

The Transfiguration of the Lord-Week in Ordinary Time-Year A

1. What does the word "transfiguration" mean? From the Latin *trans-* ("across") + *figura* ("form, shape"). Thus: a change of form or appearance. Jesus' appearance became glorious.

2. What happened right before the Transfiguration? In Luke 9:27 Jesus says: "There are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God." This is often taken as a prophecy that the end of the world would occur before the first generation of Christians died. The phrase "kingdom of God" can also refer to the Church--the outward sign of God's invisible kingdom. The kingdom is also embodied in Jesus and is "seen" as He reveals in an unusual way.

3. Did such a manifestation occur? Yes, and it is seen in the Transfiguration. Pope Benedict states that it has been convincingly argued that the placing of this saying immediately before the Transfiguration clearly relates it to this event.

Some—that is to say, the three disciples who accompany Jesus up the mountain—are promised that they will personally witness the coming of the Kingdom of God 'in power.' On the mountain the three see in Jesus the glory of God's Kingdom. On the mountain they learn that Jesus himself is the living Torah, the complete Word of God. On the mountain they see the 'power' (*dynamis*) of the Kingdom that is coming in Christ

4. Who witnessed the Transfiguration? The 3 who witness the event are Peter, James, and John, the three core disciples.

5. Where did the Transfiguration take place? Luke states that Jesus took the three "on the mountain to pray." It is often thought to be Mt. Tabor. In Israel but not identified **precisely**.

6. Why did the Transfiguration take place? The Catechism explains it this way: Christ's Transfiguration aims at strengthening the apostles' faith in anticipation of his Passion: the ascent onto the 'high mountain' prepares for the ascent to Calvary. Christ, Head of the Church, manifests what his Body contains and radiates in the sacraments: 'the hope of glory' [CCC 568].

7. What does Luke--in particular--tell us about this event?

Luke recalls 3 event details that the other evangelists do not: 1 he notes that this happened while Jesus was praying. 2 He relates that Peter and the others "were heavy with sleep, and when they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him." 3 He tells that Peter asked to put up 3 booths

8. Why do Moses and Elijah appear? Moses and Elijah represent the main parts of the Old Testament: the Law and the Prophets. Both "spoke of his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem" shows the Law and the Prophets point to the Messiah's sufferings. This points to Jesus' saying on the road to Emmaus that the Scriptures point to himself (Lk. 24:27)

9. Why was Peter's suggestion misguided? Peter wanted to prolong the experience of glory. The event is to point forward to the sufferings Jesus will experience. It's meant to strengthen the disciples faith, revealing the divine in these events. This is why Moses and Elijah have been speaking "about his departure, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem." Peter misses the point. As a rebuke, a theophany occurs: "A cloud came...they were afraid as they entered the cloud...a voice came out of the cloud, saying, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!'"

10. What can we learn from this? The Transfiguration was a special temporary event given to those chosen for a privileged spiritual experience meant to strengthen their faith for the challenges they would later endure. It was temporary; not permanent. So at certain times God may give certain members of the faithful (*not* all of the faithful, all the time), special experiences of his grace that strengthen their faith..

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat. 5:30pm for the Lord's blessings on Pledge Drive Number VI. **Sun 9:00am** for blessings to be upon them and through their work on our Stewardship Council. **Sun 11:00am** for all the people of St. Anna's parish family

TREASURE STEWARDSHIP:

\$10,371.00

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

PRIORITIES

"A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove... But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child."

Catechists are **STILL** needed in grades 1 & 3 and catechist aides are still needed in grades 1, 5 & 6.

YOU CAN BE IMPORTANT IN THE LIFE OF A CHILD... volunteer to be a catechist or catechist aide

Contact Deb Farabaugh at

dfarabaugh@st-annas.com or 770-267-7637.

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN FOR SCHOOL OF RELIGION CLASSES!

Registration letters were mailed to all previously registered families last week. If you were not registered last year, registration forms are available online at www.st-annas.com or under the T.V. in the Narthex. Completed registrations forms with fee enclosed, can be mailed to or

dropped off at the church, placed in the basket in the Narthex, or emailed to dfarabaugh@st-annas.com.

Registrations will also be accepted after all the Masses the weekend of August 26th & 27th. **ALL registration forms are due to the School of Religion office by August 27th.**

**REGISTER
FOR SCHOOL**

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE! First grade Religious Education is required before a child can enter the 2nd grade Sacramental year. If you have a child in 1st grade this year, please register him/her for School of Religion class.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our next **WYN (Wednesday Youth Night)** is this Wed. August 9th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come and celebrate your return to a new school year. Pizza and activities makes for a fun evening!

