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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

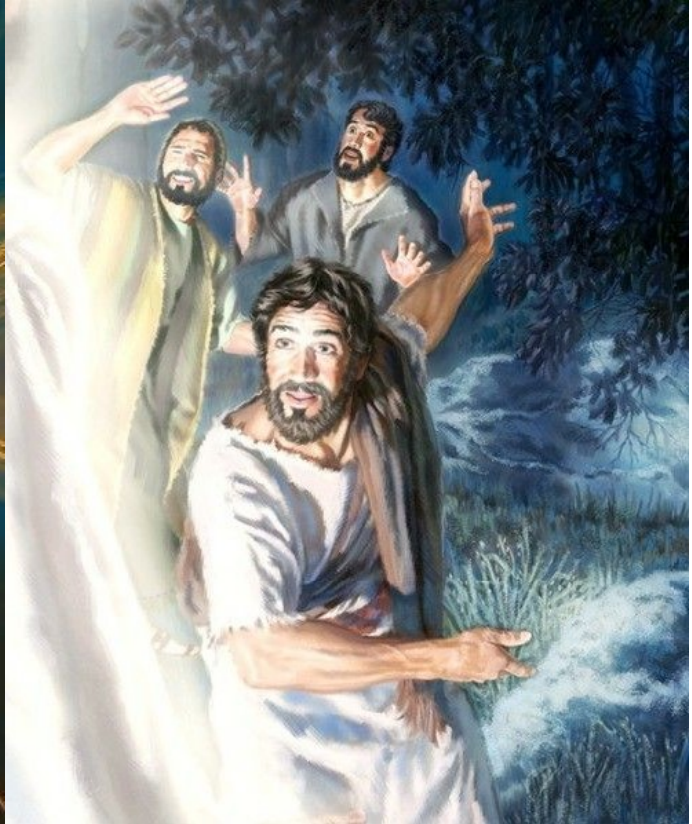
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AT HIS *transfiguration* CHRIST
SHOWED HIS DISCIPLES THE SPLENDOR
OF HIS BEAUTY, TO WHICH HE WILL
SHAPE AND COLOR THOSE WHO ARE HIS.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Daily Mass: WED. THU, FRI -8:30 am

Tuesday 5:30PM

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

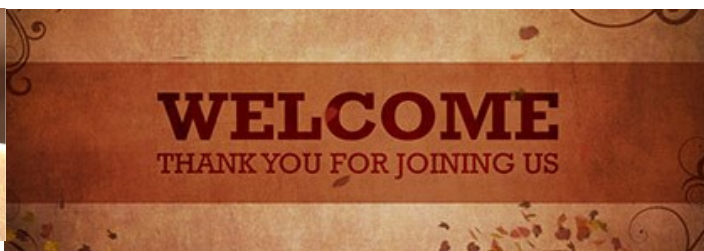
Sunday: 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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AUGUST 6, 2023



TUESDAY

5:30pm
Req. By:
2nd Int.

AUGUST 8

+JOSEPH S.GATTO
Carol Valvo
+ BOB ZALAZINSKI

WEDNESDAY

8:30am
Req. BY:
2nd. Int.

AUGUST 9

+LOUIS CARLOS MARTINEZ
Son
JO BORJA Birthday

THURSDAY

8:30am.
2nd Int.
Req.By:

AUGUST 10

+POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY
+MONICA BONDOC
Maylin & Joe

FRIDAY

8:30am
Req. By:

AUGUST 11

+TED KREGER
Kreger Family

SATURDAY

4:00 pm
Req. By:
2nd Int:
Req. By:

AUGUST 12

+MARTIN JAMES NERE
Hernandez Family
+ JAMES WOPART
Loving Wife, Rebecca

SUNDAY

9:00am
Req. By:
2nd Int
Req. By:

AUGUST 13

+FRED RAMOS
His Wife
+JEAN VAN COONEY
Cheryl Wyler & Matt Felice

10:30am

+DAVID JARBOE

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading 614:Dn7:9-10,13-14
Psalms: 97:1-2,5-6,9
Second Reading: 2Pt 1:16-19
Gospel Reading: Mt 17:1-9

SACRAMENTS:

Contact the Office

Baptism: For registered & active parishioners: **Baptism instruction is required for Parents.**

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 2:00-3:00 PM
In the main Church Or by Appointment

Weddings: Must be arranged with the pastor at least **6 months before the date** desired.

