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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

Sunday: 7:30 AM & 9:00 AM, 5:30 PM

Traditional Latin High Mass: 10:30 AM

Weekdays: Mon.-Tues., Thurs.-Fri. 7:30 AM

Traditional Latin Mass : Mon-Wed-Fri: 12:30
PM; Thu: 5:30 PM; Sat: 9:00 AM.

Holy Days: if Mon-Fri., 7:30 AM., 12:30, 5:30 &
7:30 PM.; if on Saturday, 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM & 12 Midnight

Christmas Day: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

January 1st: 7:30, 9:00 & 10:30 AM

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Upon request. Please contact Father Higgins.

Penance (Confession):

Saturday 8:30-9:00 A.M. and 3:30-4:00 PM

Sunday, before and after the 10:30 a.m. AM Mass,
Weekdays, before and after the Latin daily Masses

Matrimony:

Engaged couples should make arrangements with the
parish church so as to allow for adequate sacramental
preparation (six months), including a Pre-Cana program.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick (for those who are gravely ill or
facing serious surgery); **Communion of the Sick for
the Homebound:** Please contact Father Higgins.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

THE COLLECTS OF THE ROMAN MISSAL: AUGUST 6th, A.D. 2017 TRANSFIGURATION

For this week's meditation on the Collects of the Roman Missal, we consider the Collect for today's Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ (MR 1970). Note that it is largely similar to the Collect for the Feast in the MR 1962. Below is the official ICEL translation of the Collect in the third typical edition of the *Roman Missal* (2010):

"O God, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship, grant, we pray, to Your servants, that, listening to the voice of Your beloved Son, we may merit to become coheirs with Him. Who lives and reigns."

Broken down into its five-part structure, the Collect looks like this:

1. O God (address),
2. Who in the glorious Transfiguration of Your Only Begotten Son confirmed the mysteries of faith by the witness of the Fathers and wonderfully prefigured our full adoption to sonship (dual ascription),
3. Grant, we pray, to Your servants, that we may merit to become coheirs with Him (petition),
4. Listening to the voice of Your beloved Son (motive for the petition),
5. Who lives and reigns, etc. (concluding doxological formula).

Re-fashioned into a syllogism, we may interpret the Collect like this:

- A) If God has confirmed the graces of the Sacraments of faith in Jesus' Transfiguration,
- B) And if we, the faithful, adhere to Christ and His teaching,
- C) Then we will preserve the grace of our Baptism and become co-heirs with Him in heaven.

When we consider the phrase "*mysteries of faith*" in the ascription clause of this Collect, we do well to consult the original Latin: *fidei sacramenta*, or "*sacraments of faith*." We may argue that in this

Collect, *sacramenta fidei* is a specific designation for the three Sacraments of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. These confer upon the faithful the graces of adoption as children of God and membership in the Body of Christ. How do Jesus' Transfiguration and the presence of Moses and Elijah (the "*witness of the Fathers*") strengthen or "*confirm*" these Sacraments?

Firstly, let us consider the words of the Father. When God the Father speaks at the Transfiguration, He declares Christ to be His "*beloved Son*" (cf. Mt. 17:5), confirming what He said earlier at the Baptism (cf. Mt. 3:17). The goal of God's plan for our salvation, His "*plan of loving goodness*," in the words of the *Catechism*, is to make us His adopted sons (children) by grace (cf. *Catechism of the Catholic Church* nos. 50-52). This is central also to St. John's Prologue (cf. Jn. 1:1-14). Therefore, the Transfiguration confirms the "*sacraments of faith*," because the Father highlights Jesus' sonship. His sonship is the central reality into which we are included by sacramental grace in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist (cf. *Catechism* 1129, 1265, 1303, 1392).

What do Moses and Elijah have to do with the "*sacraments of faith*"? Moses represents the Law, and Elijah the Prophets. All of Divine Revelation prior to Jesus points to Him as its fulfillment. Jesus is Priest, Prophet, and King. In Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist, we too, receive a share in Jesus' priestly, prophetic, and kingly offices through a share of His Holy Spirit (cf. *Catechism* nos. 1121, 1129, 1268, 1270, 1273, 1285, 1303-1305, 1322, 1391-1392, 1396).

