



**This is My Son,
My Beloved.
Listen to Him!**

Mark 9:7

The Transfiguration of the Lord



August 6, 2017

August 6, 2017 – God manifests the Divinity of Jesus

Today's Feast of Our Lord's Transfiguration causes us to break away from the normal 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Since this feast is so great, it trumps the normal Sunday celebration, hence the readings focus on this wondrous event in the life of Our Lord. The First reading is the description of the Prophet Daniel's vision of the Ancient One (Yahweh) seated on a throne in heaven. The Son of Man (Our Lord Jesus) descends from heaven to receive from God power and dominion over the earth; being specially chosen and blessed by God to rule the earth in His name. The entire vision is a precursor to the actual Transfiguration of Our Lord on Mount Tabor. The Responsorial highlights the majesty of today's Feast where Jesus' hidden glory as Lord of all creation is manifested. In His omnipotence, God exercises justice using His power to serve and heal a broken world. Today's Second Reading bases it's teaching authority on Jesus' ministry, recalling an event St Peter experienced during Jesus' lifetime, i.e., the Transfiguration. This proves the apostolic authority of St Peter's teaching. In today's Gospel, God proclaims from the mountain tops, that Jesus is His beloved Son for us to listen to and follow. As in all important events, the three apostles: Peter, James, and John, accompany Our Lord. Together they witness the spectacular sight of Jesus' transformation with garments of dazzling white, echoing the vision of the Ancient One in the First Reading. The appearance of Moses and Elijah at Jesus' side testifies to the fact that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah). The very act of God calling Jesus His beloved Son is a reference to the royal psalms where the King is declared to be God's Son; and it is also refers to Isaiah 42 (the Suffering Servant Song) where the servant is called the Lord's beloved. So Jesus is seen to be both *divine* (God's Beloved) and the *servant*. The entire event overwhelms the three Apostles. The meaning of all this comes to them gradually, over time.

Daily Masses and Mass Intentions

Sunday 8/6/2017

- 8:00 AM (R) Pomposa & Saturnino Abella
by Dina Oswalt & Family
- 10:00 AM (R) Huey Dell Butler by Helen Butler
- 10:00 AM (R) Isaac Barron by Karen Field
- 4:30 PM (R) Elizabeth Payne by Hallissy Family

Monday 8/7/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Ronald Valerio by Kowalski Family

Tuesday 8/8/2017 *MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

- *8:30 AM (R) Lucia Danino by Jorge Danino

Wednesday 8/9/2017

- 8:30 AM (I) Andrea Adams by Bill & Kathy Baxter
- 8:30 AM (I) Molly Nichols by St. Mel Faculty & Staff

Thursday 8/10/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Jesse H. Ramirez by Sarah Gomez

Friday 8/11/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Sharon Chase by Dolores Moniz

Saturday 8/12/2017

- 8:30 AM (R) Ronald Valerio by Kowalski Family
- 4:30 PM (I) Frank & Cyndy Mason 50th Wedding
Anniversary by St. Vincent de Paul
- 4:30 PM (I) Delight Hart by Pat Scott

Sunday 8/13/2017

- 8:00 AM (I) Frank & Cyndy Mason
50th Wedding Anniversary
- 10:00 AM (R) Mildred O'Gara
by Karen Field & Greg Wessel
- 4:30 PM (R) George Gaudet by Michele Carrothers

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA COLLECTION

Next week, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Please prayerfully consider supporting this collection, which assists programs that strengthen the faith in Latin America and the Caribbean. Your gifts help share the faith by providing lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, as well as other programs. To learn more, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

RECOGNITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

All wedding anniversaries for the month of August will be recognized at all Masses this weekend, August 5th & 6th.

ST. MEL YOUTH GROUP

The St. Mel Youth Group will be meeting again on August 13th from 5:30-8:00PM in the St. Mel Convent. All high school youth are invited to join the fun!

ST. MEL YOUNG ADULTS

Beginning in August, the St. Mel Young Adult group will meet every Third Saturday following the 4:30PM Mass in the Convent. All ages 18-39 are welcome! Hope to see you August 19th!

BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Parents and Godparents, there will be a Baptism Preparation Class on Tuesday, August 8th at 7:00PM in the Parish Center Conference room. If you are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office to register. 967-1229.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Deacon Pescetti will be conducting a training class for new Eucharistic Ministers, in the Church, on Wednesday, August 16th, at 6:00 PM. Any adult parishioner who wishes to partake in this rewarding ministry should plan on attending. For additional information, call Bill or Joyce Savage, 944-1374.

MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

EVERY good, young, practicing Catholic man who loves Jesus Christ and his church should ask himself this question:

Is Jesus Christ calling ME to become a priest?

How do you answer this question? Have you taken the time to gather good information about the priesthood?

The Melchizedek Project series and discussions will help you gain the spiritual tools to discern your true vocation and become a better Catholic man in whatever vocation God is calling you to, whether it's to the priesthood, religious life, married or single life in generous service to Christ.

Open to all young men (18-30s) in the Diocese of Sacramento. The sessions are led by a priest and are confidential. First session begins Thursday, September 14, 2017, 7-8:30PM, at St. Mel Parish in the St. Jude Room.

This is seven part program and the cost is free. You will be given a copy of a book to help with discussions, but to ensure adequate supplies, please pre-register with the Diocesan Vocations Office, 733-0258.

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

CFF registration is now open. CFF classes will meet Sunday mornings from 9-10AM. Registration fee is \$25 per child. \$65 maximum per family. Please go to stmelchurch.org to print out your registration form.

RESPECT LIFE GATHERING

The Diocesan Respect Life Gathering is open to all (parish volunteers, teachers, youth & young adult leaders, etc.) who have a passion for pro-life work. Come for fellowship, networking, exhibitor tables, prayer, and more! Join us on August 26th, 10AM – 3PM at St. Mel Catholic Church in Fair Oaks. An optional Mass with Bishop Soto begins at 8:30AM. Lunch is provided. The event is free, but registration is required prior to August 14th. Must be over 18 to attend. To register, visit scdlife.eventbrite.com. For more information, contact Steve Patton, 733-0133 or spatton@scd.org.

SEMINARIAN BIRTHDAY CARD CAMPAIGN

The Vocations Committee asks you to remember the two Seminarians who have birthdays this month. On August 12th, Jesus Hernandez celebrates. He is studying at St. Patrick's Seminary, 320 Middlefield Road, Menlo Park, CA, 94025. Ryan Mahar celebrates on August 13th and he is studying at Mt. Angel Seminary, 1 Abbey Drive, St. Benedict, OR, 97373.

SCRIPTURE & RELIGIOUS STUDY PROGRAM

Scripture and Religious studies will begin again in mid-September. The following studies will be offered:

Monday PM: TBA

Tuesday AM: *Eucharist: Discovering Mass in the Old and New Testament*

Tuesday PM: *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players*

Tuesday PM: *Epic: Early Church-First 500 Years*

Wednesday PM: Ongoing class

Thursday AM: *Mary: Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*

Thursday PM: *Follow Me: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John*

Watch the bulletin for registration dates and times. Questions? Call Cheryl, 769-4627 or 966-1830 or Karen, 202-0606 or 966-0184.

CHAPEL OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Perpetual Adoration

GREAT NEED FOR ADORERS:

Sunday: 10 - 11am, 5 - 6pm, 6 - 7pm

Tuesday: 10 - 11am

Wednesday: 3 - 4am

Thursday: 6 - 7am

Friday: 4 - 5pm

**Saturday: 3 - 4am, 1 - 2pm,
3 - 4pm, 4 - 5pm**



If you would like to be in the Real Presence of Jesus and visit with Him for one or more of the above hours, or any Hour, or be a substitute, please call Marge, 967-0641 or Chris, 966-3266. God is "thirsting" for you to satiate "His thirst".

Please remember to call if you can't make your assigned hour out of respect to those who are in the Adoration Chapel waiting for you to arrive.

**Commentator & Music Leaders & Altar Servers
August 12th & 13th**

Mass Times	Commentator Altar Servers	Music Leader
SAT 4:30PM	Mammanno N / Mammanno F Michael & Ralph	Men's Choir
SUN 8:00AM	Wagner Da / Kreamer Matthew & Sarah	Cantor
SUN 10:00AM	Welsh / Grass John & Gabrielle	Contemporary Choir
SUN 4:30 PM	Ricaforte / Styer Kate & Andrew	Youth Choir

MISSIONARY COOPERATIVE APPEAL

The Missionary Cooperative Appeal is an annual program in which missionaries from around the world speak at a parish in our diocese. This weekend, August 5th & 6th, St. Mel welcomes Father Pascal Siben from the Diocese of Kikwit in the Republic of the Congo in Africa. Fr. Siben will share with us the courageous evangelization efforts of the 221 priests in the Diocese of Kikwit and give us an opportunity to support their work in the field.

