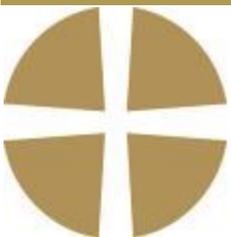


Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

AUGUST 6, 2017



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Dear Friends,

August has arrived, and sadly or not, the prospect of school looms again. Enjoy what is left of your summer freedom, and slowly start thinking of that infamous routine that is just around the corner.

This weekend at the Saturday (8/5) evening Mass we will be celebrating **Jocelyn Tran's First Communion**. She is just one of two children from the First Communion/Reconciliation class who has yet to celebrate this big faith journey step. Congratulations to Jocelyn and her family and all who have joined her here at St. Catherine of Siena to celebrate with her as she partakes more fully at the Table of the Lord for the first time. May she always receive the love, acceptance and nourishment she needs as she continues to grow in her love of God and her neighbor.

It just so happens that this Saturday (August 5) we will also be having our usual "Mingle," so please join us and Jocelyn's family and all our visitors for some tasty finger food and beverages. Some of our holy ones are also just back from their "across-the-Pond" trips, so we have some catching up to do.

Thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to **Fr. Jesús Mata SVD (Divine Word Missionaries)** appeal last weekend. His religious community **will receive the very handsome sum of \$6,524 from the community here at St. Catherine of Siena** to help them further their Gospel outreach to God's poorest in their varied worldwide missions. You were truly very generous – thank you again.

Have a great weekend and God bless,

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 from God concerning Jesus: **"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased,"** and he assures us that the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:17, 19).

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PARISH NOTES

SAVE THE DATE | VETERANS 50+



The Diocesan Office of Aging will be holding a Veterans' Benefits Seminar on Friday, January 26, 2018 at St. Laurence Church in Sugar Land. This is for veterans 50+ and spouses. VA Reps will be there to talk on Health Care, Disability, Spouse/Survivor Benefits, and VA Cemetery Benefits, and will also be available for personal talks. This is for all the Churches in the SW Houston area, and it will be limited to probably 75 couples so, **if you are interested, you need to sign up quickly to be included.**

Contact Mark Ciesielski at 713-741-8712 or at mciesielski@archgh.org. **The Flyer from the Diocese is on the bulletin board outside the Church Hall.**

PARISH CALENDAR

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Mission of Yahweh Food Collection

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| SAT | 8/05 | 5 PM | Mass | St Esmeralda Gonzalez 6-7:30 Saturday Mingle |
| SUN | 8/06 | 8:30 AM | Mass | + Steve Luzbetak |
| | | 11:15 AM | Mass | |
| TUE | 8/08 | 12:15 PM | Weekday Mass | 1 - 2 PM Seniors Meeting |
| WED | 8/09 | 12:15 PM | Weekday Mass | |
| THU | 8/10 | 12:15 PM | Weekday Mass | St Anthony Apollo |
| FRI | 8/11 | 12:15 PM | Weekday Mass | + Victor Vega & Araceli Flores |

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Infirm Priest Collection

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| SAT | 8/12 | 5 PM | Mass | |
| SUN | 8/13 | 8:30 AM | Mass | |
| | | 11:15 AM | Mass | |

ONE NIGHT. FIVE PRIESTS. ANY QUESTION.

GRILL THE PRIEST



Young adults of the parish are invited to join "Grill the Priest" at Studio Movie Grill where five priests take on any question! Event details below—hope to see you there:

- **Monday, August 14th**
- Studio Movie Grill
- 6:30-9:30pm
- Check in Begins at 6pm
- **Tickets (pre-purchase)\$30 | Day of: \$35 if available**
- Ticket Includes Buffet Dinner and Dessert
- For Tickets Email: tcooper@stjohnvianney.org

Brought to You by the St. John Vianney Young Adult Ministry

MINISTRIES

We invite you to consider enriching your faith life and join in fellowship by participating in one of our many ministries. Details are available on the parish website, stcatherine-houston.org, or by phoning the parish office. **See Ministry listing below**, there is something for everyone and all are welcome!

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| Altar Care | Hospitality |
| Altar Servers | Mission of Yahweh |
| Art and Environment | Moms' Group |
| Caring Hearts | Music |
| CCE Teachers | Prayer List |
| Club 55+ | Readers |
| St. Catherine's Crafters | Women's Group |
| Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion | Young Adults |

Love cannot remain by itself -- it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service. - Mother Teresa