Last Rites & Anointing of the Sick

**Due to the Distance from Parrish
Manatee Hospital:**

St. Joseph: 941-756-3732
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Our Lady of the Angels: 941-752-6770

Doctor's Hospital Sarasota:

Incarnation: 941-921-6631
St. Patrick's: 941-378-1703

DO NOT WAIT TILL THE LAST MINUTE

If in Hospice at home—please call as soon as possible preferably during the day!

Funerals: Please contact the Office for a meeting for Dates, Readings, and Music. There are certain policies in place at St. Frances Cabrini for the respectful burial of your loved ones.

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY STS.SIXTUS II,&COMPANIIONS & ST. CAJETAN

407: Nm11:4b-15 Ps81:12-17 Mt 14: 13-21

TUESDAY ST.DOMINIC

408: Nm 12:1-13 Ps 51:3-7,12-13 Mt 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY ST. TERESA BENEDICTA of the CROSS

409:Nm13:1-2,25 14:1,26-29a,34-35 Ps106:6-7,3-14,21-23 MT15:21-28

THURSDAY ST. LAWRENCE

618: 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2,5-9 Jn 12:24-26

ST. CLARE

411: Dt 4:32-40 Ps 77:12-16,21 Mt 16:24-28



Supporting our Diocese

Our Goal to support the Diocesan Offices, Missions, and Charities.

Goal: \$198,000.00

Raised So Far: \$130,629.29



Parish Focused Giving

Helping to relieve our Parish of St. Frances Cabrini Debt!
Debt Free by 2023

Goal: \$526,460.00

Raised So Far: \$203,151.05

2023 Catholic Faith Appeal

Every year, the Diocese of Venice places a goal for each parish to provide a certain amount towards an overall needs of the Diocese. For 2022, **our Parish responsibility is \$198,000**. Our hope is to fulfill our obligation early and ensure our support for these essential programs for the Southwest Florida community. We ask if you have any additional resources you wish to support Catholic organizations with, that you donate to the Catholic Faith Appeal. Your support, which is fully tax deductible, will provide assistance to thousands in our area.

Debt Free by 2023

We'd like to thank everyone for their continued help in lowering our Parish Debt. As of December 31'st 2021 we were at \$485,402.00. As of March of this year we are at \$262,732.00. Thanks to your generosity we were able to **pay off \$222,670** which is a breath taking amount! Let's us continue to glorify the Lord in this progress and hopefully be Debt Free by the end of 2023!



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Knights of Columbus



Knights of Columbus Receives Top award.

Mother Cabrini Council 12155 has received the distinction of Star Council, the international organization's top award for local councils.

The Star Council Award recognizes overall excellence in the areas of membership, promotion of fraternal insurance benefits, sponsorship of faith formation programs and service-oriented activities.

In the last fraternal year, Mother Cabrini Council 12155 donated over \$26,000 to local charities and those in need including multiple seminarians, food pantries, a local school, maternity home, and migrant workers. The council also blessed the Saint Frances Cabrini parish with over \$16,500 in monetary support.

Congratulations to the Knights and thanks for all you do for the Parish and local community. If interested in joining the Knights, please contact Grand Knight, John T. Kreger IV at 941-993-9988. Vivat Jesus.



