The Transfiguration of the Lord

EYEWITNESSES

Today, the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The vision account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable. There are flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, and a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something. But was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told in Matthew’s Gospel what he and his friends James and John saw when they went up on the mountain with Jesus one day. Jesus warned the three witnesses to tell no one until “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead” (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of one of the Gospels discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: “This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased,” and he assures us that the message is “altogether reliable” (2 Peter 1:17, 19).
The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017
The heavens proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.
~ Psalm 97:6

Mass Schedule

SAT.  AUG 5 - VIGIL MASS
3:30  †Ida Emerling by Jean & Chloe
SUN.  AUG 6 -
8:00  †David Pannone by Father
10:00  †Special Intentions for Patricia Plummer by Daughter
12:15  Latin Mass
MON.  AUG 7 -
8:00  †Bob Berry by Mercedes Lima
TUE.  AUG 8 -
8:00  †Viola Sivillo by the Brennen Family
WED.  AUG 9 -
8:00  †Nancy Bolender by Ann & Al Ionni
THU.  AUG 10 -
8:00  †Dr. Samuel John Durso by Ellen Albert
FRI.  AUG 11 -
8:00  †Bette Ondecker by Husband
SAT.  AUG 12 -
8:00  †Michael Cassaday by Charles & Josita Perone
SAT.  AUG 12 - VIGIL MASS
3:30  †Bob Berry by Chloe Gier
SUN.  AUG 13 -
8:00  †Don Weber by Wife & Daughters
10:00  †Vincent Weber by Ed & Judy Hilferty
12:15  Latin Mass

CONFESSIONS - Saturdays 2:15-3:15 or 15 min. before Sunday Masses or by appointment.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS......all those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially the faithful of the parish.

RESURRECTION PRAYER LINE MINISTRY
For prayer requests or to sign up as a volunteer call: 481-1170.

PRAYERS FOR PRIESTS -
Please join us every Thursday immediately after the 8:00 Mass to pray for priests.

GIFT SHOP HOURS:
Thursdays: Closed until November
Sat: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
Sun: Open 7:00 a.m.
and also open between morning Masses.
CLOSED DURING MASSES

The Transfiguration of the Lord, Cycle A
Sunday, August 6, 2017
First Reading
Daniel 7:9–10,13–14
The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 97:1–2,5–6,9
A Song of Praise to God our King

Second Reading
2 Peter 1:16–19
Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

Gospel Reading
Matthew 17:1–9
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Background on the Gospel Reading
Today’s liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus’ life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration. In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah’s return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel’s history indicated Jesus’ continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. Upon witnessing Jesus’ Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is “my beloved Son” and commands the disciples to listen to him. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after “the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.” Until they witnessed Jesus’ Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being “raised from the dead.” We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus’ Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ’s glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.
RESURRECTION CALENDAR
All events take place in the Parish Center unless otherwise stated.

Adoration, First Fridays, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Bereavement & Beyond Ministry, Mondays, 10:00 a.m. For more information call Alouise 481-8168
Craft Club, Tuesdays, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Men’s Club, 2nd Monday of month, 7:00p.m., Sept. - May
Men’s Gospel Forum, Fridays 8:30 a.m.
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Novena, Saturdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, church
Prayer for Priests, Thursdays after the 8:00a.m. Mass, chapel
RCIA, Sundays, after the 9:00a.m. Mass, for info, 482-6883
Rel. Ed., September - May
Resurrection for Life, for info, call Judy at 287-1237
Resurrection Prayerline Ministry, call Deanna Latell 481-1170.
Rosary, before daily Masses and Tues. & Thurs., 1:30p.m., chapel
Rosary Makers, 3rd Thursdays Oct. thru May, 9-11 a.m.
St. Vincent DePaul Board Meeting, 1st Tues. every month, 7:00 pm. For SVDP assistance call 239-600-6749, or email, svdp@resurrectionch.org
Teams of Our Lady, call Joann for more information, 482-7982
Women’s Guild, 3rd Wednesday every month, 8:30a.m. Sept. - May

WEEKLY OFFERING
July 30, 2017
Offertery: $13,343.00
Latin Mass: $286.00
SVDP: $680.00

2017 CATHOLIC FAITH APPEAL
Our assessment for this year is $366,000.00
Payments made thus far:
Total: $301,280.92
We still need $64,719.08 to pay our assessment.
Thank you for your loyal support of this annual assessment!
If you have not yet made a pledge, please do so today!

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MINISTRY OF THE SICK
IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS:
When admitted to the hospital please register as Catholic and notify the parish office immediately, 481-7171.
Resurrection priests visit the hospitals daily.
To protect your privacy hospitals do not give out information on patients without their permission.
The following hospitals are attended to by the parish in which they are located:
* Gulf Coast Hospital - visited daily by St. John XXIII Parish, 561-2245
* Lee Memorial Hospital - visited daily by St. Francis Xavier Parish, 334-2161
* Lee Memorial and Hospice at Health Park - visited daily by St. Columbkille Parish, 489-3973

St. Vincent DePaul is in need of peanut butter, jelly, mayo, toilet paper, and cereal. Thank you for your generosity!

