August 6, 2023 The Transfiguration of our Lord (pg 763 red missal) (pg 1339 black missal)



Transfiguration Today is the second Luminous Mystery of the rosary and it took place on Mount Tabor, an impressive 1500 foot mountain

rising out of the Jezreel Valley in lower Galilee. As you read this I will be nearing an [almost] 15,000 foot mountain [Whitney] in the lower John Muir Trail. You are in my prayers during this 2-week backpacking trip!

Monthly Radio Show Once a month I speak on Relevant Radio's "Inner Life" program, a call-in show on various topics related to the interior life. About 30 of us priests from around the country serve as "spiritual directors" for one hour a month on this show (Fr. Michael Hurley, pastor of St. Dominic's here in San Francisco, also speaks regularly on

The Inner Life). Recently I spoke on the topic of Holy Silence. Now, it's ironic to speak on silence, and perhaps we should have simply had "radio silence" for the entire hour (!). As that would not have worked for a large Catholic radio audience, I tried to "speak on silence" with the host and callers from around the country.

Silence I began by quoting Mother Teresa: "in the silence of the heart God speaks." She taught her sisters how to be silent-stillness of the eyes, stillness of the body, stillness of the mind. "Souls of great prayer are souls of great silence." She wanted her sisters to be "full of silence." Media technology, on the other hand, annoys us with constant noise. Have you ever sat on a beach to listen to the waves, or in a park to listen to the birds, and then been assaulted by someone's rap music or cell phone chatter? Most of the noise in our lives, however, is self-inflicted. We cannot go even a few hours without podcasts, YouTube



Mount Tabor from the plain; Jeanine and Richard Donohue at the summit during our 2019 Holy Land trip



videos, TV and radio news, emails, texts, and canned music. We've been trained to fear silence as unbearably empty, and even ten minutes of silence throws us into a panic. The most beautiful Masses-have you noticed?—are those with significant periods of silence. It is noise, not silence, that leaves us

and the breezes move in silence, how the trees and flowers grow in silence, and how the deepest movements of the heart develop in silence. Only in the silence of Fr. Joseph Illo the heart can we hear the gentle voice of God. We should be "full Fr. Mike Konopik" of silence," that is, full of God's Word.

empty. See how the stars

Balance God does not, however, call many of us to be silent Trappists. He wants most of us

to live in his beautiful world, engaging in human activity, but in a balanced fashion. We can and must apply rational limits to how much information we allow into our brains and senses. There must be times of "fasting from noise," simply turning all electronic media off, and listening to the sounds of the natural world. Canon law requires all priests to make a silent retreat of at least five days annually, and layfolk should make one silent weekend retreat a year to reset themselves. A silent Eucharistic holy hour once a week (every day for priests) is simply fundamental to the interior life, which governs all of the exterior life. I warmly recommend the daily reading of Scripture, either the gospel for the day or, even better, simply reading from Genesis to Revelation over the course of year or two. One chapter of the Bible a day (five to ten minutes), day Head of School by day, marvelously grounds a person in the mind of God. It is good to simply be alone with your

Bible, in silence. Fr. Joseph Illo



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LITURGY AND DEVOTIONS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass: M-F, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm. Saturday 8:30am, 12noon Latin. Sat.Vigil Mass 4:30pm. Sunday, 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am Latin, 7:30pm. Holy Day Mass, 7am Latin, 12noon, 6pm Sung Latin Mass. Confessions, 20 min. before Mass; Sat, 3:15-4:15pm.

Eucharistic Adoration 24/7. Lauds, Mon-Fri 6:45am. Vespers, Mon-Fri 5:45pm. Holy Hour & Confessions, Tuesday 7pm-8pm. Devotions: Sacred Heart First Friday 12noon, 6pm Latin. Divine Mercy, Saturday 3pm. Lady of Perpetual Help, Wed. 12noon. Lady of Fatima First Saturday, 8:30am.

The Sunday Scriptures

By Fr. Joseph Illo (Dan 7: 9-10, 13-14; 2 Pt 1: 16-19; Mt 17: 1-9) Two Mountains St. John witnessed Jesus transfigured on a mountain, and a few months later he witnessed Jesus crucified on a hill. God reveals his power and beauty to us at times to prepare us for the dark times of confusion and trial that each of us must endure. Both consolation and desolation are from God, and both make us strong, if we hold tightly to God's hand.

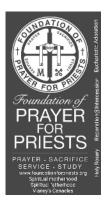


EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Alphonsus Liguori's Feast Day is August 1 (August 2 in the Traditional calendar). He was a lawyer, bishop, founder of the Redemptorists, writer, preacher and doctor of the church. He is quoted, "Know also that you will probably gain more by praying fifteen

minutes before the Blessed Sacrament than by all the other spiritual exercises of the day. True, Our Lord hears our prayers anywhere...but He has revealed... that those who visit Him in the Blessed Sacrament will obtain a more abundant measure of grace."

