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In Residence

Julia Di Paolo - **Secretary**

PARISH OFFICE AND HOURS:

Mon to Thurs: 9:15 AM — 12:00 PM
1:00 PM — 4:00 PM

Friday: 9:15 AM — 2:00 PM

Sunday: 9:15 AM — 1:00 PM

Closed on Saturday and Holidays

DEVOTIONS:

Holy Rosary: before 8:30am Mass

Divine Mercy: Friday after 8:30am Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Wednesday

Novena to Our Lady of Miraculous Medal:

Every Monday, October - May

Novena to St. Anthony de Padua:

13 Tuesdays (March - June 13)

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon - Thurs: 9am-12pm (Church)

Every Friday: 9am - 7pm (Church)

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY:

For assistance call 416-410-3589

PARISH SCHOOL:

St. Lawrence Catholic School 416-393-5264

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm (English)

Sunday Mass : 8:30 am (English)

10:00 am (Italian)

11:30 am (English)

1:00 pm (Latin)

5:00 pm (English)

DAILY MASSES:

English: 8:30 am Monday to Saturday

Latin: 12:00 pm Monday to Wednesday

7:00 am Thursday

7:00 pm Friday

10:00 am Saturday

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays following the 8:30 am Mass

Saturdays 4:15 pm to 4:45 pm

(or by appointment)

BAPTISM:

Visit our website or call the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Couples must contact the Pastor ONE YEAR in advance. Marriage Preparation Course is required. Visit our website for more information.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:

If one of your loved ones would like to receive this Sacrament, please contact the Parish Office.

COMMUNION OF THE SICK:

Visitation and/or Holy Communion for the sick upon request.

A warm Welcome to New Parishioners!

Please fill out a parish registration form found in the foyer of the Church, and kindly introduce yourself to the Pastor.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 16, 2025

Luke 9:28b-36



While HE was praying HIS Face changed in appearance and HIS Clothing became dazzling white.

Luke stresses that Jesus went up the mountain to pray. He frequently stresses Jesus' constant need for prayer, and many of Luke's parables are about prayer (the Importunate Widow and the Unjust Judge, the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector). Luke also details that Jesus, Moses and Elijah were conversing about his journey up to Jerusalem, a journey which is the theme of the latter half of Luke's gospel.

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Nella Trasfigurazione, Gesù è indicato come la vera speranza dell'uomo e come l'apogeo dell'Antico Testamento. Luca parla dell'"esodo" di Gesù, che contiene allo stesso tempo morte e risurrezione.

I tre apostoli, vinti dal sonno, che rappresenta l'incapacità dell'uomo di penetrare nel Mistero, sono risvegliati da Gesù, cioè dalla grazia, e vedono la sua gloria. La nube, simbolo dell'immensità di Dio e della sua presenza, li copre tutti. I tre apostoli ascoltano le parole del Padre che definiscono il Figlio come l'eletto: "Questi è il Figlio mio, l'eletto, ascoltatelo". Non c'è altro commento. Essi reagiscono con timore e stupore. Vorrebbero attaccarsi a questo momento, evitare l'attimo seguente della discesa dalla montagna e il suo fardello di abitudine, di oscurità, di passione.

La Gloria, Mosè ed Elia, scompaiono. Non rimane "che Gesù solo", sola verità, sola vita e sola via di salvezza nella trama quotidiana della storia umana. Questa visione non li solleva dal peso della vita di tutti i giorni, spesso spogliata dello splendore del Tabor, e neanche li dispenserà dall'atto di fede al momento della prova, quando i vestiti bianchi e il viso trasfigurato di Gesù saranno strappati e umiliati. Ma il ricordo di questa visione li aiuterà a capire, come spiega il Prefazio della Messa di oggi, "che attraverso la passione possiamo giungere al trionfo della risurrezione".



Vocation Reflection ~ Peter, John and James had a mountaintop experience with Jesus by witnessing His transfiguration. We too can have a mountaintop experience when we open our minds and hearts to following God's Will for our lives. If God is calling you, to be a priest, religious or deacon, contact Fr. Matt McCarthy, Director of Vocations, Archdiocese of Toronto at 416-968-0997.