RAINY SEASON has arrived! St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting umbrellas for the poor and the homeless. Please drop off at the Parish Center. No need for new.

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Please join us each 1st Friday for Adoration Immediately after the 8:00 Mass

A Meditation from the Diary of St. Faustina, entry 1485 -
Jesus: I am your strength, I will help you in the struggle.
Soul: Lord, I recognize your holiness, and I fear you.
Jesus: My child, do you fear the God of Mercy? My holiness does not prevent Me from being merciful. Behold, for you I have established a throne of mercy on earth - the tabernacle - and from this throne I desire to enter into your heart. I am not surrounded by a retinue or guards. You can come to me at any moment, at any time; I want to speak to you and desire to grant you grace.

Post-Abortion Reconciliation and Healing - "I felt such a relief," a retreatant explained. "I felt that I was genuinely forgiven and that helped me to forgive myself." There is hope and healing for those who suffer the pain of abortion. Call Fonda at 239-719-7210 or project.rachel@dioceseofvenice.org. See video testimonials at www.dioceseofvenice.org/offices/respect-life/post-abortion-help.

This week’s Sanctuary Candle:
for James Dwyer

Altar Flowers
This Week:
In loving memory of:
Nancy Crowther
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

In loving memory of:
Keith & Dona Badman
by Friends at Resurrection Parish

Please join us here at Resurrection Parish for a special Mass for “A Greater Respect For Life”
August 25, 2017 at 8:00 a.m.

This month marks the half-way point to birth, and the baby is very active. Sleep habits develop and his mother can feel him move and stretch, particularly when she is resting. He is big and strong enough to kick hard against the outside uterine wall and dent it. Up to now, although he swam with ease in his watery world, he was too small for her to detect because the inside wall of the uterus has little feeling. Babies born at this age have survived.

RESURRECTION FOR LIFE
PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ABORTION CLINIC
AT 3900 BROADWAY, FORT MYERS EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
(after the 8:00 Mass) FOR THE ROSARY.
The Transfiguration of the Lord

Once in a Lifetime We cannot sustain peak experiences for too long. But we can remember them and draw on them. We can return to them when our wells are dry, our hopes flag, and our spirits wilt. The transfiguration of Jesus is a mystical, stunning experience crowded with memory and promise. The transforming experience on Mount Tabor is charged with enough insight to last a lifetime.

Comment The three readings today are suffused with light that blinds and reveals. The first reading from the visionary book of Daniel tells of a time of everlasting dominion. Images of victory abound and overwhelm, and those who listen understand that they are called to live in the hope of promises fulfilled. When tribulation is the daily visitor, visionary writings usually make their appearance. They are filled with promise, and they require and offer hope. Today's reading from Daniel soars but is grounded in hope.

Today's second reading from 2 Peter, one of the last New Testament letters written, deals with the troubling delay of the long-awaited Second Coming of the Lord. To a weary and bewildered fledgling community, God's majestic triumph certainly seemed long in coming.

Nonetheless, the writer of 2 Peter expresses his unshakable confidence in the triumphant coming of the Lord. He recounts the peak experience—the showing forth of God's majesty in Jesus on the mount of transfiguration—and he tells those who doubt and whose faith is shaken that the Lord most certainly reigns now and will just as certainly come in glory.

The story of the Transfiguration is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Another similar story is also thrice recorded—the baptism of Jesus. Both stories are theophanies (divine manifestations). At once they veil and reveal the presence and action of God. At Jesus' baptism, he accepts his mission; in the Transfiguration, Jesus sees his mission as a Passover from death to life. These theophanies close with the words "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17), and "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him" (Matthew 17:5).

Reflection After all was said and done, it appears that Peter understood the meaning of the Lord's transfiguration. In the second reading, the writer of 2 Peter offers the fruit of Peter's reflections. In contrast to the crackling splendor of that visionary experience, he offers the image of quiet lamplight, the steady flame tended by those who are awake and whose hope burns through the night "until day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19).

The reality of the life-giving Lord is inside us; we can take it along. It sustains us when we turn to the work of every day. We cannot sustain peak experiences, but we can tend the steady lamps that light our way and soften the night. The morning star flickers in our inner selves. The triumphant, risen Christ is named the morning star in the Easter Exsultet that rings out in the night and ushers in the celebration of the Resurrection. Jesus' transfiguration told us this would be so.
Thank you to all of the parishioners who generously donated school supplies to help fill over 40 backpacks! RYM sorted and packed it all up for our friends at Catholic Charities!

RYM hopes everyone has a great school year! This is the prayer that we attached to each backpack...

Lord Jesus,
We ask for Your help as we begin this new school year. Allow us to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before us. Open our eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings. Open our heart and mind to new friends and new teachers. Give us a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with our studies and courage to accept new opportunities. Help us to be attentive to one another and let us experience Your presence in our new friends. Jesus, inspire us to do our best this year!
Amen

Register now for Faith Formation!

