de los medios de comunicación. Gracias por ser una parte crucial de nuestra misión, y que Dios los bendiga abundantemente.

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**Próximo fin de semana:
Celebración Parroquial por la
Fiesta de Santa Clara**

En nuestras Misas en inglés y español el próximo fin de semana, celebraremos la Fiesta de nuestra Patrona, Santa Clara, quien murió en Asís hace 770 años el 11 de agosto de 1253. Nuestra observancia nos dará la oportunidad de continuar aprendiendo sobre esta santa cuyo nombre ha sido entregado a nuestra Parroquia, Misión, Universidad, Ciudad, Condado y Valle.

**Próximo fin de semana:
Colecta para el Fondo de Solidaridad Pastoral
para la Iglesia en África**

La Iglesia en África es la Iglesia de más rápido crecimiento en el mundo. Por favor vea el hoja de información que se incluye en este Boletín sobre las formas en que nuestra generosidad ayuda a nuestras hermanas y hermanos en las muchas diócesis en todo el continente.

**RICA – Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para
Adultos y preparación de los Sacramentos de la
Eucaristía y la Confirmación para Adultos**

RICA es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos, *Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación* en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica y luego recibida como fiel de la Iglesia. Los cursos de RICA – comienzan en septiembre y se reúnen una vez por semana. Los catecúmenos son recibidos en la fe en la vigilia de Pascua.

También aquellos adultos mayores de 18 años *que ya han sido bautizados* pero desean recibir la Sagrada Comunión y el sacramento de la Confirmación por favor contáctenos para registrarse. Candidatos comienzan en septiembre y se reúnen una vez por semana.

Si usted desea ser Católico y está interesado en recibir la *Sagrada Eucaristía y la Confirmación* o conoce alguna persona que tiene esa inquietud puede llamar al ministerio de formación religiosa de la parroquia, Sandra Quintanilla (669) 270-2702 o correo electrónico Sandra.Quintanilla@dsj.org.

Stewardship Report

**Sunday Collection:
July 29th & 30th**

**Goal: \$9,000.00
Actual: 6,277.50**

**Saint Vincent De Paul:
\$ 3,465.00**

Thank You



Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on - we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

- Father John Mui ©LPi

Parish Office Hours

9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday through Friday.

*The office closes
between 12:00 and 1:00 for
lunch.*



August 6, 2023

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 | 2 Pt 1:16-19 | Mt 17:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

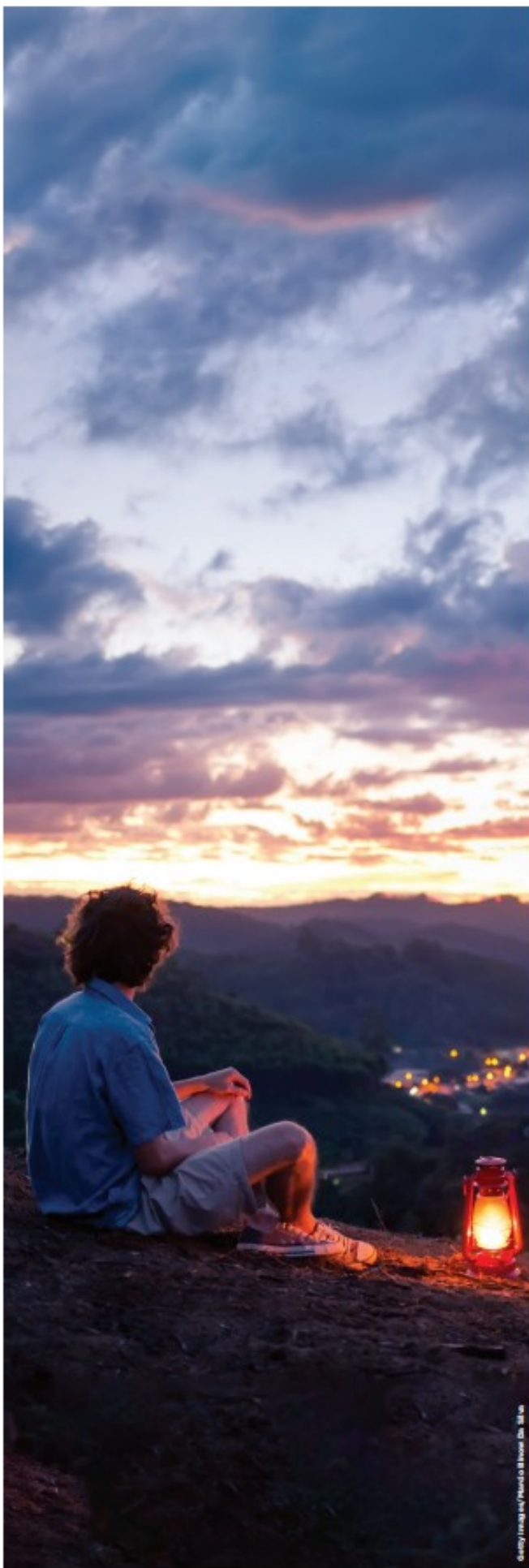
According to the dictionary definition, to be transfigured is to “transform into something more beautiful or elevated.” This is what we see happening in Matthew’s Gospel today: Jesus takes his closest disciples up the mountain and there he is transformed – he is *transfigured* – before them: “His face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” He is also joined by Moses and Elijah as a sign that he is the fulfillment of God’s promises of old. Jesus completes the old covenant that God made with his people and brings us the new covenant of salvation. The Transfiguration parallels the Baptism of the Lord in that we once again hear God speaking from the heavens to say, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” But during the Transfiguration, God adds the words, “Listen to him.” That’s a command not just for his disciples there on the mountain but for us today as well.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In elementary school, we were often reminded to listen. I remember one teacher who made a point to impress upon our class that listening is different from hearing. It is easy to hear, but to listen, you need to take the time to understand what is being said. In his letter today, Peter is urging us to listen to the prophetic message of Jesus. He says, “You will do well to be attentive to it” and then compares doing so to being “a lamp shining in a dark place.” The world today can be a very dark place, but we don’t have to be content to live in the shadows. By following Jesus’ example and commands, we can bring light – along with hope and joy – to our corner of the world. Sometimes that takes courage, though. It might involve making uncomfortable or unpopular choices, but Peter promises that the “day will dawn.” When that happens, we will undoubtedly see the fruits of our good works in our efforts to build God’s kingdom.