Email vocations@archtoronto.org — www.vocationstoronto.ca



Eucharistic Adoration

Mon - Thur 9am - 12pm (Church)*

Every Friday 9am - 7pm (Church)*

*In Chapel, when there is a funeral.

Come and spend some quiet time in prayer!



Mass Intentions for the week



SATURDAY MARCH 15TH - SABATO

5:00 P.M. - For All Our Parishioners

SUNDAY MARCH 16TH - DOMENICA

8:30 A.M. + Percilia C Solomon-Copland

10:00 A.M. (Italian)

Pietro e Elvira Fugaccia

Alfredo Fugaccia - Giulia Benedetti

Vito e Mike Cuoppolo

Giovanna Costantino e famiglia

Giuseppe Canini e famiglia

Totonno e Rosaria Francella

Maria Romagnuolo - Pasquale Volpe

Vittorio Mastromartino

11:30 A.M. + Michael & Maria Abreu

1:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

5:00 P.M. + Bill & Wanda Kaczmarczyk

MONDAY MARCH 17TH - LUNEDI

8:30 A.M. + Brian & Audrey De Souza

12:00 P.M. - William Joyce

TUESDAY MARCH 18TH - MARTEDI

8:30 A.M. + Daniel Noranho

12:00 P.M. + Johnny & Chrissie Ameskere

WEDNESDAY MARCH 19TH - MERCOLEDI

8:30 A.M. + Jose & Petra Cruz

+ Victor Cruz

+ Hermis Obiso

+ Leoncia Laspinas

- Joanna Corriero

12:00 P.M. - Pro Populo

THURSDAY MARCH 20TH - GIOVEDI

7:00 A.M. - Eppie & Mark Blackwell

8:30 A.M. + Elvira Fugaccia

FRIDAY MARCH 21ST - VENERDI

8:30 A.M. + Anna Menna

7:00 P.M. + Holy Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY MARCH 22ND - SABATO

8:30 A.M. - Special Intention

10:00 A.M. - Colette de Ruiter



OFFERTORY LAST WEEK

Regular: \$7,558.05



God's Wrath is when HE allows us to do what we want; God's Mercy is when HE stops us.

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 16, 2025



Dear Friends in Christ, last weekend during the first Sunday of Lent, the Church presented for our reflection the humanity of Christ through his temptation by the devil in the desert. On this second Sunday of Lent, the Church directs our eyes towards the divinity of Christ as seen through the mystery of his transfiguration on the mount.

The Transfiguration, like the feast of Christmas, is Christological in nature. In the Incarnation, our Divine Lord takes on our humanity and enters our human history. In the Transfiguration, we get not only a glimpse of the future glory of Christ on Easter, but the possibility of our own future glory.

In today's gospel, St. Luke writes, "*Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.*" The fact that Jesus often prayed in high places should not surprise us. The mountain was always considered a sacred place where one could encounter the true presence of God. Scripture attests the various covenantal relationships that the Lord made with his people: the Mosaic Covenant on Mount Sinai; the Davidic Covenant on Mount Zion; the Noahic Covenant on Mount Aarat. So it was natural that Jesus would climb the mountain to be in communion with His Father.

If the baptism of Christ is the starting point of his public ministry, and his Ascension its ending point, the Transfiguration can be considered the culminating point of His public life. A week after journeying in the region of Caesarea Philippi, Jesus took with him Peter, James and John to a high mountain apart. Luke tells us that "... *while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.*" The word used by Luke to describe this phenomenon was *metemorphophe*.

The ancient Jews believed that a person, whose face was illuminated with light, or whose clothing was transformed by dazzling light, possessed the presence of divine glory. Against this backdrop, the transfiguration can be seen as an epiphany, or a revelation – an act of uncovering, of releasing the divine nature of Christ which laid hidden under the cloak of his humanity.

The four evangelists reported many instances whereby Jesus manifested his divinity through the different miracles that he performed during his Galilean ministry. These miracles occurred on heavenly bodies (e.g., the sun and moon), on irrational beings (e.g., swines), and on every level of creation (e.g., multiplication of bread). With the exception of his glorious resurrection from the dead, the transfiguration was the greatest miracle Jesus performed during the course of his earthly life, since it was a miracle that he worked on himself!