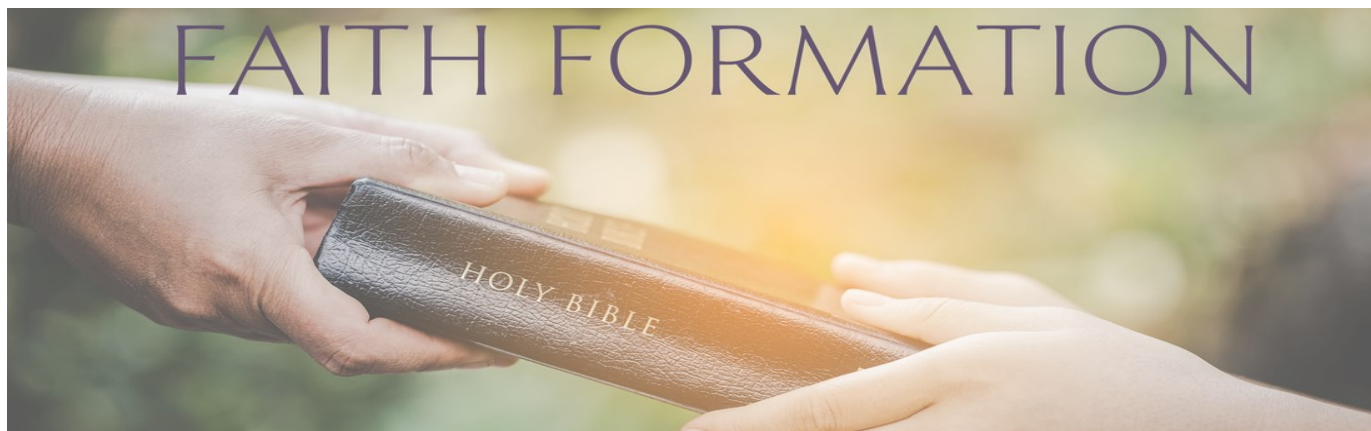
Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (formerly RCIA, now OCIA)

Interested in becoming Catholic?

We invite you to take time to visit the OCIA table after Mass next weekend (August 12th-13th) for information and registration details!



AUGUST 6, 2023



Grades Pre-K - 5: \$110/family

The foundation of our parish's faith formation will now be structured around the **FAMILY**...enabling the parents to be the primary teacher of their child's Catholic faith.

"Every Christian family is called to be a small 'Domestic Church' that must shine with the Gospel virtues." - Saint Pope John Paul II

Three parts of Family Faith Formation:

- 1) Families will meet twice a month on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. Child care will be provided.
- 2) Monthly assignments/activities are to be completed at home with the whole family.
- 3) Families are to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation regularly.

Year 1 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 1st Grade): No Cost

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion next year is required to do the following:

- Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) **and**
- Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (Typically 2nd Grade): \$30/child

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Therefore, the family of a child wishing to receive First Reconciliation/Communion this year is required to do the following:

- Enroll in Family Faith Formation (no more than 2 absences accepted) **and**
- Enroll in Year 2 First Reconciliation/First Communion (no more than 1 absence accepted). Classes will meet on Sundays from 11:00-12:30 p.m. opposite Family Faith Formation **and**
- Complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections).

Middle School Youth Group (Grades 6 - 8): \$30/child

All 6th-8th graders are highly encouraged to attend Youth Group regardless of sacraments received or yet to receive. Our goal is to provide a safe and fun place for students to enjoy community, receive answers to their faith questions, and experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Year 1 & Year 2 Confirmation (Typically 9th & 10th Grade): \$75/child

Sacraments require two consecutive years of preparation. Y1 & Y2 classes will meet twice a month on Wednesdays from 6:00-8:00 p.m. (no more than 1 absence accepted). In addition, Y1 and Y2 students must complete one mass journal reflection per month (September through April...8 total reflections) and within two years complete ten (10) service hours.

