

ST. TERESA OF ÁVILA
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Faith & Spirit, Alive

The Transfiguration of the Lord

August 6, 2017

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.”

— Matthew 17: 5

Rev. Frank John Latzko, Pastor

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday at 5 PM & 6:30 PM (En Française¹)
Sunday at 9 AM, 10:30 AM (En Español²) 12 PM, 6 PM
¹ First & Second Saturdays ² First Sundays

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday — Thursday at 7:30 AM
Friday Communion Service at 7:30 AM

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Baptism Preparation

2nd Sunday of the Month 10 AM

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 9 AM to 7:30 PM
Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM



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Refugee Updates

Our Syrian refugee family, Abdulkarim, Latifa and Bisan welcomed the newest addition to their family, baby Mahmoud. The family insists they have all they need, though we welcome anyone from the parish to write a card to the family, or donate a children's book to help the family build their library. Cards and books can be placed in the basket by the prayer cross.

For more information or questions, email Margaret at margaretannmiles@gmail.com for more info or questions.

St Teresa is supporting a new baby from Catholic Charities Refugee program- a woman from Myanmar. We are looking for donations of the following items:

- Gently used crib waterproof mattress pad
- Gently used high chair
- Gently used Sippy Cups
- Digital thermometer

Email Mairead at mairead.reidy@yahoo.com for info

St. Teresa is assisting a young Congolese girl named Tereza. She and her family do not have a sponsor parish. Tereza was recently accepted into Josephinum Academy, and while she received a large scholarship, St. Teresa was able to assist with the remaining tuition costs and fees. We are collecting Old Navy Gift Cards to help Tereza purchase uniforms.

Gift cards can be sent to the parish office or email to robrien@stteresaparish.org.

Please pray this month for Fr. Frank, Tom Micinski, Rebecca O'Brien, Nhu Phan, Daniel Cortese & Abelardo Gonzalez as they travel to La Posada, a mission on the border of Texas and Mexico, to learn more about Sr. Zita's work with refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers. Even though La Posada provides a valuable service to the US Government, due to the current political climate, Sr. Zita funding is in jeopardy and the mission is in desperate need of assistance.

Stay tuned for details on how to get involved, or email robrien@stteresaparish.org to be added to the email list.

Raffle and Ticket Presale!

Tickets are now on sale for this year's annual fundraising bash, the *Time of Your Life Gala* on November 11, 2017 at Germania Place in Old Town.

Snag your tickets early to this sell-out event and you'll save some money while ensuring that St. Teresa maintains a strong cash flow over the summer season. Tickets are \$125/person now through August 30th, and \$150/person in September and beyond.

Raffle tickets are on sale and our goal is to raise \$50,000 this summer by encouraging our friends, family, coworkers, or fellow philanthropists, to buy a ticket. \$100 gets you a chance at winning your choice of four great trips: Jamaica, Paris, San Diego, or American Music Awards.

Visit timeofyourlifegala.com or text STAP to 52182 to purchase raffle tickets or event presale tickets. To donate items for auction, email janelpalm@mac.com

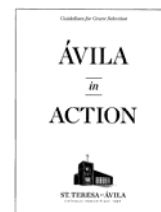


Avila in Action: Deadline Extension

Know of a group that is working to make the world a better place? Let them know about your amazing Parish and have them apply for one of the 2017 Avila in Action grants to help them continue to change the world. All applications are due by August 15th.

Application and more information can be found at st-teresa.net/stewardship/avila-in-action.

Questions may be directed to Rebecca O'Brien at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650.



Stewardship Opportunity

We are currently scheduling hosts to provide refreshments after all Masses. There are currently 11 spaces left to fill.

If you have ever enjoyed lingering about after Mass over refreshments and conversation, please consider hosting just once per year. It's easy to do. You can sign up through the Signup.com by clicking on the word "Volunteer" at our website st-teresa.net.

Or visit signup.com/go/BnYEHC to browse our openings to find one that works for you.