We must always remember that there exists a crucial condition for entering heaven: we must *listen* to Jesus, i.e., we must be faithful disciples. The motive clause for today's Collect recalls the Father's command at the Transfiguration: "*listen to Him*" (cf. Mt. 17:5, RSV). Our love for Jesus is manifested by our hearing and obeying His word (cf. Lk. 11:28, Jn. 14:15-21, 15:14-15; Mt. 7:21). Let us be sure to read a passage from the Gospel each day and, with the prophet Samuel, let us pray, "*Speak, for Your servant hears*" (cf. 1 Sam. 3:10, RSV).

(David Allen)

Music Programs for this Sunday's Mass

Mass of Pope Paul VI (1970 Missal)

4:00 PM (Saturday Vigil), 7:30 & 9:00 AM,
5:30 PM

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Entrance Antiphon: Mt. 17:5

(Saint Meinrad, page 105)

"In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

Ordinary Prayers: English Chant

(Kyrie, Gloria, Creed, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Offertory Antiphon: Mt. 17:5

(Saint Meinrad, page 105)

"In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to Him."

Communion Antiphon: Jn. 3:2

(Saint Meinrad, page 105)

"When Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Post Communion Hymn:

Ave Maris Stella (Chant)



Recessional Hymn:

O Wondrous Type!
O Vision Fair
(Worship II Hymnal,
No.215)

(FRONT COVER:
Stained glass window of the
Transfiguration,
Mary Immaculate of
Lourdes Church.
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Mass of St. Gregory the Great (1962 Missal)

10:30 AM

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Prelude: "Hodie In Monte"

(Peter Philips, Published 1613)

"Today He was transfigured on the mountain of the Lord, the heavens were opened, and the voice of the Father thundered: "This is my Son, the beloved, in whom I am well pleased." The LORD thundered from heaven, and the voice of the Father was heard."

The Asperges: the Sprinkling of Holy Water

Processional Hymn: Quicumque Christum (Extra Sheet)

Introit: Ps. 76:19; 83:2-3 *"Illuxerunt coruscationes tuae orbi terrae: commota est, et contremuit terra. Ps. Quam dilecta tabernacula tua, Domine virtutum! Concupiscit et deficit anima mea in atria Domini. V. Gloria Patri."*

Ordinary Prayers: Missa Aeterna Christi Munera

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1590)

Missarum Liber Quintus

(Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus-Benedictus and Agnus Dei)

Gradual: Psalm 44:3, 2. *"Speciosus forma prae filiis hominum: diffusa est gratia in labiis tuis. V. Eructavit cor meum verbum bonum: dico ego opera mea Regi. Alleluia: Wisdom 7:26: Alleluia. Candor est lucis aeternae, speculum sine macula, et imago bonitatis illius. Alleluia."*

Offertory: Psalm 111:3. *"Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus: et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi, alleluia."*

Offertory Hymn: Et Post Dies Sex

(Francisco Guerrero, 1528~1599)

Communion: Matthew 17:9. *"Visionem quam vidistis, nemini dixeritis, donec a mortuis resurgat Filius hominis."*

Communion Hymn: Sicut Cervus

(Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, Published 1584)

Motectorum Liber Secundus

Recessional Hymn: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
(Worship II Hymnal, No.215)

Postlude (instrumental)

Noon Angelus (Chant)

LATIN MASS PROPERS: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

INTROIT (Ps. 54. 17, 18, 20, 23) THY lightnings enlightened the world: the earth shook and trembled. Ps. 83. 2, 3. How lovely are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. *Ÿ*. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. — Thy lightnings ...

COLLECT O GOD, who in the glorious Transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son didst confirm the Mysteries of the faith by the witness of the fathers, and in the voice which came down from the shining cloud, didst wondrously foreshadow the perfect adoption of sons: vouchsafe in Thy loving kindness, to make us co-heirs with this King of glory, and to grant that we may be made partakers of that same glory. Through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Who liveth and reigneth ...

EPISTLE From the Second Letter of Blessed Peter the Apostle, 1. 16-19. DEARLY beloved: We have not followed artificial fables, when we made known to you the power and presence of our Lord Jesus Christ; but having been made eyewitnesses of His greatness. For He received from God the Father honor and glory; this voice coming down to Him from the excellent glory, This is My beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, hear ye Him. And this voice we heard brought from heaven, when we were with Him in the holy mount. And we have the more firm prophetic word, whereunto you do well to attend, as to a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise in your hearts.