WHO: Grades K-5
WHEN: Beginning September 10th following the 10:00a.m. Mass
FEES: $70/$15 per additional child
Second year sacramental prep: $25

*Sacramental Prep is a two year program. Students must enroll in first grade to receive First Holy Communion in the second grade.

REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ON LINE AND IN THE PARISH HALL MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY.

Questions? Please contact the Faith Formation office: 600-6745 or deanna@resurrectionch.org

“Let the little children come to me…”
Matthew 19:14

Coffee and Donuts begin September 10 after the 10:00 Mass! Please join us in the Parish Center for coffee, donuts and fellowship!!
Florida Catholic Chamber of Commerce - NEXT MEETING: August 22, 2017
Please join the next Catholic Chamber networking/lunch meeting on August 22, 2017 from 11:30 AM-1:00 PM.
Where: Brookdale Senior Living, 8351 College Pkwy, Fort Myers, FL 33919 We invite all Catholic businesses and ministries. Free to attend. No membership required. Being a member is a great way to witness our beautiful Catholic faith.

"Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" - Join Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, for his monthly radio program on Relevant Radio. "Witnessing Faith with Bishop Dewane" can be heard the last Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. on 1660 AM in Naples and 1410 AM and 106.7 FM in Fort Myers. Listen anywhere online at RelevantRadio.com.

Safe Environment Training - As part of the Safe Environment Program, the Diocese of Venice requires that all employees and those volunteers who work with children and/or vulnerable adults be fingerprinted and trained in Safe Environment. The next training sessions will be on August 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm and August 26th from 9:30 - 11:30 am at Church of the Resurrection Parish Hall. Call 239-481-7172 to register if you plan to attend.

Licensed Professional Counselors needed - The Diocesan Project Rachel post-abortion healing program is in need of counselors familiar with the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly for the Sarasota, Manatee and Highlands counties. Bilingual (English/Spanish) counselors are needed throughout the diocese. Please contact Fonda at 239-719-7210 for details.

Charismatic Renewal Golden Jubilee Celebration - To commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Diocese of Venice English and Spanish Catholic Charismatic Renewal Commissions will be hosting a Conference at the Charlotte Harbor Event Center in Punta Gorda on Saturday, September 16, from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Conference theme, "A New Pentecost for a New Evangelization," will feature exciting speakers in both English and Spanish. There will also be a combined English/Spanish session for youth, ages 13-17. All are encouraged to attend this Spirit-filled conference, to experience inspirational speakers, praise and worship, Eucharistic Adoration, Reconciliation, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Cost is $20 for adults and $10 for youth (13-17) and includes dinner. Registration is required online at www.dioceseofvenice.org. For more information about the Catholic Charismatic Renewal and the Golden Jubilee Celebration please visit www.dvccr.org.

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for August - That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Christians of the Holy Land
Please join us in the Parish Hall the weekend of August 19/20 after Masses, (3:30, 8:00, 10:00) to view the beautiful religious items for sale from the Holy Land.

The Christian situation in the Holy Land is dire. What used to be a strong and vibrant 30% of the population has dropped down below 2%. There are several factors involved, not the least of which is economics. Traditionally, the Christian community relied on the services offered for pilgrims as a main source of income for the community, who in turn conduct commerce with each other. Olive wood items/carvings represent the only tangible product they produce and can export. Christians of the Holy Land graciously asks your support through conscience prayers and the purchase of these special religious art pieces. Items range in price from $5 to a few hundred and include rosaries, crosses, icons and statues. Proceeds of the sales generate much needed employment and cash flow for our Christian community in Bethlehem. These beautiful and very affordable goods are great gifts for your family, friends and yourself, and please be as generous as God is to you. Checks, cash and credit cards will be accepted.

Cheese and crackers will be provided on Saturday and coffee and donuts on Sunday, compliments of Resurrection Family Circle.

Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation - Master's Level Course - Through a partnership with Franciscan University of Steubenville, the Institute for Catholic Studies and Formation extends an invitation to those interested in pursuing a Master's Degree or just interested in learning their faith, to enroll in the upcoming Fall course, The 607 Dogmatic Theology II: Church and Sacraments. A 33 percent tuition discount is offered through the Institute. For more information, please contact Kathryn Klein DeNinno at 941-766-7334 or deninno@institute-dov.org.

PLEASE HELP FEED THE HUNGRY!

Your food donations will help St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, South Ft. Myers Food Pantry. Drop food in boxes at vestibules in the church or Parish Center. The following is most needed: Canned fruit and vegetables (corn/peas/carrots/green beans). Canned meat (tuna/chicken/sausages/ham/Spam). Spaghetti noodles and sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Maseca flour (small bags), Canned diced tomatoes, Tomato sauce, Cereal, Canned soups (prefer chicken), and Dry beans (pinto/red/ kidney).

Thank you and God Bless!
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