

The Transfiguration of the Lord



Mount Tabor and the Church of the Transfiguration

MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Saturday, August 1-St. Alphonsus Liguori

4:00 pm In Thanksgiving [50th Wedding Anniversary of Dan & Linda Bosse] by Family (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

Sunday, August 2-Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am Bob Thoele by Raymond Smith (St. Patrick's)
 8:30 am Sarah Alberts by Derek & Rebecca Kurfman (St. Mary's)
 10:00 am Pauline Brinkmeyer by Family (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]
 10:00 am Tom Cochran by Sandy & Lynn and Family (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Monday, August 3

8:00 am Brian Bloemer by the Fleshman Family (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Tuesday, August 4-St. John Vianney

8:00 am Marge Tracy by Friends (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Wednesday, August 5-The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory by the Bruns Family (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Thursday, August 6-The Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 am Dorothy Williamson by Guy & Sue Williamson (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]
 12 Noon Rosary (Holy Family)

Friday, August 7-St. Sixtus II & Companions and St. Cajetan

8:00 am Dennis Knollenberg by Family (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 8:30-8:45 am]

Saturday, August 8-St. Dominic

4:00 pm Mary Ann Aue by Tim, Tom & Steve (Holy Family)
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 4:45-5:15]

Sunday, August 9-Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am David Olson by Connie & Dick Sanvi (St. Patrick's)
 8:30 am Roman & Eileen Lach by Mike Lach (St. Mary's)
 10:00 am Wes O'Donoghue by Mom & Dad (Holy Family)
 [First Holy Communion]
 [with Drive-Thru Communion from 10:45-11:15 am]
 10:00 am Brian Aper [In Memory of His Birthday] by Pam Coogan (St. Thomas Aquinas)

⇒ **Eucharistic Adoration** is held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 2-3 pm with **Divine Mercy Chaplet**, at 3 pm, at Holy Family Church.

⇒ **Reconciliation** at Holy Family Church, Lincoln; Tuesday from 4:30-4:55 pm and Saturday from 2:45-3:30 pm

Reconciliation at St. Patrick's Church, Elkhart; prior to Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Mary's Church, Atlanta; prior to Sunday Mass.

Reconciliation at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Mt. Pulaski; prior to Sunday Mass.

Based on the availability of clergy, this schedule is subject to change. Please check the parish calendar on the website for any changes or additions.



18th Sunday In Ordinary Time Cycle A

In today's Gospel, Jesus feeds the five thousand with five loaves and two fish. The message of stewardship is that God's gifts, *shared*, will always be more than enough.

The Transfiguration of the Lord

In the Gospel for the Transfiguration of the Lord, Peter yearns to *do* something to make concrete the Transfiguration he had witnessed. But to be a good steward of this spiritual gift, he was instructed to *be still*, to *listen* to Jesus, and to *wait* for His direction. Good advice for us, too!



First Communion at Holy Family Church is **next Sunday, August 9** at the 10 am Mass. It is asked that parishioners that are not family of any of the First Communicants try to attend another Mass that weekend so that the limited spaces in the church may be used by the families of the First Communion students.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday, August 3

Jeremiah 28:1-7 / Psalm 119:29,43,79-80,95,102 /
Matthew 14:22-36

Tuesday, August 4

Jeremiah 30:1-2,12-15,18-22 / Psalm 102:16-21,29,22-23 /
Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2,10-14

Wednesday, August 5

Jeremiah 31:1-7 / Jeremiah 31:10-13 / Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday, August 6

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14 / Psalm 97:1-2,5-6,9 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 /
Matthew 17:1-9

Friday, August 7

Nahum 2:1,3; 3:1-3,6-7 / Deuteronomy 32:35-36,39,41 /
Matthew 16:24-28

Saturday, August 8

Habakkuk 1:12—2:4 / Psalm 9:8-13 / Matthew 17:14-20

Sunday, August 8

1 Kings 19:9,11-13 / Psalm 85:9-14 / Romans 9:1-5 /
Matthew 14:22-33

FOLLOWING RESTRICTIVE RULES

It is asked that no books, magazines, religious items or anything else be set out on any of the church literature tables other than the materials set out by the priests or Parish Council members; basically, COVID 19 instruction sheets, the Mass Parts cards, special prayer sheets (from Father Laible), Breaking Bread missals, Living Faith, One Bread One Body, Catholic Digest and the Sunday bulletins. All Churches in the Peoria Diocese have COVID 19 regulations that need to be followed.

