

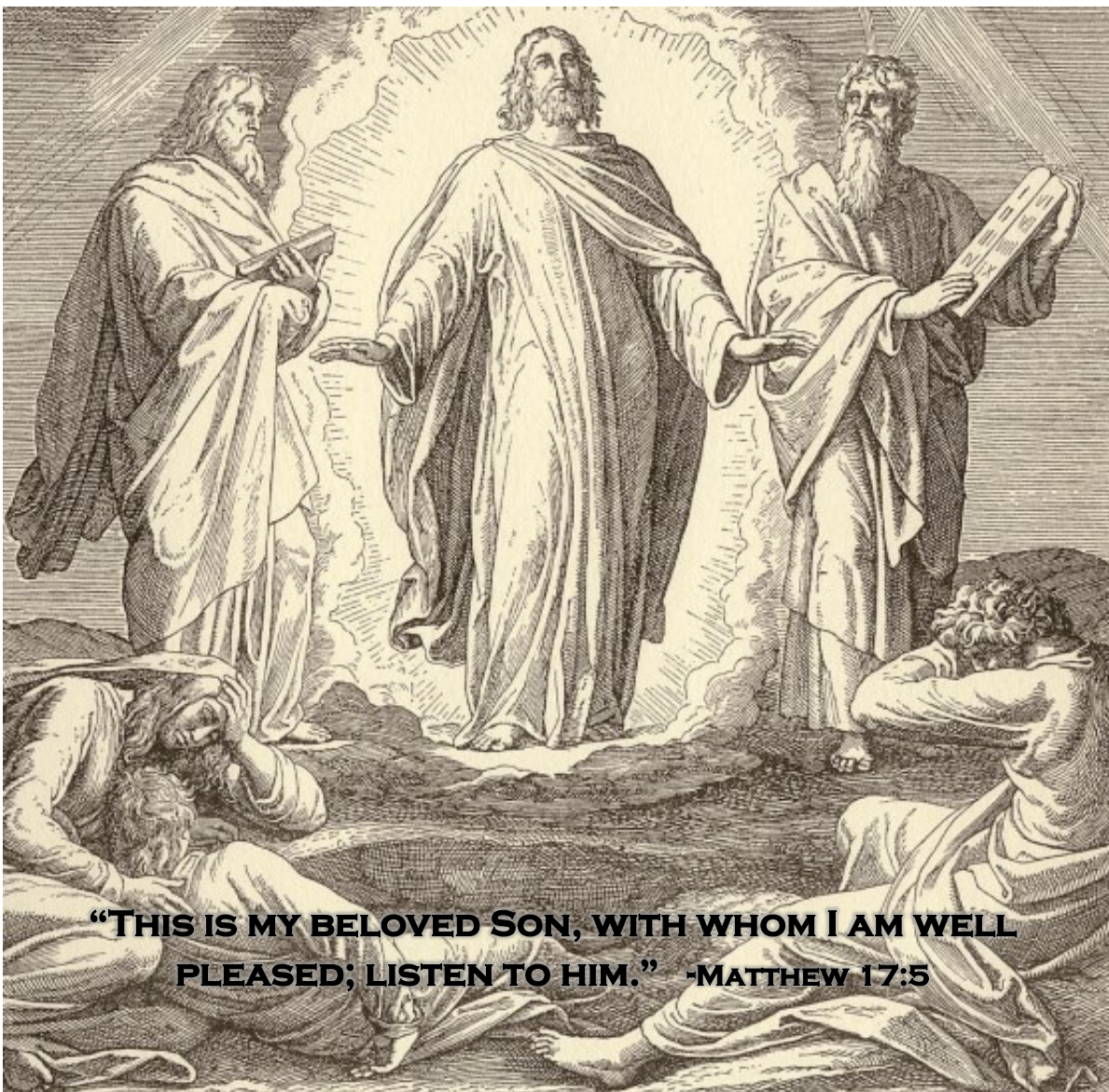


Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION

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**“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON, WITH WHOM I AM WELL
PLEASED; LISTEN TO HIM.” -MATTHEW 17:5**