A second collection will be taken up following Father Siben's presentation. Special envelopes will be provided for your convenience. Donations made by check should be made payable to St. Mel Church. All funds collected throughout the Diocese will be equally divided among the 51 missionary organizations visiting the Diocese of Sacramento this year. Thank you for your generosity.

FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DISCUSSION GROUP

You are invited to Matthew Kelly's FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC: *How Engaging 1% of Catholics Could Change the World* Discussion group! Please join us at 6:30PM in the former convent, on Tuesday, August 15th. We will discuss Chapter 1, "Incredible Possibilities," pages 9-37. There are 6 chapters and we will meet monthly. This is an opportunity to enrich your Catholic faith and enjoy fellowship, as we bring the "genius of Catholicism" to life. Any questions? Call Martha Styer, 962-3307. A free copy of book is available at dynamic-catholic.com.

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Join our students in finding out what the Catholic Church believes, and how you may be received into the Church Jesus started! Our ministry is year around. It is never too late to start your own spiritual journey of discovery! For more information call Michael Faber, 719-5565.

Please Pray for the Chronically Ill of Our Parish

(Names of those with long-term illnesses will appear on this list and be printed in the Church bulletin on the first Sunday of each month.)

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| Albert Gonzales | Garrett Heisinger | Louis Patterson |
| Auroa Deese | George Snyder, Sr. | Lynn Warner |
| Betty Cerato | Gerrie & Paul Parker | Manuel Ybarra |
| Bill & Shirley Jones | Howie Hoel | Maria Erickson |
| Bruce King | James English | Marie Lofgren |
| Cecelia Beviacqua | Jody Martinez | Mary Hoel |
| Charles J. Ortner | Lynda Cook | Ralph Virgen |
| Connie McKie | | Veronica Saenz |



When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were distressed and helpless like sheep without a shepherd. –Mt 9:36

Reflection: At times, we have all "aborted" God's will in our lives. We never look down on those who have committed the sin of abortion or who promote it. They are not the enemy but rather are *captive to the enemy*.

We seek to free them, as their brothers and sisters who are no strangers to temptation, error, and sin.

Prayer: God of compassion, fill me with the same compassion You have for me and for all who have sinned.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS OF POPE FRANCIS



Please join the **Legion of Mary** in praying daily the intentions of Pope Francis for August. Please place special emphasis this month on... *Artists*.

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish

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| Al Volmer | Gianna Atilano | Katie Spain |
| Alan Cheuse | Grace Barrios | Keith Sprenkle |
| Alex Quiroz | Gregory David | King David Chico |
| Amanda Barron | Helen S. Worthington | Latasha Rodriguez |
| Anthony Caillou | James A. Martinez | Linda Ramsey |
| Arthur Morton | Jean Crupi | Lydia Melendez |
| Audrey Holden | Jeanette Barron | Margaret Anderson |
| Bob Ahern, Sr. | Jerry Esparza | Margarit Valley |
| Candy Barrios | Jerry Smith | Mary Alyce Gisla |
| Catherine Leddy | Jim Maher | Mary Spain |
| Charles Joseph Ortner | Joanne Kim | Michael English |
| Cheryl Richardson | Jody & Ron Martinez | Michael J. Martinez |
| Chris Stabile | Johanna Ross | Michelle Atwood |
| Christian Dimitri | John & Judy English | Mollie Dear |
| Daniel Schwartz, III | John Forrest | Nellie Henson |
| Dave Kangas | John Langland | Nick Tenaglia |
| Dave Knokey | Josefina Gonzalez | P. J. Spain |
| Deana Landingham | John Wise, Jr. | Patty Arcenequex- Conti |
| Delfina Rodriguez | Jose Mascoro | Pilo DeLeon |
| Donald Wise | Joseph Dimitri | Ray Willey |
| Dora V. Marczak | Joseph Jacin | Rendtor Ramirez |
| Dora Palpallatoc | Joseph McCormick | Richard Robinson |
| Eduardo Murallon | Judy Spinelli | Robert Atkinson |
| Elizabeth McMahon | Karen Petersen | Robin Dunton |
| Evelyn Dimitri | Katie Grant | Rodney Wise |
| Garvin Arnett | Katie Henson | Rudy Worthington |
| George Kim | | |