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Book recommendation:

Praying for Priest - An Urgent Call for the Salvation of Souls, by Kathleen Beckman L.H.S (For sale in our church kiosk, \$15)

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Mass Intentions

Sat. 08/06	8:30am	Int. of Maggie Adams
	12noon	Int. of Thomas Feria (bday)
	4:30pm	Int. of Dolores Papa and Family
Sun 08/6	8:00am	People of the Parish
	9:30am	Int. of the Golden Gate Park Section 4 Gardeners
	11:30am	Int. of Ronald and Sarah Henderson
	7:30pm	Int. of Alexandra Carcache
Mon 08/7	7:00am	Int. of John Arena Int. of Glen Hughes Int. of Juliet Llaguno Int. of Fr. Michael Rocha + Susana Bravo (anniv)
	12noon	Int. of Dana Nunez Int. of Wit and Elzbieta Kojder + Rosa Lee + Danelle Gozycki + Victorina and Sergio Respicio
	6:00pm	Int. of Ron Konopaski Int. of Matthew Aguirre + Louisa Siu + Basyl Strazhnyk + Donald Miranda
Tue 08/8	7:00am	Int. of Andrew Choi (bday)
	12noon	+ Henry I. Flynn
	6:00pm	+ George Muntean
Wed 08/9	7:00am	Int. of Dolores Meehan
	12noon	Int. of Estrelle Chan (bday)
	6:00pm	+ Lydia Quintana-Diaz
Thu 08/10	7:00am	Int. of Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
	12noon	Int. of Leopoldo Ocampo for healing
	6:00pm	Int. of Matthew and Tara Gariano
Fri 08/11	7:00am	+ Pedro Lopez Dominguez
	12noon	+ Elvira, Philip and Gino Francesconi
	6:00pm	+ John Peter Illo
Sat 08/12	8:30am	+ Carlito Vallejera
	12noon	Int. of Pro-Life
	4:30pm	Int. of Jordi Cortez and Noemi Iraheta



Esmenia Batinga, Margaret Stangl, Margaret Sellai, Miriam Valle, James Estrada, Vicki Kruschin, John Johnson, Delora Roanhorse, Yemame Ambaye, Carol Calabro, Fr. Allan Wilson, Diana Munoz, Carmen Smith,

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Calendar of Events

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Rosary Prayer after all daily Masses: M-F 7am, 12noon, 6pm; Sat. 8:30am, 12noon and Sundays 11:30am (Latin) Sunday Aug. 6, 2:30pm Rosary prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral. https://star.flocknote.com/RosaryWalk **Saturdays,** Divine Mercy devotion at 3pm in the church.



FORMED RECOMMENDATIONS

(Formed.org Free to all Parishioners)

Look for the titles below at: http://watch.formed.org

Vianney Speaks (St. John Vianney, Aug. 8 - Trad.)

Travel to 19th century France and the village church of Ars to witness the inspiring sermons and intimate prayers of Saint John Vianney, patron saint of parish priests. Born on the eve of the French Revolution, John Vianney witnessed the intense persecution of the Catholic Church and the heroism of holy priests. Ordained a priest himself against all odds, he spent the rest of his life as the pastor of Ars, where, through his holiness and sacrifice, he converted the entire population of the town and countless pilgrims from near and far. Even today, his piercing insights and humor draw us to conversion and repentance. Performed by Leonardo Defilippis/Saint Luke Productions. Suitable for all ages.

Saint Clare of Assisi

Catholic Saints 11-Aug-2020

Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers discuss St. Clare and the beauty of poverty. For a more in depth look at St. Clare, take a look at "Clare and Francis" movie available in FORMED.ORG.

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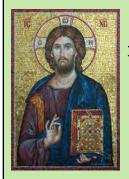
The Knights' Men's Ministry will meet on Saturday, August 12, 8 AM in the gym parking lot to build storage areas for the parish. This will be an all-day project. The church will provide a light breakfast and a pizza lunch. No experience required. Bring work gloves if you have them. For information or to sign up please contact Sean Sullivan at stsullivan12@gmail.com.



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For information please contact Greg Moeck gmoeck@gmail.com - (310) 694-6380



Children's Catechism Preparation for First Holy Communion

(7 years old/2nd grade or up)

September - May

Sundays after the 9:30am Mass. For more information contact Mariella at the parish office (415) 751-0450. Register: www.starparish.com



STEWARD STATS

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." (1 Peter 4-10)

Time: 30+ people joined the Lady of Perpetual Help devotion last Wednesday.

Talent: Three volunteers helped to set up the preschool Atrium last Sunday.

Treasure: Sunday offering \$8,677

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