**OUR LADY OF GRACE IS A COMMUNITY CALLED TO KNOW
JESUS, LOVE JESUS, SHARE JESUS AND TRANSFORM OUR WORLD**

Dear Family of Faith,

The story of Jesus' "transfiguration" is more appropriately described by the technical term "theophany" that is, an appearance of God to an individual person. The Bible reports a number of theophanies, the most notable being those experienced by Moses (Ex 19:20; 34) and Elijah (1 Kings 19:4-18). The appearance of God to Jesus reported by Mark includes elements that are common to all these accounts:

- (1) Mountain.** The setting for the appearance is customarily a mountain (Mk 9:2b; Sinai for Moses; Horeb for Elijah).
- (2) Witnesses.** Frequently there are "eyewitnesses" to the event (Mk 9:2a), though they may not see and hear exactly the same things experienced by the one to whom God is appearing.
- (3) Signs.** The witnesses or the accounts report visible signs that the event is occurring. Jesus was "transfigured before them" (Mk 9:2c); "his garments glistening, intensely white" (Mk 9:3a); "a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice" (Mk 9:7).
- (4) Shared experience.** The witnesses sometimes share in the experience. Peter, James, and John see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus (Mk 9:4).

"Lord God, help me to see you face to face as did Moses and Jesus and many other of your servants through the course of history even to this day." It is not clear whether the disciples heard intelligible conversation between Jesus and the prophets, or whether they heard the statement of the heavenly voice.

At the end, Jesus forbids them to tell what they had seen (Mk 9:9) but says nothing about what they had heard. Only Matthew (Mt 17:9) calls the event a "vision."

Getting in touch with that Jewish reality helps us enter this Sunday's Gospel, which is full of symbol and gesture. Indeed, that particular "theophany" was more than even Peter, James, and John could fathom at the time. To the reader, if not to the inner three, clues to the meaning begin with Mark's reference to the interval of "six days," recalling the six days Moses had spent in a cloud on Mount Sinai just before the heart of the Torah was revealed to him (Exod 24:16). Here, on another "high mountain," Jesus is transfigured before their eyes, and those premiere exponents of the Law and the Prophets—Moses and Elijah—are seen to join him in conversation. Overcome with awe and fear, Peter volunteers to set up tents for the three of them. A misguided burst of hospitality? A desire to somehow "package" an astounding "talk-show"?

Whatever the motive, Mark feels compelled to excuse the outburst ("He hardly knew what to say") and the suggestion is ignored. Out of an overshadowing cloud comes the divine voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Gospel). As if to illustrate the meaning of these words, the figures of Moses and Elijah disappear and the disciples "no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them" (Mk 9:8). In other words, all that they had sought to hear in the revelation through the Law and the Prophets is now fully accessible in the person of Jesus, there with them.

To ensure that we know what we are to listen for in Jesus, Mark has linked the Transfiguration firmly to what has just happened "six days" before—Jesus' central teaching on discipleship: "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it" (Mk 8:35).

We can perhaps hear afresh this voice from the cloud. This voice calls not in grief but still in profound urgency, as if to say: "I have sent you Moses and the prophets and you have heard them poorly; now here's the fullness of my communication to you, Jesus, my Son. Hear him—not only his teaching but the whole story of his self-giving life, death, and resurrection. He is still with you. Follow him."

Ite Ad Joseph (Go to Joseph),

Fr. Marinello Saquin

Querida Familia de Fe,

Ala historia de la "transfiguración" de Jesús se describe más apropiadamente por el término técnico "teofanía" es decir, una aparición de Dios a una persona individual. La Biblia reporta una serie de teofanías, siendo las más notables las experimentadas por Moisés (Ex 19-20; 34) y Elías (1 Reyes 19:4-18). La aparición de Dios a Jesús reportada por Marcos incluye elementos comunes a todos estos relatos:

- (1) Montaña.** El ajuste para la apariencia es habitualmente una montaña (Mk 9:2b; Sinaí para Moisés; Horeb para Elías).
- (2) Testigos.** Con frecuencia hay "testigos" del acontecimiento (Mc 9, 2a), aunque es posible que no vean y escuchen exactamente las mismas cosas experimentadas por aquel a quien Dios está apareciendo.
- (3) Símbolos.** Los testigos o los relatos informan de símbolos visibles de que el evento está ocurriendo. Jesús fue "transfigurado ante ellos" (Mc 9, 2c); "sus prendas brillantes, intensamente blancas" (Mc 9, 3a); "una nube los eclipsó, y de la nube vino una voz" (Mc 9, 7).
- (4) Experiencia compartida.** Los testigos a veces comparten la experiencia. Pedro, Santiago y Juan ven a Moisés y Elías conversando con Jesús (Mc 9, 4).