GRADUAL (Ps. 44. 3, 2) THOU art beautiful above the sons of men: grace is poured abroad in Thy lips. My heart hath uttered a good word. I speak my works to the King. Alleluia, alleluia. (*Wisd. 7. 26.*) He is the brightness of eternal light, the unspotted mirror, and the image of His goodness. Alleluia.

GOSPEL Continuation of the holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 17. 1-9. AT THAT TIME Jesus took Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun: and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering said to Jesus: Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them. And lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them: Arise, and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying: Tell the vision to no man until the Son of Man be risen from the dead. — *Creed.*

OFFERTORY (Ps. 111. 3) GLORY and wealth are in His house: and His justice remaineth for ever and ever. Alleluia.

SECRET HALLOW, O Lord, we beseech Thee, the offerings we offer Thee on the glorious Transfiguration of Thine only-begotten Son, and by the brightness of His glory, cleanse us from the stains of sin. Through the same, our Lord ...

COMMUNION (Matt. 17. 9) TELL the vision you have seen to no man, till the Son of Man be risen from the dead.

POSTCOMMUNION GRANT, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that we may grasp with purified minds this most holy mystery of the Transfiguration of Thy Son, which we keep with solemn rite. Through the same, our Lord ...

Calendar of Masses

(Intention of the Mass—Special Remarks—Requested by)

SUNDAY August 6th <i>THE TRANS- FIGURATION OF OUR LORD</i>	4:00 PM	Sally MacDonald Kerr	4th Anniversary	Alicia Kerr
	<i>(Sat)</i>			
	7:30 AM	Pro Populo		
	9:00 AM	Theresa DiTullio	Month's Mind	Rose Del Grosso
	10:30 AM	Gladys Martinez	Memorial	Nasif Family
		Sharon Kopchik	Memorial	Juhasz Family
		Kyriaki Kalantaridou		Juhasz Family
		Intention of the Donor		Anthony & Victoria Angelucci
		Susan Goeller	Special Intention	Laura Harvey
		Fallen-away Catholics		
	Michael Kwash, Thomas	Birthday Intentions	Kwash Family	
	Steinkrauss			
	Elizabeth Provencher	Birthday Intention	Provencher Family	
	Cristina Pombo Rivera de			
	Buenaventura			
	5:30 PM	Jenny Arbuckle	Memorial	Antoinette Paoletti
MONDAY August 7th <i>Feria/St. Cajetan</i>	7:30 AM	Purgatorial Society of	Memorial	
		Mary Immaculate of		
		Lourdes		
	12:30 PM	Mary J. Clancy	Memorial	
TUESDAY August 8th <i>St. Dominic</i>	7:30 AM	William & Dominic	11th Anniversary	Davulis Family
		Davulis		
WEDNESDAY August 9th <i>Vigil of St. Lawrence</i>	12:30 PM	Angelus Davulis	Birthday Intention	Davulis Family
THURSDAY August 10th <i>St. Lawrence</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		Laura Harvey
	5:30 PM	Scott Barr	Health of the Sick	Mary McCarthy
FRIDAY August 11th <i>St. Clare/Feria</i>	7:30 AM	Intention of the Donor		Laura Harvey
		In Thanksgiving: for		Mary McCarthy
	12:30 PM	"Stand-Alone" Parish		
SATURDAY August 5th <i>St. Clare</i>	9:00 AM	All Souls	Memorial	
		William Davulis	Memorial	Davulis Family
		Dominic Davulis	Memorial	Davulis Family
		Pro-Life		Annie Procopio
		"Restoration of Marriage"		
	4:00 PM	James Maloney	Memorial	Mary McLoughlin

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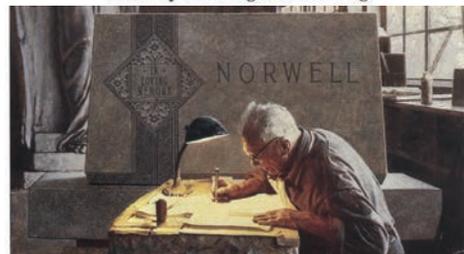


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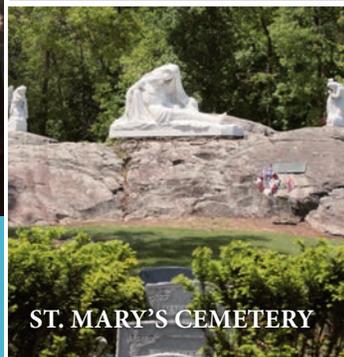
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