CLIP VOTING BALLOT BELOW AND PLACE IN BOX UNDER COMPUTER SCREEN IN THE NARTHEX—thanks

Saturday

5:00 PM

**IF YOU ATTEND 5:30
SATURDAY MASS.....
CIRCLE YOUR VOTE**

Saturday

5:30 PM

DO YOU LIKE CHILDREN AND BABIES?

Our children & families need you!
We need parents/grandparents for our church nursery during the Masses.



We also would like to start Children's Liturgy of the Word for our littlest members. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or both of these ministries.



Thanks to our very own artist, Connie Odum, and husband and assistant, Richard Odum, we now have a stunningly beautiful, one-of-a-kind work of art!
We thank-you Connie!

Application Deadline for Women's CRHP is Tuesday, August 8!!

The **VIRTUS CHILD PROTECTION CLASS** for adults will be offered at St. Anna's on **SATURADAY, AUGUST 26th** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. All volunteers who come in contact with children are required to take this class. Registration is online at www.virtus.org.

Are you thinking of becoming Catholic?



Would you like to learn more about your Catholic Faith or are you considering becoming Catholic? Join us beginning Tuesday, September 19th in room 108 for the RCIA class! We meet every Tuesday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. You'll meet a group of wonderful folks gathered to share your faith journey with you. Please join us on Tues., September 19th or call Deb Farabaugh at 770-267-7637 for more information.

Picnic Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 10, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall.
Questions? Karen Straub: 770-377-3731

Women's CRHP Weekend: August 19-20, 2017
Men's CRHP Weekend: September 23-24, 2017

The *Christ Renews His Parish* Weekend is: an opportunity to refocus; by setting aside work and pressures of everyday life! It is an opportunity to enter a quiet and prayerful atmosphere, focused on reconnecting with the Lord.



PRAY ABOUT IT!

Questions, do not hesitate to contact:

Women-Allison Graham: 770-695-1517
Men-Patrick Graham: 903-905-2455

ST. ANNA'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN IV GOAL
\$850,000
3 YEAR CAMPAIGN
December 2017-December 2020

Purposes of Campaign IV:

1. Pay off mortgage.
2. Pave rear parking lot and stations path, pave and improve stairs to pavilion, and repair concrete as needed.
3. Determine and implement an acoustical solution for the narthex.
4. Your ideas on projects to be voted on at a town hall meeting in November.

"Naturally, participation is voluntary. I do ask all to give this prayerful consideration and do what you believe it right." – Father Dan

Trivia Night, Saturday, August 12 at 7pm in the parish Hall. **EVERYONE** invited to Come! Bring a team OR join a team. \$10/player Cash prizes, Door prizes, snacks & drinks provided **BYOB** - - O.K. Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus. The free answer is: BEANS



Mass time will change from 11:00 to Noon on Sunday, September 10th. If Saturday Mass 5:00? 5:30? Changes it will be implemented Saturday, Sept. 9th.

Enroll or Re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards

Designate the reward points you earn to St. Anna's by using your Kroger Plus Card. Please visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com If you have any questions, contact one of the team members in Public Affairs at 770.496.7538



Call the Church Office at 770-267-7637 to get items on the Calendar!!!!

WEEKLY VERSES
A week's worth of God's Word

Aug 6. thru Aug. 12
Saturday: Confessions
begin at 4 PM

- Sunday:** Dn 7:9-10.13-14. / Ps 97(96):1-2.5-6.9. / Mt 17:1-9.
Monday: Numb. 11:4b-15. / Ps 81(80):12-13.14-15.16-17. / Mt 14:13-21.
Tuesday: Numb. 12:1-13. / Ps 51(50):3-4.5-6a.6bc-7.12-13. / Mt 14:22-36.
Wednesday: Numb. 13:1-2.25-33.14:1.26-29.34-35. / Ps 106(105):6-7a.13-14.21-22.23. / Mt 15:21-28.
Thursday: 2 Cor. 9:6-10. / Ps 112(111):1-2.5-6.7-8.9. / Jn 12:24-26.
Friday: Deut 4:32-40. / Ps 77(76):12-13.14-15.16.21. / Mt 16:24-28.
Saturday: Deut 6:4-13. / Ps 18(17):2-3a.3bc-4.47.51ab. / Mt 17:14-20.

Nursery

Prayerfully consider serving in the Nursery. Contact Mrs. Deb to HELP!

Available for 9:00 Mass and 11:00 Mass

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