

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 6, 2023

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## THEIR TESTIMONY IS TRUE

Today's feast of the Transfiguration presents the full force of God's power. In the rare moments when humans are permitted to encounter God's intense fullness, the human reaction is the same: fear. The prophet Daniel is so frightened by his visions that he falls flat on his face in terror. Today's Gospel reports that Peter, James, and John were "very much afraid" when they saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain. They too fell prostrate in fear. These mighty revelations of God's brilliant majesty have a paralyzing effect on those who witness them. God does not prefer to terrify us, however. God chooses only rare moments to reveal the divine glory, and then sends witnesses to the rest of us so we can believe without fear. Saint Peter's letter advises us to be attentive to God's witnesses. Their testimony is true. Their words renew our hearts and transform our lives.

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## 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).

**Psalms** — The Lord, the most high, is king over the whole world (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).

## SU TESTIMONIO ES VERDADERO

La fiesta de la Transfiguración de hoy presenta toda la fuerza del poder de Dios. En los raros momentos en que a los humanos se les permite encontrarse con la intensa plenitud de Dios, la reacción humana es la misma: el miedo. El profeta Daniel está tan asustado por sus visiones que cae de bruces aterrorizado. El Evangelio de hoy cuenta que Pedro, Santiago y Juan tuvieron "mucho miedo" cuando vieron a Jesús transfigurado en la montaña. También ellos cayeron postrados de miedo. Estas poderosas revelaciones de la brillante majestuosidad de Dios tienen un efecto paralizante en quienes las presencian. Sin embargo, Dios no prefiere aterrorizarnos. Dios elige sólo momentos excepcionales para revelar la gloria divina, y luego nos envía testigos para que podamos creer sin miedo. La carta de san Pedro nos aconseja estar atentos a los testigos de Dios. Su testimonio es verdadero. Sus palabras renuevan nuestro corazón y transforman nuestra vida.

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## 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** — El Señor, el Altísimo, es rey sobre todo el mundo (Salmo 97).

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

**Evangelio** — Jesús se transfiguró, y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve (Mateo 17:1-9).



## Please Pray for the Sick

### Prayer List Updates



Sarah Contreras  
Marty Carrera Tobias  
Frances Lozano  
Irma Urias  
Mary S. Martinez  
Galilea Romero  
Flora Torres  
Iris Luna Sullivan  
Sandy Guerra  
Abraham Guerra  
Emma O. Velasquez  
Leticia Martinez  
Kenny De La Rosa  
Raymond Sarabia  
Frank Rodriguez  
Julissa Rodriguez  
Miliana Bullock  
Lydia Soriano  
Adam Alonzo, Jr.

Albert Casillas  
Robert Sanchez  
Vanessa Quintero  
Joe Cevallos  
Juanita Martinez  
Maria Rios  
Virginia R. Lucio  
Guadalupe Rodriguez  
Lori Bañuelos  
Joe Villanueva  
Edith Flores  
Isaiah Vasquez  
Esther Nicholson  
Valerie Vigil  
Dolores Muñoz  
Marty Wind  
Maldonado Family  
Margie Zuniga  
Ann Marie Eickenroht

Rosemary Flores  
Anthony Ramirez  
Carmen Garza  
Gloria Rubio  
Duncan Paul Brown  
Lisa Brown  
Mary Herrera  
Rebecca Zuniga  
Rosa Elva Villaseñor  
Irene Lloyd  
Fred Guerra  
Lupe Gomez  
Mary Cano  
Angie Canales  
Joseph Kavanaugh  
Rosie Gallegos  
Isidoro Munoz  
Aurora Moreno

We thank God for the healing of so many sick parishioners. Please be courteous and call the Parish Office if your loved one is no longer suffering or sick. Thank you.



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## STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK

### ENDING JULY 30, 2023

5 PM Mass	-\$	505.00	
9 AM Mass	-\$	650.00	
11 AM Mass	-\$	1,163.00	
IGBO Mass	-\$	95.00	
Festival Expenses	-\$	395.00	2nd Collection
Good Samaritans	-\$	100.00	
Mail In	-\$	330.00	
On Line	-\$	255.00	
Gift of Giving	-\$	201.70	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$5,007.70</b>	

### SECOND COLLECTION

August 5 - 6, 2023  
Capital Improvements

### 2023 GIFT OF GIVING

Contributions ending July 30, 2023	\$	201.70
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$	<b>10,619.02</b>

# Announcements

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## Saturday, August 5

5:00 p.m. † Roger G. Garcia - Robert Buchanan  
† Henry Z. Vidal - Wife & Family  
† Alfredo Solis - Children

## Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. † Daniel C. & Maria Arzola - Family  
**Health** Angie Canales - SJB Family  
**Health** Rosie Gallegos - SJB Family  
**Health** Joe Villanueva - Family  
11:00 a.m. † Robert Gallegos, Sr - Wife & Family  
† Janie Ortiz - David Ortiz  
**Gift of Life** Adolph M. Talamantes - Katie & Angie  
**Gift of Life** Minnie A. Talamantes - Katie & Angie  
**Gift of Life** Olivia Solis - Katie & Angie