Questions/training: Contact Mairead Reidy at mairead.reidy@yahoo.com



Interested in volunteering? Contact Rebecca at robrien@stteresaparish.org or (773) 528-6650

Financial Stewardship

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Win a \$10 Starbucks Card — Capital Income, Poll #5!

Prior Bulletin Question: What represented 47% (\$66,966) of St. Teresa's Capital Expenses for 2016?

Answer: Church Renovation - Building Faith Together Campaign

The winners were **Rick Rausch** and **Jack Halpin** (for the second time). Congratulations! Today is your day! Your \$10 Starbucks gift card awaits.

To increase the incentive to participate in this poll, we've increase the Starbucks reward to \$10.00! (A maximum of 10 people can win). Go ahead and give this a try. If you tried this, you should. These things are fun and fun is good.

In this bulletin, we'll focus on St. Teresa's Capital Income. *What money is represented in "Category X"?*

Did this money come from:

- Interest income based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of land;
- Dr. Seuss; or
- Proceeds from the sale of 10,000 pet rocks

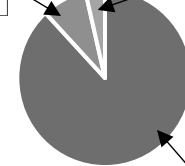
You don't have to answer both correctly to win. Literally any answer will do. In fact, the sentence following this one has the answer. The \$23,063 that St. Teresa received in interest income is based on the money St. Teresa received from the sale of the land to the south of us, at a rate of 5%. Hopefully, this will give you a sense that St. Teresa is making money on its money. Finance council and church staff are welcome to participate in the poll.

Please email your guess to either Maggie Fernandez at mfernandez@stteresaparish.org or Justin Alden at justin.alden@gmail.com.

Capital Income July 2015 to June 2016

Poll Question #5
Category X
\$23,063 (8%)

St. Teresa Facility
Rental
\$9,976 (4%)



Building Faith Together
\$243,646 (88%)

St. Teresa's Capital Income	FY 2016	%
Building Faith Together	\$ 243,646	88%
Category X	\$ 23,063	8%
St. Teresa Facility Rental	\$ 9,976	4%
	\$276,685	100%

Stewardship of Prayer and Worship

Sunday:	7-2-17	7-9-17	7-16-17	7-23-17	7-30-17
Saturday, 5:00 pm Mass Attendance	105	57	49	51	47
Saturday, 6:30 pm Mass Attendance (French)	-	29	-	-	-
Sunday, 9:00 am Mass Attendance	130	140	140	180	170
Sunday, 10:30 am Mass Attendance (Spanish)	35	-	-	-	-
Sunday, 12:00 pm Mass Attendance	75	130	190	110	145
Sunday, 6:00 pm Mass Attendance	70	130	105	115	140
Total Weekend Mass Attendance	415	486	454	456	502
Average Weekday Mass Attendance	10	10	10	12	13
Average Friday Communion Service Attendance	5	3	3	4	4
Confessions this Week	1	0	0	1	1
Anointing/Sick Calls/Hospital Visits this Week	0	0	0	0	0
Funerals since January 2017	3	3	3	3	3
Weddings since January 2017	6	7	7	7	7
Baptisms since January 2017	18	20	20	20	20



There are 351 parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago; only 55 parishes have weekend attendance that exceeds 2,000. St. Teresa's 2016 October Count averaged 550 people at weekend Masses. The 2017 monthly averages are: January, 489; February, 570; March, 640; April, 705; May, 573; June, 541; July, 463. In the Archdiocese there is 1 priest for every 1,525 parishioners; in the USA the ratio is 1:1,653 Catholics; 27 percent of US parishes do not have a resident priest. In comparison, South America has a ratio of 1:7,094 Catholics.

