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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2017



Peter said,
“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.”

Matthew 17:4

It Is Good That We Are Here

First Reading

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

In this prophetic vision, received by the Prophet Daniel, we see what is usually interpreted as an eschatological scene, that is, one having to do with the end of the world at the time of Christ's Second Coming. In it we see "one like a Son of man" receive "dominion, glory, and kingship" from "the Ancient One." Daniel, because of his purity and commitment to God's covenant, is given wisdom and prophetic insight into the mysteries of God's plan.

Jesus identifies himself with Daniel's vision in Matthew 24:30 when he says about his Second Coming: "Then will appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory."

Second Reading

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

This Second Reading presents us with a relatively rare occurrence in the New Testament. In it, St. Peter corroborates an event recorded in all three of the synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. None of those three were eyewitnesses to the event to which only Sts. Peter, James, and John were privy. Here Peter says, essentially, "Yes, this did happen." And he uses his own experience of that event to assert, more generally, that the Gospel is not a collection of "cleverly devised myths." His immediate experience of

the Transfiguration of Christ on Mount Tabor is also a source of guarantee that his own ministry, received as direct mission from Jesus himself, includes a "prophetic message that is altogether reliable."

As the first pope and the "Rock" upon which Christ built his Church, this also represents a guarantee of the reliability of the Faith we receive through this same Church in our own day. This Faith is still for us "a lamp shining in a dark place." It isn't inappropriate to think that in some ways, the darkness of our day is a little thicker than St. Peter would have experienced in the first century of Christianity. Later in this same letter he warns that "scoffers will come the last days with scoffing, following their own passions and saying, 'Where is the promise of his coming?'" In our day scoffing has become the primary aim of elite culture. The claims of Christianity are disputed everywhere. As St. Paul said, "Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

Gospel Reading

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

The event recounted in this passage from Matthew takes place, scholars tell us, on the feast of Tabernacles in the Jewish festival calendar, which is both a harvest festival and a celebration of the giving of the Mosaic Law on Mount Sinai. Recognizing that fact helps us to see a little more deeply into this mysterious scene. When Moses went up to receive the Law, he took with him three Levites—Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu—who would all serve in the priestly office in the Jewish liturgies. Jesus, like-

wise, takes three priestly figures with him up Mount Tabor—Peter, James,

and John. Moses and these others "beheld God" on Sinai (Exodus 24:11) and Moses also beholds God now on Mount Tabor in the Person of Jesus Christ. Moses' presence on this other mountain makes clear to us that, not only is Jesus the same God seen on Sinai, as the revelation of his glory makes clear, but that he is also the new Law Giver, a new Moses in his humanity.

The presence of Elijah the Prophet, who also encountered God on Mount Sinai (called Horeb), indicates that Jesus is the fulfillment of all prophecy and the ultimate prophet and the bearer of a new teaching, and so the voice of the Father insists that we must "listen to him." All these signs, the presence of these two figures from the Old Covenant, the bright cloud, and the divine voice, fill the three Apostles with awe and they can't help but cast themselves on the ground in adoration. They now see, to fortify them in the trials of his coming Passion, the full glory of Christ's divine Sonship. St. John, who is the only one of the Gospel writers not to include this event, may have still have been in awe of it when, now decades later, he says in the Prologue to his Gospel, "We have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father" (John 1:14).



Grow in Discipleship

All four of today's Scripture readings focus on the glory and majesty of Jesus as king. His glorious kingship is foretold by the prophet Daniel in the vision he receives of "one like a Son of man" receiving an everlasting dominion from God, the "Ancient One." In the Responsorial Psalm we sing to our Lord who is king over all the earth. In the second letter of St. Peter, we actually get a firsthand account from Peter of what we will hear about again in the Gospel reading from St. Matthew—the glory and majesty that Peter witnessed on the Mount of the Transfiguration.

Together all of these Scripture passages point toward the divinity of Jesus Christ, one of the most important points of our faith as Christians. This key doctrine is also a great mystery: How can Jesus be fully God and fully man? What does that mean? How well do we understand this claim? Can we explain it and defend it?

These are all important questions

and great topics for further study—but today we step aside from our struggle to understand and seek to just be with God. The Transfiguration was a moment of glory and strength before the scandal and horror of the Cross. As you explore today's readings and discussions, remember that even when we don't fully understand, it is good that we are here with God. Understanding, courage, and all the rest will follow. Rest in his love.

DIGGING DEEPER: Moses and Elijah

Of all the important figures from the Old Testament, why is it Moses and Elijah who appear at the Transfiguration? One common interpretation is that they represent the Law and the Prophets, the two major parts of the Jewish Scriptures. Moses was the instrument of God's law at Mount Sinai and in the wilderness, and Elijah can be seen as emblematic of the many prophets who proclaimed God's word and called his people to repentance and faith. These two rep-

resentatives are present at the revelation of the glory of Jesus, who fulfills both the Law and the promises of the Prophets.