## Monday, August 7

### Tuesday, August 8 - ST. DOMINIC

12:00 p.m. † Jesus Lopez  
**Gift of Life** Dominic Santoyo - Family

### Wednesday, August 9

12:00 p.m. † Consuelo & †Pete Saucedo - Family

### Thursday, August 10 - ST. LAWRENCE

12:00 p.m. † Jeannie Ybarra - SJB Family

### Friday, August 11 - ST. CLARE

12:00 p.m. † Gabino Arocha - Family

### ONLINE DONATIONS:

- Cash App: \$StJohnBerchmans
- Pay-Pal: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com
- Venmo: administrator@stjohnberchmans.com

### CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

#### For Peace

O God, source of all holy desires,  
right counsels, and just works,  
grant us that peace which the  
world cannot give,  
so that we may be obedient  
to your commands and,  
under your protection,  
enjoy peace in our days  
and freedom from fear of our enemies.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Dear Parishioners and Friends:

I invite you to join me on Saturday, August 12th, 19th and 26th, 2023 as we walk in the neighborhood to recruit CCD and CYO children for our upcoming programs. We will meet at 8:30am at the Santa Maria Restaurant (across the street) for a breakfast before we embark on our mission. The CCD registration is open as well as CYO. It takes a village to raise a child. Please make a special effort to join us for this adventure with the Lord in our community.

The new Parish Pastoral Council met for the first time on Wednesday, July 19th to commence the process of setting goals and manners on how to implement them. The Parish Pastoral Council is a body that has an advisory and consultative role with the Pastor of the Parish (1983 Code of Canon Law, c. 536).

It's role is to enhance the process of:

1. Pastoral planning and goal setting
2. Development and implementation of pastoral programs
3. Improvement of pastoral services
4. Evaluating pastoral effectiveness

The Pastor and the Parish Pastoral Council cannot accomplish its goals without our parishioners input and feedback. A suggestion box will be placed at the entrance of the church, or in the cafeteria, for the purpose of allowing you to input your constructive criticism. You may remain anonymous or choose to write your name and telephone number in case we need to explore more of your suggestions or ideas. I hope this process will bring us closer and allow us to focus on what matters the most in our community.

Our Eucharistic celebrations will continue taking place, provisionally, in the school cafeteria. A new floor is being placed in our church. The church will remain sealed until the completion of the project. I will not be able to celebrate funerals, Quinceñeras, weddings and baptisms until we resume our celebrations in the church by the end of September. I implore your patience and attendance in our daily masses and on weekends. We are excited and blessed with the opportunity of a new floor in our sanctuary!

Our Good Samaritans ministry attends to the needy of those unfortunate within our community. The service takes place two days a week, Monday and Friday from 3:00 thru 5:00 in the afternoon. We offer food bags and we may also assist with a portion of utility bills and/or prescriptions for only our parishioners. I thank all volunteers: Angie and John Diaz, Minnie and Carlos Sandoval, Robert Gallegos and Dora Duran. However, we still need volunteers to assist.

# Pray For Rain

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## PASTOR MESSAGE CONTINUED...

You may donate 1 hour or 2 hours a week. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you do for one of these brothers of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25:31-46

Our Fall Festival 2023 is scheduled Saturday, September 30th from 2pm until midnight. I invite each one of you to support our efforts to make this Fall festival a huge success. The festival committee has been working diligently to organize and plan this yearly celebration. We have several bands, DJ, food booths, children's rides, raffle, drinks, silent auction...

Please remember our Fall festival is our only yearly fundraiser for the parish. Please be as generous as you can by either selling raffle tickets, donating towards chicken plate sale or volunteering in different capacities. Let us come together to celebrate all our blessings and also raise the money needed for our church community. Please pick up 100 raffle tickets and sell as many as you can.

May God bless you!

Fr. Fidèle Okitembo Dikete, Pastor  
fr.fidele@stjohnberchmans.com



**THIS WEEK!**  
Here's What's On The Calendar

ShareFaith

### Sunday, August 6

9:00 a.m. Bilingual Mass - CAFETERIA  
11:00 a.m. Mass - CAFETERIA  
1:00 p.m. Guadalupe Bingo - Cafeteria

### Monday, August 7

### Tuesday, August 8

12:00 p.m. Mass - FORMATION HOUSE

### Wednesday, August 9

12:00 p.m. Mass - FORMATION HOUSE  
2:00 p.m. 15 Minute Coffee with Fr. Fidèle

### Thursday, August 10

12:00 p.m. Mass - FORMATION HOUSE

### Friday, August 11

12:00 p.m. Mass - FORMATION HOUSE

### Saturday, August 12

5:00 p.m. Mass - CAFETERIA

## THE SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNS FOR: For Our Parish Community

We are reminded of the faithful presence of Christ, and is a profession of HIS love and affection.