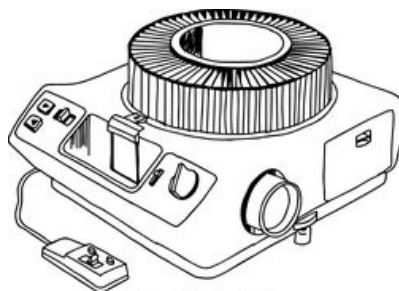
ST. MARY'S, ATLANTA

~Ministry Schedule for Sunday, August 9:

Reader-Matt McGhee; Servers-Andrew O'Donnell & Zachary O'Donnell

SLIDE PROJECTOR NEEDED!!

If you have a slide projector, your time and help with a project would be most appreciated. A box of slides has been found, but no projector to view them. Also, volunteers are needed to help with the identification of people and events on these slides. If you would be willing to help, please call the parish office. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give!!



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"Help Us Help Others"

Cleaning Supplies



In this time of the pandemic situation causing an uncertainty with the economy and stability of jobs, the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry is in need of help. With the influx of patrons in our Logan County

Featured Items Needed

area at this time, our stock disappears quickly each week.

Any and all non-perishable foods are always welcome at the pantry, but we would particularly appreciate donations of cleaning supplies (needing everything from hand soaps to laundry detergent).

Bring your items to Holy Family where there is a shopping cart located to the right in the main entrance, at St. Mary's there is a box provided in the gathering area, at St. Patrick's or St. Thomas Aquinas items may be left in the main entrance.

Monetary donations are also accepted.

GARDEN PRODUCE



The food pantry will again accept garden produce for its patrons. If you wish to donate garden produce you may bring it to the pantry on any Wednesday. The food pantry is open from 10 am to 2 pm each Wednesday and you may bring

your donations during that time or call Carolyn Webster at (217) 737-5633 to make arrangements to have someone meet you at the food pantry to accept your donations.

The food pantry is pleased to announce we are partnering with a USDA program that will provide boxes of produce and/or dairy products FOR FAMILIES OF FOUR OR MORE once a month. The boxes will be distributed during normal pantry hours, from 10 am-2 pm, on Wednesdays, but ONLY on the 2nd and 3rd Wednesdays of each month. Regular pantry offerings for any and all Logan County residents, regardless of family size, will continue EVERY Wednesday from 10 am-2 pm. We urge you to spread the word to friends or acquaintances who might be helped by this program.



Please call Carolyn at (217) 737-5633 if you are interested in becoming a food pantry volunteer. We could really use your help, especially men.



Our food pantry serves patrons in all of the Logan County area. Thank you to everyone who supports the Logan County Catholic Community Food Pantry in any way. Thank you for all your past support.



Through the mercy of God
may they rest in peace.

Brian Bloemer, Beverly Elaine Fort,
Clyde Michael "Mike" Price
and Laura Saladino



WE NEED YOUR UPDATED EMAIL ADDRESS! We now have a new tool that will enable us to contact parishioners via email if there are cancellations, changes or updates. Please contact mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org with your updated email address so you won't be left out on important updates or changes.

The Freedom of Missing Out: A Retreat for Young Adults

presented by Fr. Michael Rossmann, SJ
October 16-17, 2020
at Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House
(Barrington, IL)

Many have a "fear of missing out," but actually experience freedom when commitments are made. There is a depth of joy that only occurs when one goes all in. Using the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, Father Michael Rossmann will share how one can go about making commitments and experiencing true freedom. Includes optional time for small-group sharing. Register at jesuitretreat.org.