Another explanation is that Moses and Elijah are present because both of them were assumed bodily into Heaven. There is a Jewish tradition that the Archangel Michael took Moses' body into Heaven (you can find an allusion to this tradition in the letter of St. Jude verse 9), and Elijah was carried up to Heaven in a whirlwind (see 2 Kings 2:1-12).

Of course, one of the beautiful things about Scripture is that there are layers upon layers of meaning. None of these explanations are contradictory, and each one sheds light on the meaning of the Transfiguration.

Watch the Opening the Word Video

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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Religionless Spirituality

By Dr. Tim Gray

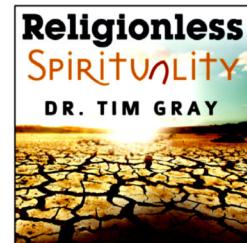
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Mass

Prayers & Devotion

Intentions

Saturday 8/5

- 8:30am Ramiro Resendiz †
Hector & Sofia Hernandez †
5:00pm Arturo B. Gorospe †
7:00pm Guy Michael McMillan
Ruby Soto
Juan Aguirre †

Sunday 8/6

- 6:45am Betty Hamstong †
Juanita †
8:00am Fr Jeremy Leatherby
Tom Archuleta †
9:30am Vidal & Romanac Ebrado †
11:00am Patricia Werner †
Jonathan Namauleg †
12:30pm The Families of 9/11 †
6:00pm Anthony Pham Van Hoi †

Monday 8/7

- 8:30am Melanie Maher †
Lorna Camcam †

Tuesday 8/8

- 8:30am Gladys Alviso †
Betty Hamstong †
Juanita †

Wednesday 8/9

- 8:30am Carmen Batocjoy †
Mathew LaMay †
Audrina Mandelenis
7:00pm Jesus Valencia †
Rosario Vernal †

Thursday 8/10

- 8:30am Linda Cambra
Adolf Ramirez †
The Souls in Purgatory †

Friday 8/11

- 8:30am Gus & Lucile Beach †
Hezlyn Stocking †
Frances Sebben †
Alfredo & Gullermo Gorospe

To request a Mass intention, please visit the church office.



We will see the fullness of God's glory unveiled in Heaven, and we experience pieces of that glory even here on earth. Take some time to enter into prayer and reflection with today's Gospel reading and contemplate the glory of God.

Prayer

Peter, James, and John were Jesus' most intimate friends. They had traveled with him, learned from him, ate with him, and (we can assume) laughed with him for three years. But on the mountaintop they witnessed something totally beyond their years of experience with Jesus. Prayerfully put yourself in this Gospel reading. What are your expectations as you climb the mountain with Jesus? How do you feel when you see him transfigured and see his glory revealed? What do you think when you hear the voice of the Father speaking from the cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him"?

Resolution

God in all his glory dwells within the hearts of the faithful. He comes to us in the Eucharist at each and every Mass—his glory is veiled, but it is still fully present. This is a great and beautiful mystery of our Faith.

Peter may not have fully understood what he witnessed and heard at the Transfiguration, but he did recognize the importance of being in Jesus' presence. Ask God if there are any areas in your life where something is getting in the way of simply being present with him. Surrender those obstacles to God in prayer. Each day this week, try to be more aware of God's glorious presence with you.

Parish Prayer Requests

Yunuen Guadalupe Garcia, age 15, daughter of Knight of Columbus, Ricardo Garcia, will have brain surgery for a tumor on August 9th.

Please send your prayer requests to
Prayers@StMichaelLivermore.com

News & Announcements

New Youth Minister: Joseph Garcia

We are proud to announce that we have a new Youth Minister: Joseph Garcia. With strong experience working with teens at St. Joseph's and Holy Spirit in Fremont, Joseph has planned and led many youth retreats and has much experience using the LifeTeen model for Youth Ministry. He has developed and worked with catechists of all ages and has experience building and working with various teams needed in developing a successful youth ministry program. Not only does he have a passion to work with our teens, he is also multi-talented with the ability to lead praise and worship music playing the piano among other instruments.

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New Office Secretary: Jacqueline Garcia

We also welcome Jacqueline Garcia (no relation to Joseph!), our new full-time office secretary. With over 13 years of executive/administrative assistant and office management experience, Jacqueline comes to us from St. Raymond Church in Dublin where she has served as their Office Secretary for the past 2 1/2 years. Jacqueline has extensive knowledge and experience working and managing all aspects of the Parish office and will also be a great asset in serving our Hispanic community as she is English/Spanish bilingual and bi-cultural.