The transfiguration also points to our future transformation. The Catechism reminds us that Jesus' baptism proclaimed "*the mystery of the first regeneration,*" namely, our baptism; the Transfiguration "*is the sacrament of the second regeneration*", our own Resurrection. St. Paul reminds us that the Christian journey of transformation is radically initiated at Baptism, but needs to be perfected day by day, until the end of time when "*Christ will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body.*"

This journey of transformation – the path by which man truly becomes himself - is not our work but the work of God. It can only occur with the help of the divine sculptor. St. Bonaventure explains how this works: "*In order that God's image may shine radiantly in a man, he must first and foremost receive the purification whereby the divine Sculptor frees him from that dross that conceals the authentic figure of his being, making him appear to be nothing more than a stone block, whereas the divine form dwells in him.*" And we receive this purifying and transforming power each time we celebrate the sacraments. Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God. Confession brings us back us onto the path of holiness.

Dear friends, today's mystery of our Lord's transfiguration challenges us to be opened to the transforming power of God's love and grace. Let us remember that when the Lord comes again, he will transform our mortal bodies into glorified bodies and complete the work that he began in his death and Resurrection. Pax Christi, *Fr. Thomas*



THE CROSS OF CHRIST

ORIGINAL ORATORIO BY ROMULO DELGADO

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Dear Padre,

*Does the Church teach how we should dress to go to Mass?
Maybe I'm just old-fashioned, but the way some people dress seems very disrespectful.*

Church teaching, dogmas, doctrines, and creedal formulations are not the specific resources to consult in order to answer this question. It is properly a matter of discipline and practice, although the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* does direct that "bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey respect" (1387). There are many commentaries on what exactly "respect" might mean.

It would be very difficult to establish a universal dress code. The many different cultures, climates, and particular circumstances of a specific Catholic community make a dress code unmanageable. It seems that you judge the local practice not up to your standards. Your judgment may be correct, or you may have unreasonable expectations. There was a time when "Sunday best" was the established norm. In other communities, the expectation would be "business casual" as a bare minimum. Now, it seems standards and practices are very fluid and flexible. All of this being said, it is ultimately a pastoral concern, not doctrinal or dogmatic. Try not to allow how other people dress distract you from your purpose at Mass. While they may not look like you imagine they should, their prayer might be genuine and heartfelt. ●



Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Sponsor an Easter Flower:



For parishioners who wanted to sponsor an easter flower pot for the altar... in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, prices are:



Lilies: \$30 ~ 10" \ \$20 ~ 8" \ \$10 ~ 6"
Pink/blue Hydrangeas: \$30~10" \ \$20~6"

Please visit or call the office.

You extend the Hands of Christ to those in need



ShareLife Sunday is March 30.
Our parish goal this year is \$40,000.

Through your support of ShareLife, you extend the hands of Christ to those in need: the poor, the vulnerable, and the marginalized in our community. Because you care, more than 40 agencies provide strength to people of all ages in their weakest moments. You've been there for young parents as they worried about their next meal, isolated seniors yearning for companionship, teenagers seeking guidance in a confusing world, refugees longing to rebuild their lives, and people with special needs striving for dignity and acceptance. Thank you for living the Gospel through your compassion.

Please give at the parish using a ShareLife envelope, online through our parish website, or at sharelife.org/donate.

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LENT Friday Schedule

English Mass
8:30 am

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 am ~ 5:45 pm

Confessions
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Stations of the Cross
6:00 pm

Latin Mass
7:00 pm



FATHER
YOU CALLED

SAINT LAWRENCE
TO SERVE YOU BY LOVE
AND CROWNED HIS LIFE
WITH GLORIOUS
MARTYRDOM.

HELP US TO BE LIKE HIM
IN LOVING YOU
AND DOING YOUR WORK.

AMEN

PRAYER FOR THE SICK:

We keep in our prayers the sick, the homebound, and the forgotten members in our community.

"Make sickness itself a Prayer"

~ St. Francis de Sales ~