St. Mel Parish Ministries & Social Groups (REV. July 5, 2017)

PARISH COUNCILS		
Parish Pastoral Council	Bob Mayer	342-2139
Parish Finance Council	Jim Joyce	967-1229
PARISH SCHOOL		
St. Mel School:	Janet Nagel (Principal)	967-2814
St. Mel School Parents Club:	Contact the School Office	967-2814
St. Mel Youth Group	Giovanna Bellocci	Call the Parish Office
St. Mel Young Adults (ages 18-39)	Giovanna Bellocci	Call Parish Office
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION		
R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults):	Michael Faber	686-7020
Lighthouse Catholic Media	Mary Schaefer	988-3171
Catholics Return Home:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Catholic Faith Formation (CFF):	Sara Donnelly	966-4314
Scripture & Religious Study:	Cheryl Hoffmann / or Karen Fitts	966-1830 / 966-0184
Parish Library open after weekend Masses:	Joanne Wagner	967-0190
LITURGICAL SERVICES		
Altar Servers:	Dave Murray	338-5011
Music Ministry Director	Aaron Thompson	stmelmusic@outlook.com
Commentators:	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
Eucharistic Ministers:	Deacon Anthony Pescetti	704-0057
Ushers	Patrick Wagner	961-8652
PRAYER ADVOCACY		
Charismatic Prayer Group	Karen Juten / Chris Juten	712-3706 / 715-1162
Fiat Rosary Group	Peggy Grass (Wed)/Marge Young (Tues)	962-9244 / 967-2540
Eucharistic Adoration Chapel:	Marge Della Villa / Chris Guzman	967-0641 / 966-3266
"D. J. M." Disciples of Jesus and Mary	Joanne Hammett	765-4007
Legion of Mary (Day):		
	Joyce Savage	342-6179
Society of Our Lady of Guadalupe:		
	Dolores Leon	337-1800
Prayer Chain:		
	Dolores Moniz	962-0571
Fraternity of Fatherhood:		
	Mike Allison	834-6226
Men's Cursillo Group:		
	Chuck Friedrich	635-7791
SOCIAL CONCERNS		
Annettes (St. Mel's funeral luncheon providers):	Parish Office	967-1229
Loaves and Fishes Volunteers:	Kathy Yanez	967-1229
Knights of Columbus #6066:	Jim Carlson	801-9373
St. Mel "Sip & Sup" Fellowship Dinner Program	Roelof & Claire Van Ark	802-1089
St. Vincent de Paul Society:	Bill Savage	967-1229
Sacramento Life Center: Pro-Life Pregnancy Support:	Joanne Hammett	451-4357
Fr. Richard Doheny Religious Education Fund:		
	Walt Schaff	961-4698
Bishop-Gallegos Maternity Home:		
	Mary Schaefer / or June Schott	988-3171 / 967-9158
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS		
Altar Society:	Parish Office	967-1229
Marriage Encounter:	John & Regina Ruport	987-5616
Boy Scouts #217:	Chris Herne / Bob Mayer	798-8493 / 342-2139
Cub Scouts	Chuck Brasfield	214-5730
Girl Scouts:	Jill Dutra	217-3990
KKIS:	Laura Lumenta	718-2718
OPUS DEI:	Deidra Chapman	944-1356 or 425-4904
Children's Liturgy	Sara Lebeck / Serena Carleton	967-1229
Clara's House	Martha Rusnak	448-3976
Religious Articles:	Brenda McCollum / Dorothy Wagner	967-1229
Vocations Ministry:	Jeanne Condon	349-6936
Wedding Coordinator:	Karen Fitts	966-0184
Parish Center Coordinators:	Yolanda & Jim Carlson	966-3803
For Any Changes to Ministry List	Parish Office	967-1229

We welcome all new parishioners and ask that you complete this registration form and place it in the collection basket at Mass, or return it to the Parish Office.

Quick Registration St. Mel Catholic Church		Envelopes?	Yes	No
Last Name _____		First Name(s) _____		
Mailing Name (i.e. Mr. & Mrs. John Doe) _____				
Address: _____				
Street	City	Zip Code		
Phone # _____				
E-mail _____				
CONTACT ME BY: <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/> EMAIL				
Do you have any special request: _____				