

Transfiguration of the Lord



“This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him.”

Mark 9: 7

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

With his promises to Abram, God formed the people through whom He would reveal himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham he raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills his divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18) and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well-pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"



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Jesus is longing for your presence.

Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions will **RESUME** on **Wednesday, August 16th at 6PM at St. Lucy's.**

In place of Friday Adoration, **beginning August 19th**, we will start holding Eucharistic Adoration in **Gethsemane Chapel immediately following 9am Mass until 2:30pm.** Confessions will be available following the 9am Mass until 10am.

We are looking for volunteers to coordinate adorers. If interested, please contact Karl at 978-683-1193 ext. 35 or at faithformation.stlm@gmail.com

HOSPITALITY/REFRESHMENTS

Sunday, August 13th
10-11am
St. Monica School Hall

Sunday, August 20th
11:30am-12:30pm
St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

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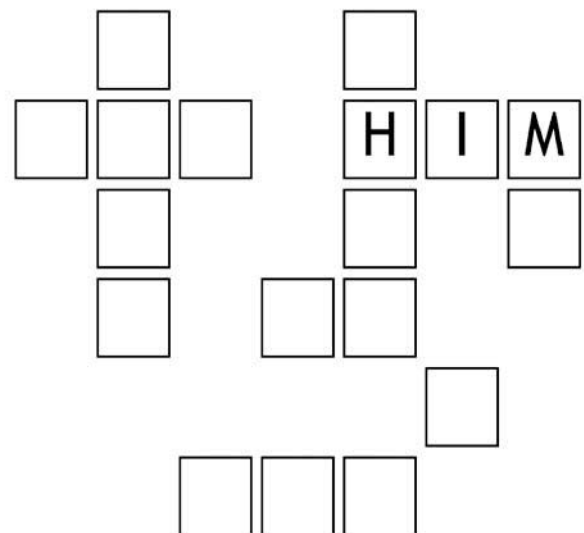
A six-week bereavement support group will meet at St. Monica House on Tuesdays, August 22 - September 26 from 6-7:30pm. The group is offered as a free service to the community.

Contact Christine at the Parish Offices to register, 978-683-1193.

 **PUZZLE**

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

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We look upon the transfiguration above all as the celebration of that presence of Christ which takes charge of everything in us and transfigures even that which disturbs us about ourselves. God penetrates those hardened, incredulous, even disquieting regions within us, about which we really do not know what to do. God penetrates them with the life of the Spirit and acts upon those regions and gives them God's own face.

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The MRA (Marie Rivier Associates) will be starting up again in September. We will be meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month after the 9am mass at St. Lucy Church.

This year we will be studying the Story of a Soul. The cost of the book is \$10.

Our meetings are open to all men & women of both parishes...you do not have to be an associate to join.

If interested, please contact
Maureen Slattery - 978.683.0589
or Sharon Petralia - 603.974.0069

**The PARISH OFFICES
will be open from
12 noon to 2pm on
Monday, August 7th.**

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- AA 7pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary Prayer Group for Priests 6pm Gethsemane Chapel

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church
- Rosary (Zoom) 6-6:30pm
- AA 6:30-8:30pm St. Lucy Lower Church Hall

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

- Mass 9am St. Lucy Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

- Faith2Fitt 8am Methuen Track & Field
- Mass 9am St. Monica Church
- Bettors Anonymous 2pm St. Monica SVDP Hut
- Confessions 3-3:45pm Gethsemane Chapel & St. Lucy Church



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Yes, I CAN... We are in need of pancake syrup, mashed potatoes, peanut butter, jelly, canned beans, spaghetti sauce, canned carrots, canned peas, tuna, canned fruit. Donations can be dropped off anytime at the entrances to St. Lucy Church and the side door of Gethsemane Chapel at St. Monica Church.

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BAPTISMS 2nd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Monica's | 3rd Sunday of the month, 2:00pm at St. Lucy's

MARRIAGES Please call the Parish Offices at least six months prior to the proposed wedding date and before booking a reception hall.

<p>MASS SCHEDULE</p> <p>SAT 4 pm (VIGIL) both parishes SUN 9 am & 12 pm St. Monica 10:30 am St. Lucy MON/TUES/THURS/FRI 9 am St. Lucy SATURDAY 9 am St. Monica</p>	<p>CONFESSIONS</p> <p>SAT 3-3:45pm at both parishes</p>
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Mt 17: 5*

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard:
This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
3. His king - dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
4. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And



1. joice, give thanks and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:)
 2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:)
 3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:)
 4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:)
- } Lift up your



1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card***FIRST READING***Dn 7: 9-10, 13-14*

As I watched:

Thrones were set up and the Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. A surging stream of fire flowed out from where he sat; Thousands upon thousands were ministering to him, and myriads upon myriads attended him. The court was convened and the books were opened.