Parish Calendars

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Celebrant-Minister Schedule & Events

Date	Time	Celebrant	Sacristan/Lector	Eucharistic Host	Eucharistic Cup
Saturday 8-12-17	5:00 PM	Summer Mission	Sacristan: Karen Carpino Lector: Eric Fredericks	Leigh Hartley	Kari Richardson Lisa Marquez
Next French Mass Saturday 8-19-17	6:30 PM				
Sunday 8-13-17	9:00 AM	Summer Mission	Sacristan: Frank Swiderski Lector: Peggy Teterycz	Mark Van Grinsven Jennifer Barrett Minister Needed (H4)	Jamie Lutkus Minister Needed (C2) Ellen Moiani Nancy Van Grinsven
Next Spanish Mass Sunday 9-3-17	10:30 AM	Rev. John Rybolt, CM	Tony Rivera Carmen Ubides	Carmen Cruz	Maria Gonzales
Sunday 8-13-17	12:00 PM	Summer Mission	Sacristan: Francisco Perez Lector: Alejandro Lopez	Bob Pedro	Tyler Paul Mike Usiak
Sunday 8-13-17	6:00 PM	Summer Mission	Sacristan: Amir Rafizadeh Lector: Craig Scanlon	Pete Doyle Mary Jo Weis Bert Olson	Robert Martinez Margaret Burke Sara Hock Sharon Lindstrom

Week's Activities

Sunday, August 6

- 9:15 am, REC, Children's Liturgy of the Word

Monday, August 7

- No Activities Planned

Tuesday, August 8

- 6:15 am, Church, Men's Spirituality
- 6:00 pm, Church, Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, August 9

- 5:00 pm, PC-Kitchen, Night Ministry Cooking

Thursday, August 10

- 9:00 am, PC, Food Pantry Delivery
- 7:00 pm, PC, Stewardship Meeting

Friday, August 11

- 10:00 am, Kitchen, Loaves & Fishes Cooking
- 10:00 am, Mom's Group
- 5:00 pm, PC, Loaves and Fishes Dinner
- 7:00 pm, Church, Spanish Prayer Group

Saturday, August 12

Summer Mission Begins

- 10:00 am, PC-GS, Food Pantry Distribution

Saints & Special Observances

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Monday: Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time; St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Tuesday: St. Dominic

Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)

Thursday: St. Lawrence

Friday: St. Clare

Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal; Blessed Virgin Mary

Domingo: La Transfiguración del Señor
Lunes: Decimioctava Semana del Tiempo Ordinario; San Sixto II y compañeros; San Cayetano

Martes: Santo Domingo

Miércoles: Santa Teresa Benedicta de la Cruz (Edith Stein)

Jueves: San Lorenzo

Viernes: Santa Clara

Sábado: Santa Juana Francisca de Chantal; Santa María Virgen

August 2017 Food Pantry Dates

Saturday, August 5

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 12

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 19

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution

Saturday, August 26

9:00 am to 10:00 am Set Up
10:00 am to 12:00 pm Distribution



Mass Intentions & Prayers

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 5

5:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Sunday, August 6

9:00 am Carmela Nurmi
10:30 am Pedro Velazquez; Maria Maldonado
12:00 pm Pedro Velazquez; Maria Maldonado
6:00 pm Deceased Parishioners of St. Teresa of Avila

Let Us Pray

Please pray for the deceased ...

Lauren Dittrich Bilyeu, Eddy Velazquez, Andrea Harris, Dave Hilko, Joseph Kamalick, Edward Nevera, Andrzej Jastrzebski, Anthony Mastro, Andrea Mastro Hoinacki, Fr. Barry Moriarty, C.M., Angel Luis Neris, Noemie Sylvestre and the Victims of War & Domestic Violence

August Baptisms

Emory Lucia Shoop (8-6), Amelia Claire Tongelidis (8-6), Thomas Edward Wolforth (8-13), Oliver Enzo Parente (8-13), John Stephen Wanek (8-20), James Joseph Bushman (8-27)

August Baptism Anniversaries

Lisa Hanzelka (8-19)

Please pray for all those who are ill, especially for ...