PRAY This week, let us pray in both words and actions as Jesus taught us. If the Lord’s Prayer is not already part of your daily prayer routine, try incorporating it this week. Then, look for ways to follow in the footsteps of Jesus by reaching out to someone who may appreciate a phone call or a visit.



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SUPPORT THE Solidarity Fund for the CHURCH IN AFRICA

On December 8, 2020, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's declaration of St. Joseph as patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a special jubilee year of St. Joseph that lasted until December 8, 2021. In doing so, the Holy Father called Catholics everywhere to look to St. Joseph as an example of unconditional love, humble service, and courageous fatherhood.

In conjunction with this Year of St. Joseph, the Episcopal Conference of Malawi, through its national Pastoral Commission, organized a training program for Catholic men across all eight of the country's dioceses. Using the example of St. Joseph, the trainings brought together men in fellowship to learn about economic literacy and empowerment as a way to help them take advantage of opportunities to support their families. Additional workshops on parenting, socialization, and spirituality helped the participants develop the positive gifts that they have to offer as husbands and fathers. With a grant from the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, 160 men from across Malawi were able to participate and then return to their homes as trainers for other men in their communities.

The solidarity fund supports pastoral ministries throughout Africa that help to strengthen families and give them the pastoral support they need to flourish and grow in faith. When you participate in the collection, your contributions and prayers demonstrate your solidarity and help to deepen the faith across Africa.

Please be generous through the collection offertory envelope or your parish's e-offertory platform. To learn more about the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa, visit www.usccb.org/africa.



2021 DISTRIBUTION OF GRANTS

Total Grants: 85
Total Granted: \$2,256,100

PROGRAM AREA	NUMBER OF GRANTS	GRANT AMOUNT	PERCENTAGE
Leadership Formation	25	\$656,400	29.09%
Construction	14	\$534,600	23.70%
Communications	8	\$233,400	10.34%
Church Capacity Support	10	\$210,000	9.31%
Evangelization	9	\$194,700	8.63%
Justice and Peace	5	\$115,500	5.12%
Religious Education & Catholic Schools	5	\$112,300	4.98%
Youth Ministry	3	\$74,200	3.29%
Vocations	2	\$44,200	1.96%
Child Protection	2	\$43,800	1.94%
Clergy/Religious Continuing Education	1	\$22,000	0.98%
Diaconate Training	1	\$15,000	0.66%