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Congratulations, Mary Dayton!

Mary Dayton, who has been our office secretary, has accepted a position at St. Michael school as the part-time middle school math teacher and 5th Grade religion teacher. Mary has a bachelors degree in Accounting from Cal State Hayward (East Bay) and truly has a passion for working with kids/students. She has experience at St. Michael's as a Faith Formation Catechist and as a Program Leader for Vacation Bible School for many years. Prior to joining St. Michael's, Mary was a substitute teacher in the Livermore Unified School District.

We Need \$500 to Serve Dinner at St Mary's in Oakland

For the 10th year, St Michael parishioners will prepare and serve dinner for very low income and homeless seniors at St Mary's Center in Oakland on Sunday August 27. We lovingly prepare a delicious home-cooked meal, serve it with joy and care and provide extra for St Mary's Center's daily mission. Can you help contribute toward the grocery cost? Our goal is \$500. A gift of any amount is appreciated. Contact Lisa Malone at 925-455-0508.

Collection Report

July 30 Collection	\$13,418.58
Month to Date	\$97,500.43
Monthly Goal	\$107,843.14
Percentage reached	90%
Maintenance for July	\$11,234.05
Faith Direct for July	\$14,896.50
Holy Father (June & July)	\$3,665.34



Volunteer Sign Ups After Mass Each Sunday in August!

Don't miss this opportunity to get involved in making the Fall Festival a huge success. There are jobs of all shapes and sizes!

- Would your ministry or group like to sponsor a booth?
- Did you get your raffle tickets in the mail?
- Is September 30 and October 1 saved on your calendar?

Got more questions? Festival@StMichaelLivermore.com

This Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 7

St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan
Readings: Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21
Suggestion:
Are you getting the *Friday Flock-note*? Prepare for Sunday Mass and stay in the loop with parish news by subscribing to StMichaelLivermore.com/Flocknote

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10

St. Lawrence
Readings: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Suggestion:
The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is (literally) heavenly. Take some time this week for a bit of quiet prayer in the Lord's presence.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

Storms of Life
Have you ever been in a storm at sea? If you have, you know how terrifying it can be. Now imagine being in a storm in a small wooden boat ... and not knowing how to swim! This is the scene we have in Gospel for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Want to get a jump on unpacking the Sunday readings? Go to FORMED.org, study, faith formation and scroll to Opening the Word.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8

St. Dominic
Readings: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-7, 12-13; Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Suggestions:
St Dominic is the patron saint of astronomers. Watch *Cosmic Origins* on FORMED.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Readings: Nm 13:1-2, 25 -- 14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Events:
Mother of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm in the Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

St. Clare
Readings: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Suggestion:
St. Clare was a close friend of St Francis. Listen to audio drama *St Francis: The Barefoot Saint* on FORMED.org

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Readings: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Events:
Backpack Delivery Day at 9 am at LDS Church 1501 Hillcrest Ave.
Fatima Group Rosary at 4:30 pm in the Church.

DIGGING DEEPER: Son of Man

One of Jesus's favorite titles to use in reference to himself in the Gospels is "the Son of man." This sounds like he is emphasizing his humanity—and the phrase is certainly used that way in some places in the Old Testament. But when Jesus applies the title to himself, he is announcing that he is the long-awaited Messiah by making a reference to the book of the prophet Daniel.



In today's First Reading, we hear one of Daniel's visions about the coming Messiah, who he describes as "one like a Son of man." Notice that Daniel's Messiah is "like" a Son of man. There's something human about him, but there's something more than human as well. And in today's reading, the Son of man is present in Heaven with the Ancient One. He comes on the clouds and receives everlasting kingly authority from God. Daniel is foretelling not just a new heir to the Davidic throne—he's prophesying a new king of Israel who is more than a mere man. This prophecy from Daniel is confirmed in today's Gospel, when the voice of the Father proclaims the Messiah to be his "beloved Son."

Upcoming

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tues, Aug 15

...is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass on 8/14 at 6 pm English, 7:30 pm Spanish. Mass during the day at 8/15 at 8:30 am and 6 pm English, 7:30 pm Spanish

Register for St. Michael/St. Charles CYO Basketball Now!

Season begins in October. Register now by visiting www.smsccyo.org
All boys and girls in 1st through 8th grades are welcome to register.

Dress-a-Girl Sew Fest Sat, August 19

Come make simple dresses for girls in poverty-stricken countries. Meet us at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton from 9 am to 3 pm. Stay as long as you like! Contact suzbeck@yahoo.com.

Live Christ Share Sat, Aug 19

All are welcome to this seminar designed to bring you closer in your relationship with Jesus and to re-evangelize your faith. For more info contact Susanna at jouy1235@gmail.com.

