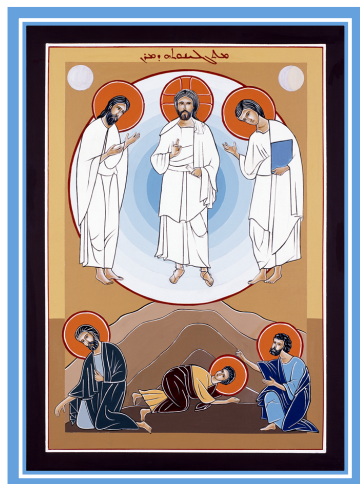


Most Holy Transfiguration of Our Lord

August 6, 2017



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"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"

St. John XXIII, Pope

Liturgies: Saturday 4:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m.; Tues. – Fr. 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
Sick Calls: To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.
Confessions: One half-hour before weekend Liturgies and by appointment.
Baptisms: *Parents* should refer to the website and then contact the parish through the parish e-mail address.
Marriage: Please refer to the parish website and contact the parish a **minimum 6 months before** finalizing the date of your wedding.

***SUGGESTED DONATIONS: SANCTUARY CANDLES \$20; ALTAR BREAD \$25; WINE \$25**

Mass Stipends: weekday intentions \$10; weekend intentions \$15

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb **Sacristan:** Laurie Nale **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell

Catechists: Lenore Boles, Director & K-1st; Jane Lee, 2nd; Shana Page, 3-5th

Parish Council: Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, David Lee, Kevin Michaud, Paula Mitchell, Aaron Rowden, Elizabeth Wilson

Ex-officio: Subdeacon Steve Crate; Lenore Boles, Catechism; Shana Page, Rosary Sodality; Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

THIS DAY'S GOSPEL: St. Mark 9: 1-7

And He said to them, "Amen, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Kingdom of God come with power."

And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And He was transfigured before them, and His garments became glistening,

intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking to Jesus.

And Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a Voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him."

And suddenly looking around they no longer saw anyone with them, but Jesus only.
And as they were coming down the mountain, He charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead.

ABOONA'S WEEKLY REFLECTION

Following the Feast of the Princes of the Apostles, Saints Peter and Paul, we have been considering and contemplating the apostolic life. This period of time – roughly the month of July – finishes with considerations of Our Lord's teaching on prayer and the life of virtue. These teachings on the apostolic life of prayer lead us to the second of the small fasts of the year: preparation for the Assumption of the Mother of God.

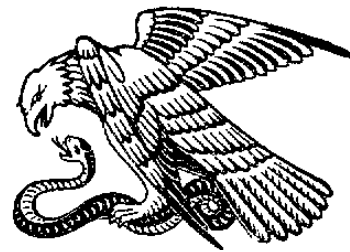
Fasting and the life of mortification in varying degrees are essential to each of us in "carrying our cross" with Our Lord, and "this way of life is particularly successful in bringing many men who have been drawn away by the allurements of error and vice back to the path of good living".¹ As we fast during Lent in preparation to Our Lord's glorious Resurrection, so too we prepare for the glorification of the Most Holy Virgin in her assumption into Heaven. This Marian Fast traditionally begins on August 1st and finishes August 14th. This is an ancient tradition and practically coincides with the antiquity of the Feast of the Assumption itself. As an aside, we might also note here that the Assumption is THE Marian feast for Maronites.

"Fast" is the old English word for "strengthen". We still have it in common use in the form "steadfast". Therefore we must keep in mind that "to fast" is not to cause pain, but is fundamentally an act of discipline ("to learn") in the effort made (*ascesis*) in controlling our bodies and material existence by way of food. Fasting clears the mind and purifies the spirit. When we attempt to enter this way of learning and spiritual practice we quickly see how much we are addicted and enslaved to food and our own appetites!

You are encouraged to take up this preparation in fasting in some form or other – as your strength, piety and devotion might dictate – in these days before the Holy Day of Obligation of August 15th.

Traditionally, the eastern Fast is no food or drink between midnight and noon. There is no "grazing" or eating between meals allowed. A fastday limits our food to one meal per day, but a small "collation" is allowed at noon in the modern observance.

Fasting clarifies the mind and strengthens the will, allowing us to correspond better to the movements of the Hidden One's illuminating grace.



PARKING LOT PAVING AND OTHER PROJECTS

Funds are always necessary to accomplish the present necessary works and *we rely on everyone's generosity to participate in the repairs necessary to keep St. Joseph's parish plant in good shape.* Buildings do not heal themselves, and maintenance must be constant. Even as we continue the work to finish the parking lot, among the other major works that need to be done – and have needed to be done for awhile – are repairs to both the roof of the church and that of the rectory, and painting of all the wood of the church and rectory that are exposed to the elements.

We hope to get these repairs done before fall sets in and another winter causes further damage.

Your generosity today will help us to avoid withdrawing from our working investment fund.

It is in this way, mundane and as concrete as it may be, that we all continue to contribute to the apostolic work of proclaiming the Kingdom of God in His Sacred Mysteries.

¹ Pope John XXIII, *Sacerdotii Nostri Primordia*, #10, 1959

² The principal errors of Communism are *atheism* and

Be sure your cell phone is turned-off or silenced

Final Collection for Peter's Pence

NB: You can still place offerings of the mis-printed envelopes for Peter's Pence into the collection on the Feast of the Transfiguration. We will send this collection in to the chancery this week.

VOCATION ICON

"Request therefore the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into His harvest." St. Matthew 9:38

Please indicate your desire (preferably by e-mail) to take the vocation icon so that we can revise the schedule.