*Alicia Anderson
Jason Andre
Dorothy Barns
Berta Billalvazo
Elizabeth Ryan Dean
Michael De Blasis
Kathy Derrick
Kim Duff
Isabelle Eiffert
Jackson Fineske & Family
Alice Flynn
Padraig Gallagher
Eloisa Gallegos
Michael Gibbons
Angela Goldberg
Kaylee Gommel
Bolivar Gonzales, Jr.
Les Gordon
Mrs. Grabarczyk*

*George Halloran
Kellar Harris
Peg Hausen
David Hoffman
David Ivanac
Chuck Jabaley
Ronald Jakubec
Joyce Jaszczor
Frank Kolman
Krista Kutz
Liz Kunkel
Betty LaCour
Carmen D. Lorenzana
Gabriel Lozada
Palmira Mancini
George Maroquin
Jose Maroquin
Lisa Marquez
Margaret Sue Meadors*

*Sage Mesen
Daniel Meyer
Tracy Mirabella
Bill Mobley
John Monier
Elda Myers
John Paul Nelson
Angel Nieves
Msgr. Kevin O'Neill
Frank O'Toole
Clayton Poe
Carol Poyner
Marie Koesters-Ranley
Hector J. Rivera
Luis Rivera
Pedro Rodriguez
Ray Romero
Jeffrey Roscoe
Sr. Camilla Mary Marney, OCD*

*Sr. Jean Ryan, OCD
Jack Schank
Bob Semmer
Will Sullivan
Mima Tome
JoAnn Jahnke Trainer
Marianne Usiak
Sara Vega
Susan Violapiano
Jack Williams
Valerie Williams
Mae Witry
David Zeunert*

For the intentions on our prayer cards; for survivors and perpetrators of sexual abuse

#prayforpeace

We pray for those who lost their lives to violence in the City of Chicago between July 27th and August 2nd: Eugene Winters; Dominick Black; Nikia Betts; Richard Harrison; Kennatay Leavell; Zaire Benjamin; Trenton Cornell-Duranheu; Gregory Jackson; Darrel Wilson; Sydney Caldwell; Dayvy Rivas; Glen Ingram; Darius Gavin; Diego Sandoval; and Jessica Kall

Our **Mass Intentions** have many openings. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone alive or deceased, contact Deacon Dean at the parish office at (773) 528-6650 or dvaeth@stteresaparish.org. In order to be added to our prayer list, a member of the immediate family should request that a person's name be added to the names of the deceased parishioners and friends for about twelve months.

Daily Prayer, Scripture and Eucharist Weekday Mass at 7:30 AM

Learn to trust God more. Monday through Thursday morning Mass is over by 7:30-7:50 am



There is a brief communion service on Friday mornings, also at 7:30am, for those who want to pray, reflect on scripture, and receive Eucharist.

Learn it. Grow it. Serve it.



Join us this summer for our Theology on Tap speaker series! Our parish will be focusing on the "Learn it" track, where we will partner with parishes in our community to host exciting events that will focus on how each one of us can further develop our relationship with Jesus and deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith.

We look forward to seeing you this summer at the events below!

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Socializing begins at 6:30pm

Kelly's Pub, Marge's Still, Kincade's, Orso's Rooftop

Week One

July 17, 7:00 p.m.

Kelly's Pub: 949 W Webster

Jesus and the Avengers

Darius Villalobos

Week Three

July 31, 7:00 p.m.

Marge's Still: 1758 N Sedgwick

Athletics and Faith

Sr. Stephanie Baliga

Week Two

July 24, 7:00 p.m.

Kincade's Bar and Grill: 950 W Armitage

Get the Heck Out!

Margaret Motto

Week Four

August 7, 7:00 p.m.