High School Youth Group (Grades 9- 12): \$30/child

NEW!! Students in grades 9-12 are invited to join. The group will be led by Fr. Joseph Gates and will focus around **one of the works of C.S. Lewis or JRR Tolkien**. The group will meet twice a month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Using Scripture references, discussion questions, and related commentary, you will examine the literature through a Christian lens of morality, scripture, and the Catechism.

OCIA (Formerly RCIA): No Cost

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is for anyone wishing to seek full communion with the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. Classes will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursdays.

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When the ark was completed, the glory cloud of the Lord (the Shekinah Glory) covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle (Ex 40:34-35; Nm 9:18, 22). The verb for "to cover" or "to overshadow" and the metaphor of a cloud are used in the Bible to represent the presence and glory of God. The Catechism explains:

In the theophanies of the Old Testament, the cloud, now obscure, now luminous, reveals the living and saving God, while veiling the transcendence of his glory—with Moses on Mount Sinai, at the tent of meeting, and during the wandering in the desert, and with Solomon at the dedication of the temple. In the Holy Spirit, Christ fulfills these figures. The Spirit comes upon the Virgin Mary and "overshadows" her, so that she might conceive and give birth to Jesus. On the mountain of Transfiguration, the Spirit in the "cloud came and overshadowed" Jesus, Moses and Elijah, Peter, James and John, and "a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'" Finally, the cloud took Jesus out of the sight of the disciples on the day of his Ascension and will reveal him as Son of Man in glory on the day of his final coming. The glory of the Lord "overshadowed" the ark and filled the tabernacle. (CCC 697)

It's easy to miss the parallel between the Holy Spirit overshadowing the ark and the Holy Spirit overshadowing Mary, between the Ark of the Old Covenant as the dwelling place of God and Mary as the new dwelling place of God.

God was very specific about every exact detail of the ark (Ex 25-30). It was a place where God himself would dwell (Ex 25:8). God wanted his words—inscribed on stone—housed in a perfect container covered with pure gold within and without. How much more would he want his Word—Jesus—to have a perfect dwelling place! If the only begotten Son were to take up residence in the womb of a human girl, would he not make her flawless?

The Virgin Mary is the living shrine of the Word of God, the Ark of the New and Eternal Covenant. In fact, St. Luke's account of the Annunciation of the angel to Mary nicely incorporates the images of the tent of meeting with God in Sinai and of the temple of Zion. Just as the cloud covered the people of God marching in the desert (cf. Nm 10:34; Dt 33:12; Ps 91:4) and just as the same cloud, as a sign of the divine mystery present in the midst of Israel, hovered over the Ark of the Covenant (cf. Ex 40:35), so now the shadow of the Most High envelops and penetrates the tabernacle of the New Covenant that is the womb of Mary (cf. Lk 1:35).



Adoration Is an Invitation to a Transfiguration Experience: Fr. NNamdi Moneme, OMV

I was at a weekend retreat gathering of priests and religious some years ago. One of the elderly priest-attendees remarked how times had changed. He said that many years ago when priests and religious gathered in a place, the first thing that they would ask is where the chapel was located in the building so that they could spend some moments of Eucharistic adoration. But now, when priests and religious gather together in a place, they first ask for the Wi-Fi password and the place in the house with the strongest Wi-Fi connection!

His words reminded me of how we have lost the sense of the powerful effects of Eucharistic adoration today. **Eucharistic adoration remains its potency today because what happens to the disciples on the Mt. Tabor during the Transfiguration of Jesus also happens to us whenever we approach the Eucharist for adoration.**

The disciples followed Jesus up the high mountain unquestioningly. They did not ask, “Where are you leading us, Jesus?” In Eucharistic adoration, we approach Jesus too with that humble unquestioning faith that says, “*Jesus I don’t completely understand but I believe that you are here present simply because of your word to me. I believe that you are the one drawing me into your presence. I have come to simply worship you. Please help my unbelief.*”

The disciples also gazed on Christ’s humanity until the divinity of Christ pierced through that humanity for a brief moment, “His (Jesus’) face changed in appearance and His clothing became dazzling white.” Likewise, in Eucharistic adoration, we gaze with faith continuously on the visible element of bread until the divinity pierces through that bread and gives us an inner experience of Jesus’ divinity.