"Señor Dios, ayúdame a verte cara a cara como moisés y Jesús y muchos otros de vuestros siervos a lo largo del curso de la historia hasta el día de hoy." No está claro si los discípulos escucharon una conversación inteligible entre Jesús y los profetas, o si escucharon la declaración de la voz celestial.

Al final, Jesús les prohíbe decir lo que habían visto (Mc 9, 9), pero no dice nada acerca de lo que habían oído. Sólo Mateo (Mt 17:9) llama al evento una "visión".

Ponernos en contacto con esa realidad judía nos ayuda a entrar en el Evangelio de este domingo, que está lleno de símbolo y gesto. De hecho, esa "teofanía" en particular era más que incluso Peter, James y John podían comprender en ese momento. Para el lector, si no a los tres internos, las pistas del significado comienzan con la referencia de Marcos al intervalo de "seis días", recordando los seis días que Moisés había pasado en una nube en el monte Sinaí justo antes de que se le revelara el corazón de la Torá (Éxodo 24:16). Aquí, en otra "montaña alta", Jesús es transfigurado ante sus ojos, y se ve a los máximos exponentes de la Ley y los Profetas —Moisés y Elías— unirse a él en la conversación. Abrumado por el asombro y el miedo, Peter se ofrece como voluntario para instalar tiendas de campaña para los tres. ¿Una explosión equivocada de hospitalidad? ¿Un deseo de alguna manera de "empaquetar" un asombroso "talk-show"?

Cualquiera que sea el motivo, Mark se siente obligado a excusar el arrebató ("Apenas sabía qué decir") y la sugerencia es ignorada. De una nube eclipsante sale la voz divina: "Este es mi Amado Hijo. Escúchalo" (Evangelio). Como para ilustrar el significado de estas palabras, las figuras de Moisés y Elías desaparecen y los discípulos "ya no vieron a nadie más que a Jesús solo con ellos" (Mc 9, 8). En otras palabras, todo lo que habían tratado de escuchar en la revelación por medio de la Ley y los Profetas es ahora plenamente accesible en la persona de Jesús, allí con ellos.

Para asegurarnos de que sabemos lo que debemos escuchar en Jesús, Marcos ha vinculado firmemente la Transfiguración a lo que acaba de suceder "seis días" antes— La enseñanza central de Jesús sobre el discipulado: "Quien desee salvar su vida la perderá, pero quien pierda su vida por mi bien y la del Evangelio la salvará" (Mc 8, 35).

Tal vez podamos oír de nuevo esta voz desde la nube. Esta voz no llama al dolor, sino todavía con profunda urgencia, como a decir: "Os he enviado a Moisés y a los profetas y los has oído mal; aquí está la plenitud de mi comunicación con ustedes, Jesús, mi Hijo. Escúchalo, no sólo su enseñanza, sino toda la historia de su vida, muerte y resurrección que se entregan a sí mismo. Todavía está contigo. Síguelo."

Ite Ad Joseph (Ir a José),

Padre Marinello Saquin



LENT

@ OLGENCINO



Stations of the Cross / Rezo del Via Crucis

Daily after 8am Mass (English) in church
 Despues de Misa de 8am (ingles)
 Fridays at 6:15pm (English)
 and at 7pm (Spanish)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament / Exposicion del Santisimo Sacramento

Every Friday after 8am Mass
 Benediction at 6pm
 Los Viernes despues de Misa de 8am
 Bendicion a las 6pm

Confessions / Confesiones

Fridays at 5pm & Saturdays at 9am
 Viernes a las 5pm & sabados a las 9am

Holy Week / Semana Santa

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 5pm
 Lunes, Miercoles y Viernes a las 5pm