Please Pray for the Sick by remembering the following in your prayers:

Anne Lowry, Anna Beckers, Steve Coogan, Mike Lowry, Paul Lowry, Matthew Lowry, Elijah Cox, Guinevere Decker, Joan Lewis, Boone O'Donoghue, Ruth Young, Rodney Alberts, Jill Alberts, Linda Wright, Steve Schmidt, Ryan Butler, Donna Burr, Paula Rutherford, James Thean, Gavin Fox, Mark VanRheeden, Rita Johnson, Adelyn Jones, McKayla Nye, Judy Morrow, Gavin Shuler, Phillip Brown, Christina Clementz, Mike Kavanaugh, E. J. Miley, Rosie Huber, Linda H., Mark L., Kay Rosner, Mary Ellen Thornton, Rita Faith, Hank Barr, Deb Jordan, Dwayne Knap, Jo Ellen Warren, Esme Avar, Rita Scanavino, Amy Talmage, Marge Steinkamp, Thomas Siegel, Asher Phillips, Donald Langhart, Kristin Wright, Melinda Spangler, Phil Dehner, Alexa Cunningham, Mary Scanavino, Mary Masterson, Amanda Cruz, Marcia Bidwell, Sandra Buttell, Anita Tibbs, Debi Hardin, Ann LaMothe, Crystal Tibbs, Becky Maestas, Teresa Tripplett, Curt C., Eddie Pharis, Curt Hudson, Shirley Davis and all the members of the armed forces of our country. If you would like to add a name to the list, call the Parish Office at (217) 732-4019 Ext. 2202 or email mklohrenz@logancountycatholic.org



ILLINOIS RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Illinois Right to Life Banquet, featuring Sarah Huckabee Sanders, has been postponed. Illinois Right to Life's board of directors are currently assessing their options and will decide on a new date soon. God Bless, Sarah Brown
sarah@illinoisrighttolife.org

*The more people praying for an intention,
the stronger the prayer becomes.*

Prayer Chain: Request prayers by sending an email to lcc4-prayer-chain@googlegroups.com. If you would like to subscribe to the prayer chain, follow the "Join Prayer Chain" link located on www.logancountycatholic.org. When your web browser opens click on "Subscribe to this group" option, then follow the instructions in the pop-up box. You should receive an email within 48 hours that indicates you have been accepted as a member of the prayer chain.



Week of August 2

The red Altar Sanctuary Candle at . . .
Holy Family Church is lit this week
Special Intentions.

St. Patrick's Church is lit this week
In Thanksgiving for Our Son/Grandson's
Addiction Recovery.

**The blue Sanctuary Candle by the Statue
of Mary near the Altar at**
Holy Family Church is lit this week
In Memory of Wes O'Donoghue
requested by Mom & Dad.

Please Pray for Our Parish Priests

Gracious and loving God,
we thank you for the gift of our priests.
Through them, we experience your presence
in the sacraments.
Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.
Set their souls on fire with love for your people.
Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and
strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.
Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom.
Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel.
Allow them to experience joy in their ministry.
Help them to become instruments of your divine grace.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.
Amen.

**Bulletin deadline is by 11 am each Monday,
unless noted otherwise
in a bulletin announcement!**

**"Pray the Rosary daily
for peace in the world . . ."**

~Our Lady of Fatima





SPONSOR

A SANCTUARY CANDLE!!

Each sanctuary candle (red glass candle on altar) lasts for approximately a week at a time. For \$5 per candle you can sponsor a sanctuary candle in memory of a loved one or friend or for a special intention. The memorial/intention announcement will be placed in the Sunday bulletin each week. If you would like to sponsor a candle or candle(s), please contact Alicia Baker at (217) 732-4019 or email her at abaker@logancountyCatholic.org



Do you need prayers? ***We are here.***

Do you just need someone to talk to? ***We are here.***

Do you know someone who just found out that they are pregnant in the midst of a pandemic? ***We are here.***

Do you need diapers, wipes or formula? ***We are here.*** **CALL (217) 474-2976**

July 25/26, 2020 Weekly Offering Versus Budget

Parish	Budget Requirement	Weekly Offering	Weekly Online Giving	Weekly Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)	Year to Date Budget Surplus/ (Shortfall)
Holy Family	\$7,020.00	\$4,070.00	\$1,815.00	(\$1,275.00)	(\$105.00)
St. Mary's	\$1,077.00	\$909.00	\$435.00	\$264.00	\$141.05
St. Patrick's	\$1,340.00	\$1,004.00	\$540.00	\$184.00	\$51.00
St. Thomas Aquinas	\$952.00	\$992.00	\$55.00	\$77.00	(\$815.00)

Sunday Offering (does not include Capital Campaign Donations, Utilities, ADA, Holy Day of Obligation Collections, Easter, Food Pantry, Building Fund and Diocesan Collections)
Budget period: July 1, 2020 — June 30, 2021

INFANT BAPTISMS

Parents are asked to attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism of their child. Please call the parish office to register.