EXPENSES

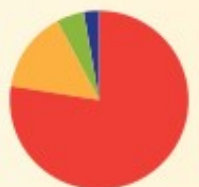
Grants and Donations	\$2,185,037	77.77%
Program Costs	\$408,017	14.52%
Promotions and Fundraising Expenses	\$146,335	5.21%
Administrative Expenses	\$70,395	2.51%

Total Expenses \$2,809,784



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APOYE AL Fondo de Solidaridad PARA LA IGLESIA EN ÁFRICA

El 8 de diciembre del 2020, en la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción y en el 150 aniversario del anuncio del papa Pío IX declarando a san José como Patrón de la Iglesia Universal, el papa Francisco proclamó el año jubilar especial de san José, el cual finalizó el 8 de diciembre del 2021. Al hacerlo así, el Santo Padre hizo un llamado a los católicos en todo el mundo para que vean a san José como un ejemplo de amor incondicional, de servicio humilde y de una valiente paternidad.

Junto con este Año de san José, la Conferencia Episcopal de Malawi, a través de su Comisión Pastoral nacional, organizó un programa de capacitación para hombres católicos en todas las ocho diócesis del país. Utilizando el ejemplo de san José, las sesiones de capacitación reunieron a hombres en hermandad para ofrecerles conocimientos sobre economía y sobre empoderamiento y ayudarlos así a valerse de oportunidades para mantener a sus familias; también hubo otros talleres de capacitación acerca de la crianza de hijos, socialización y espiritualidad para ayudar a los participantes a desarrollar las cualidades positivas que ellos tienen para ofrecerlas como esposos y como padres. Con un subsidio del Fondo de Solidaridad para la Iglesia en África, a 160 hombres de varias partes de Malawi les fue posible participar y luego retornar a sus hogares como instructores para los demás hombres en sus comunidades.

El fondo de solidaridad financia ministerios pastorales en todo África, los cuales ayudan a fortalecer a las familias y a darles el apoyo pastoral que necesitan para florecer y crecer en la fe. Cuando ustedes participan en la colecta, sus contribuciones y oraciones demuestran su solidaridad y ayudan a profundizar la fe en todo África.

Por favor, sean generosos a través del sobre de colecta en el ofertorio o en la plataforma electrónica de su parroquia. Para informarse más acerca del Fondo de Solidaridad de la Iglesia en África, visiten www.usccb.org/africa.



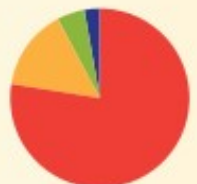
DISTRIBUCIÓN DE LAS SUBVENCIONES EN EL 2021

Total de subvenciones: 85
Cantidad otorgada: \$2,256,100

ÁREA DE PROGRAMA	TOTAL DE SUBVENCIONES	CANTIDAD OTORGADA	PORCENTAJE
Formación de liderazgo	25	\$656,400	29.09%
Construcción	14	\$534,600	23.70%
Comunicaciones	8	\$233,400	10.34%
Apoyo para la capacidad de la Iglesia	10	\$210,000	9.31%
Evangelización	9	\$194,700	8.63%
Paz y justicia	5	\$115,500	5.12%
Educación religiosa y escuelas católicas	5	\$112,300	4.98%
Pastoral juvenil	3	\$74,200	3.29%
Vocaciones	2	\$44,200	1.96%
Protección del niño	2	\$43,800	1.94%
Educación continua para clero/religiosos	1	\$22,000	0.98%
Formación diaconal	1	\$15,000	0.66%

GASTOS

Subvenciones y donaciones	\$2,185,037	77.77%
Costos del programa	\$408,017	14.52%
Gastos de promoción y recaudación de fondos	\$146,335	5.21%
Gastos administrativos	\$70,395	2.51%



Total de gastos \$2,809,784



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Welcome!

PARISH COMMUNITY

Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you.

If you are not registered, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Would you like to receive envelopes?

_____ Yes _____ No



¡Bienvenido!

PARISH COMMUNITY

Nuestra más cordial bienvenida a todos los que están celebrando con nosotros, ya sea que han estado por largo tiempo o estén recién llegados a la parroquia. Damos gracias a Dios por ustedes.

Si aún no está registrado, por favor, llene este formulario y póngalo en la canasta de la coleta o mándelo por correo a la oficina de la parroquia.

Nombre(s): _____

Dirección: _____

Ciudad: _____ Código postal: _____

Numero teléfono: _____

Correo electrónico: _____

¿Desea recibir sobres de contribución?

_____ Si _____ No