## ⇒ BBQ PLATE FUNDRAISER

**DATE: Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**TIME: 11AM - 4 PM**

**COST: \$12.00**

(Tickets will be available after all Masses and in the Parish Office)

**PLATES WILL BE PICK UP AND TO GO ONLY!!**

## CLARIFICATION ON BBQ PLATE TICKETS

Ticket reflects Saturday, August 20. Event is scheduled on SUNDAY, AUGUST 20th. Date is correct however the day is incorrect. Thank you!

## ST. JOHN BERCHMANS CATHOLIC CHURCH MENS ACTS RETREAT

**Dates:** August 24 - 27, 2023

**Retreat Fee:** The cost of the retreat is \$210.00 for the entire weekend.

### Contact Info:

Director - John Diaz (210) 799-6927

Co-Directors: Tomas Torres III (210) 313-4204

Bobby Gallegos (210) 379-1984

Spiritual Companion: Sam Hernandez  
(210) 749-2188

## FESTIVAL NEWS

Festival T-Shirt orders will begin on Saturday, August 5 - Sunday, September 3.

This year's T-Shirt was designed by a St. John Berchmans 7th grader.

**COST:** \$10.00 per shirt for children and adults  
\$12.00 for 2XL - 4XL

This year's colors will be heather gray, hunter green and pink. **All T-Shirt orders will be pre-paid.**

## AUGUST IS DEVOTED TO THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY



## Announcements!



## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

All requests must be sent by email to [osantoyo1104@gmail.com](mailto:osantoyo1104@gmail.com) and will be finalized for approval by Father Fidèle. We ask that you submit your requests at least two (2) weeks in advance for placement in the bulletin. Bulletins are printed on Thursdays.



## NEW TO OUR PARISH AND WANT TO REGISTER AS A NEW PARISHIONER?

We encourage all newcomers to register and get to know your parish community. Please contact our Parish Office at 210-434-3247 to fill out a registration form.



**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF JESUS**

This is the culminating point of His public life, as His Baptism is its starting point, and His Ascension its end. Jesus took his inner circle of apostles—Peter, James and John—and led them to a high mountain, which in the Bible is a place of revelation. These three apostles then saw Jesus as part of another important trio, completed with Moses and Elijah. As if that weren't spectacular enough, the voice of God itself made an appearance, uttering two thundering phrases: "This is my Son" and "Listen to him." He was then trans-figured before their ravished eyes. They stated "his face did shine as the sun; and his garments became white as snow". This dazzling brightness which emanated from His whole Body was produced by an interior shining of His Divinity. By this glorious manifestation the Divine Master, who had just foretold His Passion to the apostles, and who spoke with Moses and Elijah of the trials which awaited Him at Jerusalem strengthened the faith of his three key apostles and prepared them for the terrible struggle they were about to be witnesses in Gethsemane, by giving them a foretaste of the glory and heavenly delights to which we attain by suffering.



On behalf of Fr. Fidèle and Joan Orosco, Sacristan, we wish to extend our **HEARTFELT THANKS** to all who assisted in the safe moving and setting up of our sacred religious items to the school cafeteria.

It was an arduous process but all went smoothly. God bless all of you and we know that we can always count on our parish community.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - CCD**

We are excited to begin the Fall term of Religious Education, for grades K-10 and RCIA. We need your help in recruiting students. Please reach out to family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Help us to build our community of faith.

We are in need of **CATECHISTS** (English & Bilingual). We will begin taking CCD applications on Saturday, August 5th after each Mass.

**CCD classes begin at 9am, Sunday, Sept. 10th. Breakfast will be provided.**

**ST. JOHN BERCHMANS GUADALUPANA "FALL BASKET" BINGO**

Date: Sunday, August 6, 2023

Time: 1 - 4 PM Cost: \$10 per card

Good for 15 regular games



**LECTURAS DE HOY**

Lunes: Nm 11:4b-15; Sal 81:12-17; Mt 14:13-21

Martes: Nm 12:1-13; Sal 51:3-7, 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 : 6-7ab, 13-14, 21-23; Mt 15:21-28

Jueves: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Sal 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26

Viernes: Dt 4:32-40; Sal 77:12-16, 21; Mt 16:24-28

Sábado: Dt 6:4-13; Sal 18:2-4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Domingo: 1 Re 19:9a, 11-13a; Sal 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-33

**INTRODUCCIÓN A LA LITURGÍA DEL DÍA**

Hoy celebramos la fiesta de la Transfiguración para recordar el día en que Jesús se transfiguró ante los ojos de sus discípulos mas intimos. Aquel día la gloria del Señor brillo como el sol en su cuerpo, todo su ser resplandeció. Recordamos que el primer día de la creación Dios transformó al mundo con la luz. Unámonos a Pedro, Santiago y Juan en este monte santo donde Jesús, que vive en nosotros, transforma en luz toda la oscuridad de nuestra vida.

**PREGUNTA DE LA SEMANA**

¿Que interes propio prometo dejar a un lado y que cruz prometo cargar a fin de transfigurar mi vida y la pequeña parte del mundo en que vivo?



A los tres discípulos que acompañan a Jesús a la montaña, se les promete que presenciarán personalmente la venida del Reino de Dios 'en el poder'",

**La transfiguración**

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*Del Señor*