MARRIAGES

Please call the parish office at least six months prior to the desired wedding date.

LOVE, NATURALLY!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Cooperating with God's design for married love



"We are so blessed that in our Diocese we have many Natural Family Planning methods available as well as a Catholic Healthcare system that provides these services as well." Cecilia Sone, NFP Director Diocese of Peoria.

- * Link to NFP providers: <https://cdop.org/evangelization-and-faith-formation-old/marriage/>
- * Link to OSF Fertilitycare: <https://www.osfhealthcare.org/fertility/>
- * Links for resources provided by the USCCB during this Covid19 pandemic: <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/>

"America, your very future as a nation depends on your willingness to protect the Right to Life of the most defenseless in your society."

~Pope John Paul II

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Holy Family: Bob Barger, Peggy Morrow, Jim Wessbecher
St. Mary's: Joe Bell, Jan Bicknell, Zachary Craig
St. Patrick's: Judy Horcharik, Curt Hudson, Blane Olson
St. Thomas Aquinas: Karen Edgecombe, Kathy Miller

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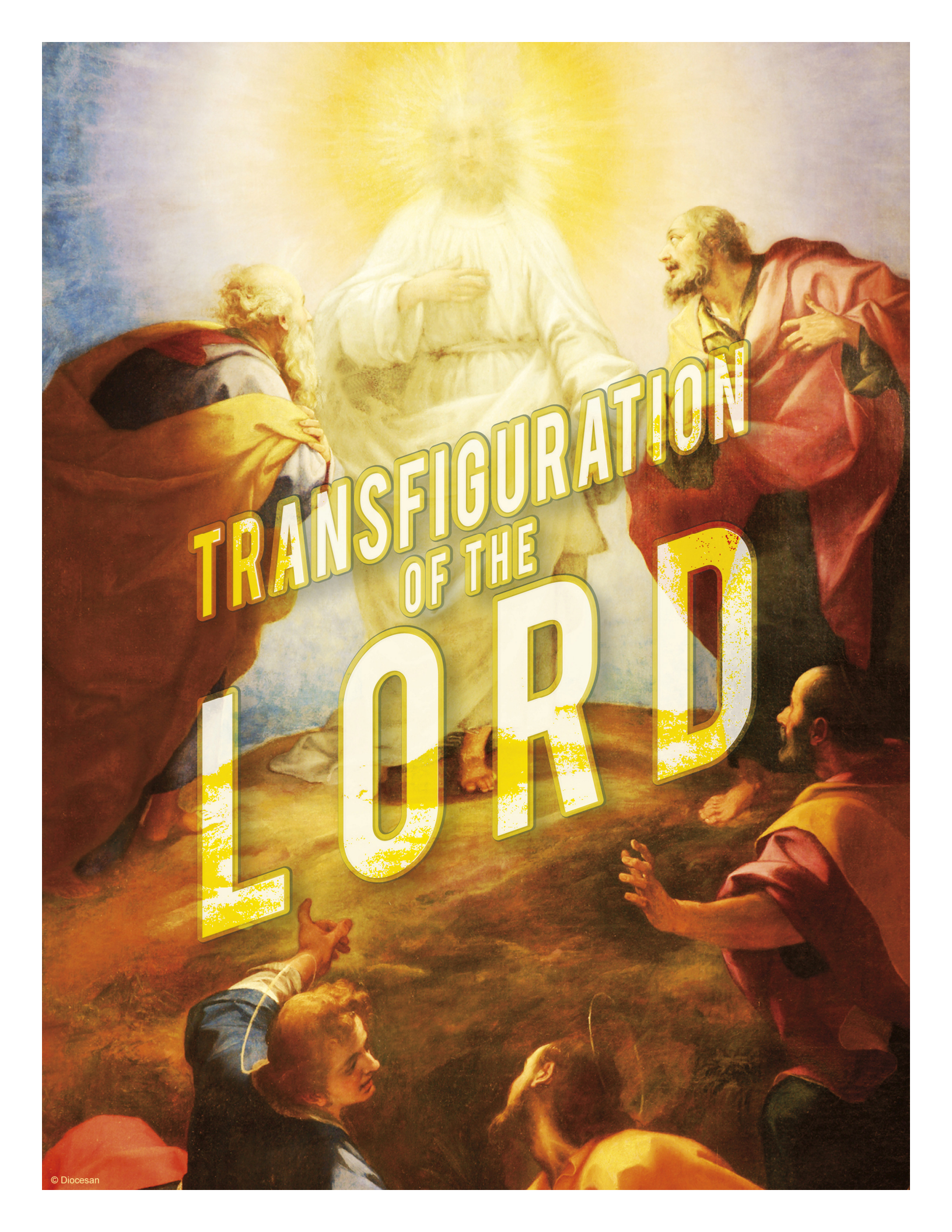
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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The feast of The Transfiguration of the Lord commemorates one of the pinnacles of Jesus' earthly life, when he revealed his divinity to three of his closest disciples by means of a miraculous and supernatural light.