Lenten Reflection Videos

Tuesdays and Thursdays
 via social media with Fr. Marinello & Fr.
 Sam

Weekly Lenten Prayer & Reflection Series

- Wednesday evenings at 7pm (English)
 request zoom link @
 liturgy@ourladyofgrace.org
- Monday video reflections via social
 media and Flocknotes

OPERATION RICE BOWL

HUNGER IN OUR WORLD

Jesus told us that whatever we did for one of these least brothers of his we did for him. Reflect on the challenge of global hunger—it is a reality for millions of our sisters and brothers. What will you do to support the hungry in our community and around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more. (Rice Bowls will be distributed Feb. 13-Feb 21 after Mass and will be collected on the weekend of Palm Sunday).

HAMBRE EN NUESTRO MUNDO

Jesús nos dijo que lo cuanto hagamos a uno de estos hermanos pequeños, se lo hacemos a Él. Reflexiona sobre el hambre en el mundo: es una realidad para millones de nuestros hermanos. ¿Qué harás para apoyar a los que sufren hambre en nuestra comunidad y en todo el mundo? Visita crsplatodearroz.org para obtener más información. (Los tazones seran distribuidos del 13 de febrero al 21 de febrero y seran colectados el fin de semana de domingo de ramos).

THE UNIVERSITY SERIES

Monday-Thursday sessions

7:00pm - 8:30pm unless noted otherwise.

Friday Food for Thought sessions are
12:15-12:45pm. All sessions are accessed
 through Zoom Webinar.

Online Registration continues until 1 hour
 before each session begins.

For more information visit

www.theuniversityseries.org



UPDATES ON FR. TOM

Fr. Tom sends his love to the his OLG family. He is now a lot more active, taking daily walks and is looking very healthy.

We continue to send him our love and prayers on behalf of OLG Staff and Parish Community.



THE FIRESIDE FELLOWSHIP

Finding a Better, More Meaningful Life

“Believe in yourself. You are braver than you think, more talented than you know, and capable of more than you imagine.”—Roy T. Bennett, author (from The Light in the Heart)

Confidence

JOIN PARISHIONERS FROM YOUR HOME COMPUTER!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

March 3 – 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Each month The Fireside Fellowship addresses a universal topic from practical and spiritual perspectives. Our parishioners are invited to safely attend this month’s discussion on Confidence from their home computers, tablets or cell phones. For contact and further info, visit us at:



The University Series This Week (3/15-3/19)

Mon-Thursday sessions 7:00 – 8:30 pm unless noted otherwise.

Friday Food for Thought sessions are 12:15 - 1:45 pm.

All sessions are accessed through Zoom Webinar.

Online Registration continues until 1 hour before each session begins.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

THE WHOLE BIBLE IN FIVE SHORT SESSIONS: IMPOSSIBLE! PART IV: GOSPELS WITH FR. PATRICK MULLEN

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

REVISITING THE GARDEN OF EDEN WITH A JEWISH TOUR GUIDE WITH RABBI MICHAEL LOTKER

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

NEW WINE IN NEW WINESKINS: THE NEW EVANGELIZATION IN NEW CHALLENGES WITH FR. PARKER SANDOVAL

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

DO SOME CATHOLIC PRACTICES CONTRADICT THE BIBLE? WITH FR. FELIX JUST

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

LUNCHTIME FOOD FOR THOUGHT: REIMAGINING PARISHES POST-PANDEMIC: EVANGELIZING OUR NEW REALITY WITH KATHLEEN DOMINGO

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.THEUNIVERSITYSERIES.ORG



February 17 - March 28

17 de Febrero - 28 de Marzo

40 Days for Life is a peaceful prayer vigil for an end to abortion begun in 2007.

40 Días por la Vida es una vigilia pacífica de oración por el fin del aborto que comenzó en 2007.

Family Planning Associates

10200 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills

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Sign up after mass or Register at