AUGUST DEVOTIONS

Altar Bread: Available
Sanctuary Lamp: Available

Hafli!

St. Joseph's 90th Anniversary

September 23: 6pm-12am

Table for ten: \$300
Single Tickets \$40

--- tickets will be \$25 up until August 30 ---

E-mail the parish website for ticket reservations then tickets can be purchased by placing an envelope, properly identified, in the collection. Tickets will also be sold after Masses on the weekends.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Regular Collection: \$1,610.00
May God richly reward your generosity!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Sat 5 † Prinella Mitchell
(Paul & Stephen Maroon)
- Sun 6 † Jibryne & Jeannette Karter
(Karter Family)
- Mon 7 -----
- Tues 8 † The Thomas & Veilleux Families
(Dan & Pam Cassavant)
- Wed 9 † Bridget Irene Whitman
(Ann Giguere)
- Thur 10 Dr. & Mrs. Quentin Huerter
(Ann Kersh)
- Fri 11 † Lester Giguere
(Ann Giguere)
- Sat 12 † Eddie Atkins, Sr.
(John Sleiman)
- Sun 13 † John Sleiman
(Family in Paris)

Liturgical notes: † = Deceased, SI = Special Intention, AV = Anniversary, H = Health

*Heal Thy servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
and comfort from Thy Holy Place*

Those for whom we pray: Jerry Fortin, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Doreen Nader, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Beverly Rideout, Gordon Webber, Melissa Karter, Maxine Morrisette, Paula Mitchell, Rebecca Bernard and Paul Mitchell

READERS' SCHEDULE

Feast of the Holy Transfiguration

II Cor. 3; 7-17 St. Mark 9; 1-7
August 5 Ruth Lunn

Eleventh Sunday of Pentecost

Ephesians 2:17-22 St. Luke 19:1-10
August 12 Lenore Boles

BIRTHDAYS

1	Nancy Karter	12	Lacey Breems
2	Steve Crate	13	Lowell Hawes
2	Fr. Jim Roy	14	Brenda Williams
3	Sofia Derosby	15	Elaine Hoag
3	Elizabeth Wilson	17	Kati Joseph
5	Maria Poirier	19	Jibryne Karter III
8	Tim Mitchell	22	Mary Ayoob
8	Cam Mitchell	22	Barbara Joseph
9	Shawn Lee	22	Sheila Bonenfant
10	Melissa Roy	28	Joe Rowden
12	Patricia Thomas		

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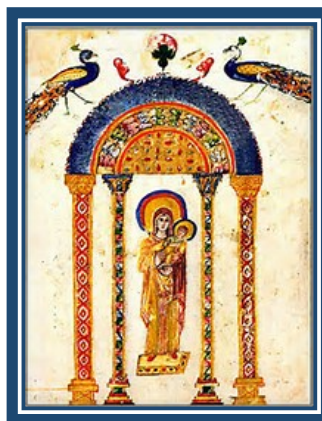
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Lighting of the Church: SB* p 21 #135/LB p 5
Jesus, Christ, O Source of Light

Entrance Hymn: LB p 583
From on High, God the Father's Voice

Glory: SB p 1 #2
Glory (English)

Qolo/Hymn: LB p 589



God, in His Great Majesty

Creed p 748

Pre-Anaphora:
Transfer of Gifts:
The Lord Reigns

Incense Hymn: SB p 3
#8
Ikbal - This Pure Incense

Anaphora:

St. John Chrysostom: LB p 876

Sign of Peace:

Communion:
For the Beauty

Recessional: SB p 35 #166
Sing Out Earth and Sky

***LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book**

"Awe-inspiring, in truth, are the Mysteries of the Church; awesome, in truth, her altar.

A fountain sprang up out of Paradise, sending forth sensible streams; a fountain arises from this Table, sending forth spiritual streams."

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop & Confessor

The Principal Requests and Message of Our Lady of Fatima



Friday, July 13, 1917

- 1.) That we each pray five decades of the *Rosary every day*.
- 2.) She promised a miracle in October 1917 to convince people that she was real and her message true.
- 3.) That we are to develop in ourselves and propagate *devotion to her Immaculate Heart*, for the conversion of sinners and in reparation for sin.
- 4.) To show the children the full evil and consequences of serious sin, and to instill in them *the true need for conversion and reparation for sins*, she gave them a vision of hell: "... a sea of fire, and plunged in this fire the demons and the souls, as if they were red-hot coals."
- 5.) If there was a sufficient response to her pleas, "many souls will be saved, and there will be peace".
- 6.) If there was not a sufficient response to these appeals

- "then another and worse war will begin in the reign of Pius XI".
- 7.) "I come to ask the *consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart* ...
 - 8.) ... (I come to ask also) *for Holy Communions of reparation to be made* on the first Saturdays of each month."
 - 9.) "If they listen to my requests, Russia shall be converted and there will be peace."
 - 10.) "If they do not listen to my requests, *Russia will scatter her errors² throughout the world*, provoking wars and persecutions of the Church."
 - 11.) "... (if they do not listen) *the good will be martyred*, the Holy Father shall have much to suffer, and various *nations shall be annihilated*."
 - 12.) "*In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph*. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and it will be converted, and *a certain period of peace* will be granted to the world."
 - 13.) "In Portugal, the dogma of the Faith will always be kept."
 - 14.) "When you say the Rosary, say after each mystery, '*O my Jesus, forgive us our sins and free us from the fires of hell. Draw all souls to Heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy*'."
 - 15.) Finally, she committed to the children a last secret, the so-called "Third Secret of Fatima".



² The principal errors of Communism are *atheism* and *materialism*.