

**The Transfiguration of the Lord
August 6, 2017**

The heavens proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory.
— Psalm 97:6



EYEWITNESSES

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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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I saw one like a Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14).

Psalm — The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth (Psalm 97).

Second Reading — Be attentive to the prophetic message, as to a lamp shining in a dark place (2 Peter 1:16-19).

Gospel — Jesus was transfigured, and his clothes became white as light (Matthew 17:1-9).

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	August 7
8:00 am	† Leonard Grillo
Tuesday	August 8
8:00 am	† Manuel Muscat
Wednesday	August 9
8:00 am	† Frederick G. Moy
7:00	† Helen Cadelago
Thursday	August 10
8:00 am	† Joaquin Ouano
Friday	August 11
8:00 am	† Coke Vannucchi
Saturday	August 12
8:00 am	† Coke Vannucchi
4:30 pm	† Maria Moretto
Sunday	August 13
7:30 am	† Alioto Family
	† Machi Family
9:30 am	† Dorothy Rodman
11:30 am	People of the Parish
5:00 pm	

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

Sunday Collection July 30, 2017

Weekly Need:	\$ 5,000.00
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,222.00
Over/Under	\$ 1,778.00
Redemptorists	\$ 2,700.00

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your parishioner/envelope # in the "memo" section of the check.

This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

Tuesday August 15th is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary-A Holy day of obligation. Masses for the Holy day are: Monday August 14th at 6:00pm Tuesday August 15th at 8:00 and 6:00 pm. All Masses will be in the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our parish program is for the religious instruction of children who attend public schools. Since religion is not allowed to be taught in public schools, where will these children go to learn about our Catholic faith? First and foremost, they are taught the Catholic faith by their parents. In partnership with parents, our program continues the mission of Jesus Christ, through faith formation of the students in the areas of prayer, scripture, sacraments, Church history, Church traditions, Church doctrines and ethical issues in a way that is understandable and meaningful to these young children.

The students are also prepared to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our students participate in our monthly Family Masses, the Christmas children's Mass, the Feast of St. Elizabeth, the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Flores de Mayo and Our Lady of Guadalupe celebrations.

We have classes beginning in K all the way to 8th grade (English & Spanish) at which time they are ready to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

Our classes are held every Saturday morning in Cantwell Hall beginning on September 9, 2017 until May 19, 2018. Our doors open at 8:30am to 10:30am (English) and 11:30am to 1:00pm (Spanish). Our fee is \$45.00/child which covers all books, all learning materials, sacrament receptions, sacrament gifts and many other things.

Registration forms and Family Handbooks are available at www.stelizabethsf.org or you can pick up a form at the Parish Office at 449 Holyoke Street, SF from 9:00am to 3:30pm, Monday to Thursday (closed on Fridays.)

We the teachers, parents and students, would also, like to thank all of you for your continued support of our parish religious program through the first Sunday of the month 2nd collection. Your generosity has helped tremendously to purchase the necessities to educate these children who are the future of our parish.

Thank you,
Tessie Alano
Religious Education Director

2017 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal- our goal is \$48,470.00. To date our generous parishioners have pledged **\$43,043.00** leaving a balance of **\$5,427.00**.

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Free Legal Consultations with
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Friday, August 11th
Church of the Epiphany
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm
(827 Vienna St., San Francisco)
For additional information call:
415-724-4987

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

St. Elizabeth Religious Education program is in need of a new Spanish teacher and teacher's aide for the 2017-2018 school year. By becoming a Religious Education teacher, you will be able to guide our youth in the path of our faith. With our teaching, they will be able to grow up to be devoted Catholics.

If you are interested or need more information, please contact Tessie Alano at: t_alano@yahoo.com or 415-601-0310.