Confirmation Preparation Classes for Adults Wed, September 6

If you are an adult who is baptized Catholic and who has received first Holy Communion but have never been confirmed, NOW IS YOUR CHANCE to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation!

Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:30 pm in the Convent.

Marjorie Melendez 925-447-2925
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Grow Disciples!

Teen Confirmation

Classes for Teens will be on Mondays at 6:00—8:00 pm starting September 18, or Sundays at 2:00-4:00 pm starting September 24th.

Register by August 21

Faith Formation & First Communion

Classes in English will be on Wednesdays at 4:00-5:30 pm **or 6:00-7:30 pm**, beginning October 4th. Classes in Spanish will be on Fridays at 5:00-6:30 pm, beginning October 6th.

Register by September 6

Middle School Youth Ministry

Meeting on Thursday evenings 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, starting October 5.

No need to register, just drop in!

LifeTeen High School Ministry

Join us at the 6:00 pm Mass on Sundays and gather in the Convent after! We meet throughout the year, and all teens are welcome to join us at any time.

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Noticias Parroquiales

La matriculación ya está disponible

Formación de fe grados 1-5

**Ministerio de la juventud de secundaria
confirmación de adolescentes**



Grados 1-5: Clases en inglés serán miércoles 4:00-5:30 o 6:00-7:30, comenzando el 4 de Octubre. Clases en Español serán los viernes de 5:00-6:30, empezar el 6 de Octubre. Fecha límite para inscribirse es el 6 de Septiembre.

Confirmación de adolescentes: clases serán los Lunes a 6:00 – 8:00 comenzando 18 de Septiembre o los Domingos comenzando el 24 de Septiembre. 2:00-4:00, Fecha límite es para inscribirse es el 21 de Agosto (segundo año los estudiantes están inscritos automáticamente en el programa y no necesita registrarse de nuevo.)

Ministerio de la escuela media: 6-8 ° grado secundaria borde Ministerio de la juventud reunirá el Jueves a las 6:30-8:00, a partir del 5 de Octubre. No hay plazos, sólo caer registrarse!

Formularios de inscripción en la oficina de formación de fe, oficina de la iglesia o descargar en
StMichaelLivermore.com/FaithFormation

Tienes preguntas? Comunicarse con Lourdes en el 925-667-4096 Faith@StMichaelLivermore.com



El Padre Jorge de los Santos nos comunica los retos de la familia y hace una comparación entre lo que es la familia y la religiosidad Hispana. Si se quiebra la familia, se quiebra la sociedad y la Iglesia y el mundo porque la familia es la base de todo. El objetivo de esta plática es despertar el conocimiento sobre los riesgos que estamos corriendo y la importancia de la formación de la familia.

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¡Felicitaciones, Mary Dayton!

Mary Dayton, quien ha sido nuestra secretaria en la oficina, ha aceptado un puesto en la escuela St. Michael como maestra de matemáticas de medio tiempo y maestra de religión de 5to grado. Mary tiene una licenciatura en Contabilidad de Cal State Hayward (East Bay) y tiene una gran pasión por trabajar con niños / estudiantes. Durante muchos años Mary, fue Catequista de Formación de Fe, en San Miguel y Líder de Programa en la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones. Antes de unirse a St. Michael's, fue maestra sustituta en el Distrito Escolar Unificado de Livermore.

Nuevo Ministro de Jóvenes: Joseph Garcia

Estamos orgullosos de anunciar que tenemos un nuevo Ministro de Jóvenes: José García. Con una gran experiencia trabajando con adolescentes en San José y el Espíritu Santo en Fremont, Joseph ha planeado y dirigido muchos retiros juveniles y tiene mucha experiencia usando el modelo LifeTeen para la Pastoral Juvenil. Él ha trabajado con catequistas de todas las edades y tiene experiencia construyendo y trabajando con varios equipos necesarios para desarrollar un exitoso programa de ministerio juvenil. No sólo tiene una pasión para trabajar con nuestros adolescentes, también es multi-talento con la capacidad de dirigir la alabanza y la música de adoración tocando el piano entre otros instrumentos.

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Nueva Secretaria: Jacqueline Garcia

También damos la bienvenida a Jacqueline Garcia (sin relación con Joseph!), Nuestra nueva secretaria de oficina a tiempo completo. Con más de 13 años de experiencia en administración ejecutiva y asistente ejecutiva, Jacqueline viene a nosotros desde la iglesia St. Raymond en Dublín, donde ha servido como secretaria de oficina durante los últimos 2 años y medio. Jacqueline tiene un amplio conocimiento y experiencia trabajando y manejando todos los aspectos de la oficina parroquial y también será muy activo en servir a nuestra comunidad hispana, ya que es bilingüe inglés y español.

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