Orso's Rooftop: 1401 N Wells

The Four Commandments of Contentment

Fr. Ed Shea

For more information on all of the Theology on Tap events taking place across the Archdiocese of Chicago and at the Lincoln Park and Old Town parishes this summer, please visit www.totchicago.org or contact Suzanne Gillen at 773.325.8612 or sgillen1@depaul.edu

Summer Mission Next Weekend: The Diocese of Batticaloa — Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka is a Buddhist country. The country Sri Lanka has three ethnic groups and four religions i.e. Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam and Christianity. Christianity was introduced to Sri Lanka in 1505 by Portuguese. At present Christians are a minority consisting 7% of the total population numbering almost 21 million people in Sri Lanka. The Diocese of Batticaloa in Sri Lanka is situated in the Eastern part of the country and covers two districts. The major religion is Hinduism in the Diocese. The Catholic population is 42,609 out of 1,208,745 people. This is a newly erected diocese in 2012.

This Diocese has been affected by civil war which lasted for thirty years from 1983 through 2009. This also was affected by Tsunami on 26th December in 2004. In both these disasters many people lost their lives, houses and, properties. Churches and rectories have been destroyed. Due to these manmade and natural disasters for many years, thousands of people stayed in the refugee camps and were displaced from ancestral homes.

This Diocese consists of 26 parishes. There are 43 Diocesan priests and 17 religious priests, 79 religious sisters and 14 religious brothers to serve in our Diocese. The majority people are practicing Hinduism and second majority is Islam.

The diocese has drawn up a few projects to rebuild the faith of the people such as formation of young Seminarians, training and organizing small Christian Communities and the lay people are involved who are empowered through training programs and along with formation of catechists, since the children are not taught catholic faith in these schools. The diocese has to take a different method to instill catholic faith in the children at parish levels. We thank the pastor and all the parishioners for your valuable support to our Diocese.

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Help Adults Learn English!

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at Aquinas Literacy Center, 1751 West 35th Street in Chicago. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.



Join us for one of our upcoming next tutor training workshops: Friday, August 25th (6:00-9:00pm) and Saturday, August 26th (9:00 am-4:00 pm) **or** Friday, October 13th (6:00-9:00 pm) and pm Saturday, October 14th (9:00 am-4:00 pm).

Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact Sabrina at Sabrina@aguinasliteracycenter.org or at (773) 927-0512.

Save the Date: September 17th!

Join us for a "Party in the Park" benefiting St. Teresa of Avila's Border Ministries.

Mark your calendar for September 17th, 1:00-4:00 pm and join us in Lincoln Park for a good old-fashioned church picnic to benefit our new Border Ministry.



Details coming soon. Got questions? Email Sara Hock at sara.m.hock@gmail.com

Hunger Walk: September 16th!

Save the Date September 16th for the 32nd Annual Hunger Walk. The Hunger Walk is a major fundraising event for the St. Teresa Food Pantry. This year the Walk will be held in Jackson Park.

The Greater Chicago Food Depository is Cook County's local food bank. Working with a network of more than 700 partner agencies and programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters, we distribute 160,000 meals every day.



Annual Men's Retreat on September 8th-10th

Looking for an opportunity to hear God speaking to you? Silence speaks volumes.

St Teresa's Men's Spirituality Group invites and welcomes all men 18 and older to join us at our annual retreat at Bellarmine Retreat House in Barrington, Illinois, September 8th-10th.

This special weekend is spent in silence, providing space to let go of the preoccupations of daily life to allow room to hear God in the depths of your soul.

Retreat master Fr. Peter Etzel, S. J., who has been leading retreats for more than 20 years, will lead a series of talks on *Who Is the Man I Want to Be?* Whether you spend reflective time on your own or participate in Mass and the retreat talks, this will be

rejuvenating weekend, especially among friends who are sharing the silence.

You can sign up directly at jesuitretreat.org/retreatschedules/ (please indicate Matt Carpenter Group)

Contact Craig Dean at either (312)948-5605 or cdean@aegpartners.com for more information.

Carpooling will be available.



BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House

Readings/Lecturas

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Readings for the Week

Monday:	Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday:	Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Friday:	Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday:	Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Lecturas de la Semana

Lunes:	Nm 11:4b-15; Sal 81 (80):12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Martes:	Nm 12:1-13; Sal 51 (50):3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 o Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Miércoles:	Nm 13:1-2, 25 — 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Sal 106 (105):6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28
Jueves:	2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112 (111):1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Viernes:	Dt 4:32-40; Sal 77 (76):12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28
Sábado:	Dt 6:4-13; Sal 18 (17):2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20
Domingo:	1 Re 19:9a, 11-13a; Sal 85 (84):9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Treasures from Tradition

As the Latin Mass evolved in the first six centuries, the central prayer, what the Greeks called the *anaphora* and what we call today the Eucharistic Prayer, became fairly standard almost everywhere in the West. What we now know as Eucharistic Prayer I, or the Roman Canon, took a complex shape, not at all like the fluid and spontaneous prayers of early Rome, but a real architectural construction.

The city of Rome was in a terrible condition by that time, and a series of political upheavals, plagues, and invasions swept through. Not much of Rome's former glory was left standing, except for the pope, who became a symbol of protection and hope for the troubled people. The structures of law and administration were swept away in the chaos, and the pope gradually assumed authority to restore and maintain order. Soon, the public liturgy of Rome became the city's only glory. The Romans wanted "good order" not only in their civic life, but in their liturgy. One prayer, increasingly enriched by music (although when the music tried to overtake the prayer the pope banned musical instruments entirely) was the new rule of the day. That one prayer, the Roman Canon, was solidly in place when the first liturgical book we have, the Leonine Sacramentary of 540, was compiled. — Rev. James Field,

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Tradiciones de Nuestra Fe

Esta semana celebramos la memoria del santo patrono de los cocineros, san Lorenzo. Este español del siglo tercero fue uno de siete diáconos del Papa Sixto II, en Roma. Su ministerio consistía en repartir limosnas a los pobres.

En el año 257 se pronunció una nueva persecución a los cristianos en Roma y el día 6 de agosto unos soldados romanos asesinaron al Papa y a cuatro de sus diáconos. Lorenzo, cuyo nombre significa laureado o premiado, fue arrestado tras la batalla y llevado ante el alcalde de Roma. Este mandó traer todas las riquezas de la Iglesia, pero Lorenzo ya hacía tiempo que las había vendido para dar el dinero a los más necesitados. No obstante, se marchó de la presencia del alcalde para luego llegar con él, acompañado de gente pobre y enferma, insistiendo que ellos eran las verdaderas riquezas de la Iglesia. El alcalde, furioso, lo mandó quemar sobre brazas para que muriera lentamente.

Según testigos de su martirio, Lorenzo, a cierto punto dijo a sus asesinos: "Ya estoy asado de este lado, voltéenme para asarme por completo". Eventualmente dijo: "La carne esta lista, ya pueden comer" y falleció orando por la conversión de Roma. — Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Readings/Lecturas

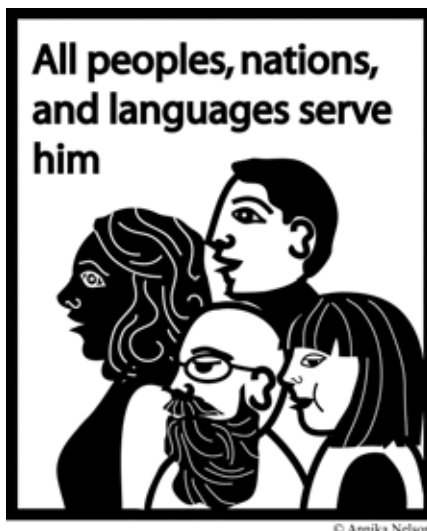
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Eyewitness


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



Testigos

Hoy, la fiesta de la Transfiguración del Señor, es día de testimonios de testigo ocular. El primero, una visión que el profeta Daniel reporta, era muy conocido por Jesús y sus apóstoles. Es una poderosa y memorable visión del cielo. Tiene llamaradas de fuego, ruedas encendidas, el sabio anciano y el Hijo del Hombre. Es claro que Daniel vio algo. Pero, ¿fue un sueño? ¿Fue algo real? ¿O fue solamente un mito astuto?