Before his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, Christ climbed to a high point on Mount Tabor with his disciples Peter, James, and John. While Jesus prayed upon the mountain, his appearance was changed by a brilliant white light which shone from him and from his clothing.

During this event, the Old Testament figures of Moses and the prophet Elijah also appeared, and spoke of how Christ would suffer and die after entering Jerusalem, before his resurrection.

Matthew, Mark, and Luke all record that the voice of God was heard, confirming Jesus as his son (Matthew 17:5, Mark 9:6, Luke 9:35). Peter and John make specific reference to the event in their writings, as confirming Jesus' divinity and his status as the Messiah (2 Peter 1:17, John 1:14).

In his address before the Angelus on August 6, 2006, Pope Benedict XVI described how the events of the transfiguration display Christ as the "full manifestation of God's light."

This light, which shines forth from Christ both at the transfiguration and after his resurrection, is ultimately triumphant over "the power of the darkness of evil."

The Pope stressed that the feast of the Transfiguration is an important opportunity for believers to look to Christ as "the light of the world," and to experience the kind of conversion which the Bible frequently describes as an emergence from darkness to light.

"In our time too," Pope Benedict said, "we urgently need to emerge from the darkness of evil, to experience the joy of the children of light!"

For Eastern Catholics, the Feast of the Transfiguration is especially significant. It is among the 12 "great feasts" of Eastern Catholicism.

Eastern Christianity emphasizes that Christ's transfiguration is the prototype of spiritual illumination, which is possible for the committed disciple of Jesus. This Christian form of "enlightenment" is facilitated by the ascetic disciplines of prayer, fasting, and charitable almsgiving.

A revered hierarch of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, the late Archbishop Joseph Raya, described this traditional Byzantine view of the transfiguration in his book of meditations on the Biblical event and its liturgical celebration, titled "Transfiguration of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

"Transfiguration," Archbishop Raya wrote, "is not simply an event out of the two-thousand-year old past, or a future yet to come. It is rather a reality of the present, a way of life available to those who seek and accept Christ's nearness."

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All three Synoptic Gospels tell the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-9; Luke 9:28-36). With remarkable agreement, all three place the event shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus is the Messiah and Jesus' first prediction of his passion and death. Peter's eagerness to erect tents or booths on the spot suggests it occurred during the week-long Jewish Feast of Booths in the fall.

According to Scripture scholars, in spite of the texts' agreement it is difficult to reconstruct the disciples' experience, because the Gospels draw heavily on Old Testament descriptions of the Sinai encounter with God, and prophetic visions of the Son of Man. Certainly Peter, James, and John had a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. Such an experience defies description, so they drew on familiar religious language to describe it. And certainly Jesus warned them that his glory and his suffering were to be inextricably connected—a theme John highlights throughout his Gospel.

Tradition names Mount Tabor as the site of the revelation. A church first raised there in the fourth century was dedicated on August 6. A feast in honor of the Transfiguration was celebrated in the Eastern Church from about that time. Western observance began in some localities about the eighth century.

On July 22, 1456, Crusaders defeated the Turks at Belgrade. News of the victory reached Rome on August 6, and Pope Callistus III placed the feast on the Roman calendar the following year.

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