<http://tinyurl.com/OLG40>

Regístrese después de la misa o regístrese

en <http://tinyurl.com/OLG40>

Email: respectlife@ourladyofgrace.org

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- ♦ FOR UPDATES ON OUR PARISH EVENTS PLEASE FOLLOW ANY OF THESE LINKS LISTED BELOW:
- ♦ PARA INFORMACIÓN DE LOS EVENTOS DE NUESTRA PARROQUIA SÍGANOS EN CUALQUIERA DE ESTOS ENLACES A CONTINUACIÓN:



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Flocknotes: Text OLGRACE to 84576



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Phillip Ribas	Rita Gentile	Debbie Lane	Samantha Ramirez
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Mariano Velazquez	Michael Peer	Jasmin Reyes	

PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUR MILITARY MEN & WOMEN

U.S. Navy

Andres L. Aguilera
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Jake Schneider
Emily Pomposo
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U.S. Air Force

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Marco Flores
Jorje Godina
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Helen Ballestas

U.S. Coast Guard David Scates
(LAFD) Brian Page

THANK YOU FOR YOUR
SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY



DAILY MASS READINGS LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday, March 2, 2021

First: Dn 9:4b-10
Psalm: 79:8, 9, 11 and 13
Gospel: Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 3, 2021:

First: Is 1:10, 16-20
Psalm: 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23
Gospel: Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 4, 2021:

First: Jer 18:18-20
Psalm: 31:5-6, 14, 15-16
Gospel: Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, March 5, 2021

First: Jer 17:5-10
Psalm: 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6
Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

Friday, February 26, 2021

First: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Psalm: 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Gospel: Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, February 27, 2021

First: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Psalm: 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
Gospel: Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



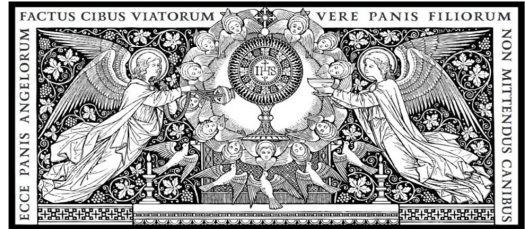
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading: Rom 8:31b-34

Gospel: Mk 9:2-10



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THIS WEEK

Monday: Leonarda Godina / Alberto Garcia
 Tuesday: Suzette Barrow
 Wednesday: Maria Ramos
 Thursday: Maria Ramos
 Friday: Fred Samaha
 Saturday: Steven Moshy

SCHEDULE UPDATES

- ♦ WEEKDAY MASSES (MON-SAT) AT 8AM ARE INSIDE THE CHURCH. ADORATION CONTINUES AT THE PARISH CENTER CHAPEL IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS MON-FRI ALL DAY UNTIL 6PM.
- ♦ STATIONS OF THE CROSS DAILY AFTER 8AM MASS AT THE PRAYER CHAPEL DURING LENT.
- ♦ PARISH OFFICE REMAINS CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC BUT IS TAKING PHONE CALLS AND EMAILS DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS.
- ♦ SHOULD YOU NEED TO DROP OFF ANY ENVELOPES OR MAIL FOR THE PARISH STAFF PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP IT OFF AT THE GRAY MAIL BOX LOCATED IN THE LAWN AREA OUTSIDE OF OUR PARISH CENTER FRONT DOOR.

MASS SCHEDULE /

HORARIO DE MISAS

SUNDAY / DOMINGO:

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:00 AM (SPANISH)

SATURDAY / SABADO:

8:00 AM AND 4:00 PM (VIGIL MASS)

WEEKDAYS: / MISA MATUTINA:

8:00 AM (PARISH CENTER)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION /

ADORACION EUCARISTICA

EVERY FRIDAY:

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

AFTER 8:00 AM MASS

(PARISH CENTER COURTYARD)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE /

CONFESIONES

(CHRISTMAS & LENT TIMES MAY CHANGE)

FRIDAY: 5:00 PM TO 6:00 PM

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM TO 10:00 AM

CONTACT THE PARISH CENTER TO ARRANGE FOR:

BAPTISM ♦ MARRIAGES ♦ VISITS TO THE SICK ♦
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

♦ NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATIONS

PARISH OFFICE HOURS /

HORARIO DE OFICINA

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 AM TO 6:00 PM

(CLOSED FOR LUNCH: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM)

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS: CLOSED

SABADO Y DOMINGO: CERRADO