¡Pedro no quiere que su visión sea confundida de igual manera! Nos cuenta el Evangelio de san Marcos lo que él y sus amigos Santiago y Juan vieron cuando subieron un día a la montaña con Jesús. Jesús les ordenó a los tres testigos que no dijeran nada hasta que “el Hijo del Hombre resucitara de entre los muertos” (Marcos 9:9). Por si los lectores del Evangelio dan por descontada la historia o simplemente la descartan como un mito piadoso, Pedro escribe su propia versión de la Transfiguración de Jesús en su segunda carta a la Iglesia. Escribe con autoridad, como testigo ocular.

Today's Readings

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).



Lecturas de Hoy

Primera lectura — En una visión, Daniel vio a alguien como el Hijo del hombre ante el trono del Anciano recibiendo poder, honor y reino (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Salmo — Reina, el Señor, alégrese la tierra (Salmo 97 (96)).

Segunda lectura — Jesús es el Hijo muy amado en quien el Padre se complace (2 Pedro 1:16-19).

Evangelio — Jesús, unido a Elías y a Moisés se transfigura en la presencia de Pedro, Santiago y Juan (Marcos 9:2-10).

Fasten Your Seatbelt

In Scripture, astonishing things happen on mountains. When the Bible tells us that someone is going “up a mountain,” it’s time to fasten your seat belt. Right away you know something completely out of the ordinary, something special and sacred is about to take place. And, that’s just what happens in today’s Gospel reading.

Until this mountaintop moment in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus is presented as someone who is exceptional, even remarkable. But, he is also seen as human — a man who amazed people with his miracles and his teachings, but was still in many ways just like you and me.

But then, out of nowhere, we are told that when Jesus reaches the top of the mountain with Peter, John and James, “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” And we know now that we have left the humdrum ordinary and entered an experience that can only be described as transcendent. We have entered the realm of the holy.

On the mountaintop, we are introduced to two of the most eminent of all Hebrew Scripture heroes: Moses and Elijah. Until this experience, Jesus’ disciples treated him as an equal of these great prophets of the ages. But, then a cloud comes over the disciples and a “voice” from the cloud says: “This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.” What the disciples — and you and I — are being clearly told



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is that Jesus is more than a prophet, more than a wonder worker, more than any other holy person who ever existed — more than even Moses and Elijah.

Jesus, we are told by this voice, is unique in all human history, transcending all those who have gone before. He alone is God’s Son! Then, out of the cloud, comes the only directive that the voice from heaven gives. Notice that it is not “worship him.” It is not “adore him.” It is not even “praise him.” Instead, it is a much more intimate, caring command: “Listen to him.”

Follow him and allow the experience to transform our hearts, to bring about a transplant of the Spirit. This heavenly voice isn’t just informing us that Jesus is God’s Son to give us information. The voice is encouraging us to understand and live out the message that we are all God’s sons and

daughters. Despite some terrible sorrows and considerable pain that we may have to endure, we can now trust that in the end all will be well.

This experience is reminiscent of a 1970s movie, “Close Encounters of the Third Kind,” in which Richard Dreyfus plays an everyday man who becomes strangely attracted to an isolated area in the Wyoming wilderness. He is convinced that something spectacular is about to happen there. And in the last 30 minutes of the movie, something truly spectacular does occur: An enormous space ship hovers over this region.

People witnessing it are dumbstruck and terrified, like the disciples in today’s Gospel. Who’s in the space ship? Are they beings who have come to destroy us? As the space ship door opens, strange and elongated figures emerge, figures appearing to emanate benevolence and kindness. Dreyfus, in a sense, is “transfigured” by this experience. He is so captivated by it, in fact, that he abandons everything of which he is certain for something he knows nothing about. As the movie draws to a close, he runs to the light emanating from the space ship. Can we do this when we hear today’s voice?

**Listen. And then follow —
into the Light.**

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Help with Stress...

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