This breaking out of the divinity of Christ through the visible elements during Eucharistic adoration and our inner experience of the divinity of Christ affects us in so many ways.

First, we grasp deeply God’s graciousness to us in calling us to belong to Him. We become grateful for this priceless faith that allows us to worship Him in His utter abasement in the Eucharist. We are so grateful for His choosing us to follow and to serve Him. St. Peter put it this way, “Master, it is good that we are here.” Eucharistic adoration moves us to focus more on the goodness of God that calls us rather than on the difficulties and great demands of discipleship in our world today.

Second, we are blessed with a greater zeal in serving God. St. Peter is moved to do something that truly endures for Jesus, “Let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” Eucharistic adoration makes us want to serve God more faithfully no matter the cost.

Thirdly, we realize our nothingness and the awe that we should have for God, “They (disciples) became frightened when they entered the cloud.” Eucharistic adoration makes us humble before God, self and others and moves us to ongoing conversion in love for God.

Fourthly, Eucharistic adoration delivers us from slavery to the things of this world, inflames our desire for the eternal life of heaven, and fills us with the certainty of hope that we will receive from God all that we need to attain eternal life. We long for the fullness of communion with Christ for all eternity.

St. Paul’s words to the Philippians could rightly be addressed to us Christians living in this age of an aggressive secularism that makes us live for this world alone, “Many conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ... Their glory is their stomach. Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.”

Like the imprisoned St. Paul, our waiting for the Savior can be painful, long, and difficult. We are not alone in this waiting because the Savior is here with us now – body, blood, soul and divinity – in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, hidden behind the veils of our Church tabernacles. **He is the actually the one who waits for us and draws us there** to give us a glimpse of His heavenly glory and to intensify our desire for the fullness of this glory in heaven.

This intense desire for heaven helps us to overcome all fear of suffering for the sake of Christ. We cease to be “enemies of the cross of Christ” i.e. people who live only for earthly pleasure and gain. We consciously choose to live selflessly like Christ who, “For the sake of the joy that was set before Him, He endured the cross, despising its shame.” (Heb 12:2)


My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, many of the pains and sufferings in our Church and world today are connected with this lack of authentic adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We are living for the here and now without serious reflection or even desire for the life to come. The clergy sexual abuse scandals is a painful example of this loss of the heavenly vision among those who have been called and consecrated to proclaim and make present the kingdom of God. Losing that impetus for ongoing conversion that comes from Eucharistic adoration, we are now moved more by materialism, careerism, and consumerism than our desire to be conformed and united to Christ here and in the life to come.

In our crass individualism, we live exclusively for ourselves. We have little or no fear for God as we willingly break His Commandments and even justify and celebrate it. We become so uncaring towards others that we have no qualms denying the unborn infants even the chance to live. Ultimately, we become slaves of things and people, addicted to created things and pleasures and losing that glorious freedom and joy that should fill our hearts as God’s children.

There is hope for each of us. We are not just waiting for the Savior. In truth, the Savior is here with us now, waiting for us in every tabernacle and exposed monstrance in our Catholic Churches. There is no need for a password and the connection is strong in every place where He is sacramentally present! He only asks us to exercise that adoring faith that we received in holy baptism and adore Him here now so that we may adore Him eternally in heaven. **He is truly waiting for us now and drawing us to Himself as He did with the disciples on Mt Tabor.** Let us continuously gaze on Him in the Blessed Sacrament till His divinity breaks out and touches us so that we can exclaim here now, and forever in the life to come, “Master, it is *indeed* good that we are here!”

Glory to Jesus!!! Honor to Mary!!! (Catholicexchange.com)



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