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 97 (96): 1-2, 5-6, 9*

R. The Lord is king, the Most High o - ver all the earth.

The LORD is king; let the earth rejoice; let the many islands be glad.
Clouds and darkness are round about him, justice and judgement are the foundation of his throne.

The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the LORD of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his justice, and all peoples see his glory.

Because you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth, exalted far above all gods.

SECOND READING*2 Pet 1: 16-19*

Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. Moreover, we possess the prophetic message that is altogether reliable. You will do well to be attentive to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

☩. This is my beloved Son, with whom I am *well pleased*; *
listen *to him*.

GOSPEL*Mt 17: 1-9*

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. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone.

As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*1 Jn 3: 2*

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN*Shepherd of Souls*

1. Shep-herd of souls, re-fresh and bless Your cho-sen pil-grim flock
2. We would not live by bread a-lone, But by your word of grace,
3. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de-part;
4. Lord, sup with us in love di-vine; Your bod-y and your blood,



1. With man-na in the wil-der-ness, With wa-ter from the rock.
2. In strength of which we trav-el on To our a-bid-ing place.
3. Sav-ior, a-bide with us, and spread Your ta-ble in our heart.
4. That liv-ing bread, that heav'n-ly wine, Be our im-mor-tal food.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

1. Crown him with man-y crowns, The Lamb up-on his throne;
2. Crown him the Lord of life, Who tri-umphed o'er the grave,
3. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Where an-gels sing a-bove;



1. All king-doms of the earth re-sound In praise of him a-lone.
2. Who on the third day did a-rise And hope to sin-ners gave.
3. Crown him the King, to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



1. A-wake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,
2. His glo-ry now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
3. Crown him with man-y crowns, As thrones be-fore him fall.



1. And hail him as thy ris-en King For all e-ter-ni-ty.
2. Who came e-ter-nal life to bring, Who lives, no more to die.
3. Through-out the earth his praise re-sounds For he is Lord of all.

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, August 5

9:00am FIRST SATURDAY MASS
No Intentions

4:00pm Joseph Elia

Sunday, August 6

9:00am For the Parishioners of
St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

12:00pm Norma Ouellette

Saturday, August 12

9:00am Kristina Szablowska

4:00pm Julie Ahles

Sunday, August 13

9:00am Renald E. Rochette
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Sunday, August 6

10:30am Yvonne & Rene Lacoste
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Rose & James Drelick
Dorothy & Frank Verdolotti

Monday, August 7

9:00am Margaret Gavin Mulligan

Tuesday, August 8

9:00am Bruce Beverley

Thursday, August 10

9:00am Yvonne & Roland Soucy

Friday, August 11

9:00am Colette Lebel

Saturday, August 12

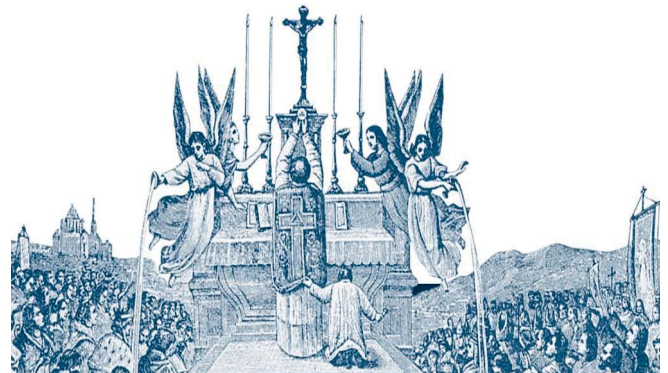
4:00pm Salvatore D'Urso and
Deceased Members of the D'Urso Family

Sunday, August 13

10:30am Thomas F. Wholley, Jr.
William Hitchmoth
Rita Bonanno
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Lucy Boragine

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DAY	DATE	PRIEST	SEMINARIAN
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Wed	08/09/23	Fr. Arthur Wright	Javier Padilla
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Fri	08/11/23	Fr. James Hickey	Deacon Giovanni Argote
Sat	08/12/23	Fr. George Butera	Deacon Gabriel Hanley



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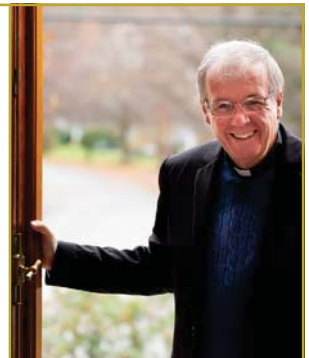
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"Feed My Sheep" John 21:17

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