

August 6, 2023: Transfiguration of the Lord

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!"

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

- Matthew 17:1-9

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.

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August 6, 2023 Transfiguration of the Lord Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

Mass During Week:

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 7 pm.

Friday at 10 am.

Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.

Lohnes Complex

First Fridays - 2 pm at the Lohnes Complex.

Bible Study:

Post-poned until further notice.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Post-poned until further notice.

Reconciliation:

By request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

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July 29th – July 30th, 2023

Regular Sunday	\$2,069.30
Loose Offering	38.50
Building Fund	190.00
Votive Candles	40.00
Good Friday	50.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
St. Vincent de Paul	275.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Wed. 7 pm	Late Helen Cook
Thur. 7 pm	Late Marie C. Byrne Late Edward Buckle
Fri. 2 pm	No Mass at Lohne’s Complex
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Helen Cook Late Brian Canning
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

August 12	
Don Gallant	Art Hall
August 13	
Amelia Dicks	Wayne Dicks
Communion to the sick – Joan Penney	

PARISH OUTREACH: This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

MASS INTENTIONS: The parish office is accepting mass intentions for the coming weeks since Tuesday and Friday masses are back.

CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE: The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally, and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

"Share the Words" Hope: Hope is the essence we hold onto during times of adversity and is the beacon of light in the darkness. Anyone seeking refuge and hope can find it in the Catholic Women’s League. Members find hope in one another. Join us and be a woman of hope.

INTENTIONS FOR AUGUST: For World Youth Day - We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

The Immaculate Heart of Mary is the devotion to which the month of August is dedicated. But we also celebrate specific feast of Mary—the feast of Our Lady of the Snows on August 5th, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th, and the Feast of the Queenship of Mary on August 22nd. When we pray to Mary, we are not worshipping her, but we are acknowledging her very special role in God’s salvation plan for humanity. This is a very good month to make your own personal devotion to Mary. Why not try googling Catholic prayers to Mary? You might be surprised how many you’ll find!

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY-FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: is held the Last Wednesday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Corner Brook LTC.

CEMETERY MASS REMAINING SCHEDULE: Mt. Patricia Cemetery - Wednesday, August 9th at 7:00 pm, **Townsite.**

CATHEDRAL MASS SCHEDULE: There will be no Sunday evening Mass in the month of August at the Cathedral.

FUNDRAISING FOR THE ROOF REPAIR OF THE CATHEDRAL: Holy Redeemer Parish is holding a Chase the Ace lottery. The proceeds from this fundraiser will go toward our most urgent need which is to repair the roof at the Cathedral. The Chase the Ace will be carried out in partnership with Immaculate Heart of Mary School with the weekly draws held in the school gym.

SOWING THE SEEDS: September 15th - 17th, Basilica Parish Conference Rooms, St. John’s - Connect with members from throughout the province, meet our youth representatives, learn more about our partners and ongoing projects. The weekend will include time to reflect on our role in caring for creation and ecological justice; youth engagement; discussion on synodal leadership; focused time on the development of diocesan councils, their roles, and the resolution process; and a kick off to the fall campaign. If you are interested in participating, please contact Patricia Walsh Warren, Animator for the Newfoundland and Labrador, pwalsh@devp.org

QUOTATION: “We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.” - **Blessed Mother Teresa**

E-TRANSFER: You always have the option to make donations via email money transfer. The email address for e-transfers only is sacredheartcrparish@gmail.com. Please use "Church" as the password to the security question you are asked to create, also include your envelope # in the comments section if you have one, if not please include an address where a tax receipt may be sent. Thank you.”

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION: August 6th. Scripture scholars think the likely location of the Transfiguration was Mount Hermon, A 9,200 feet snowcapped mountain, the runoff of which flows into several streams which merge into the Jordan River. Moses represented the law and Elijah the prophets. Both heralded the Messiah. Jesus, the promised Messiah, is the fulfillment of the law and prophets and is greater than both. Mountains in the Scripture were often places of revelation. Both Moses and Elijah had seen a vision of the glory of God on a mountain, Moses on Mount Sinai and Elijah on Mount Horeb.

HUMOUR:

