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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	9:00 am

Weekdays

Wednesday	9:00 am
First Friday of each month	9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Wednesday after 9:00 am Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation

First Friday of each month	8:30 am
First Saturday of each month	3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Or by appointment

August 6, 2017

WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

On Gardening 2017

Each year I typically write one or two articles, one in the beginning of the growing season and one near the end. However, since nothing has been written so far this year and we're already halfway through the summer, this article will be the only one I write. Overall my garden is growing better than it has in recent years, largely because some topsoil was added back in May, however...to be explained later.

The seeds planted were, for the most part, what is ordinarily sowed. First to be planted were radishes, lettuce, spinach, potatoes, and red, green, and yellow onions. Then carrots, beets, peas, and green beans were sowed. Next came the vegetables that were purchased at a greenhouse: tomatoes, bell peppers, red cabbage, and cucumbers. Also, for the first time, a couple Brussel sprouts were put into the garden. Lastly, to round off the garden, cantaloupe and pumpkin plants were put into the ground next to the gazebo.

As mentioned in my homily a few weeks ago, the lettuce, spinach, carrots, and beets didn't come up. Except for the spinach, the other three vegetables were replanted with no success the second time. Since it was getting late into the growing season and the weather was hot, a third planting didn't happen. As for the rest of the garden, all is growing and many are, or soon will be, producing. However, the cantaloupe and pumpkin plants are quite small, and with probably less than two months of the growing season left, there aren't high hopes for fruit to come from these two plants.

The radishes, onions, peas, green beans, cucumbers, tomatoes, and peppers have been harvested. The red cabbage, Brussel sprouts, and potatoes still need to grow for a while. Moreover, I planted more red cabbage than I will ever be able to eat; therefore, some will be given away.

While gardening every year, I generally go about my planting, weeding, watering, and harvesting in silence. Thus it is a time for reflection, and in particular this year, to ponder about my garden as a diversion and not a necessity in my life. Obviously, I am not dependent on the success of the produce. If something doesn't grow such as the carrots and beets, I can go either to a local farmers market or to the grocery store. Nor is it essential that I store or can the harvest, for those items can also be purchased at the store. Granted, the vegetables outside the growing season are not very flavorful, but are nonetheless, available. In one way or another food is readily obtainable and in abundance, at least for those who can afford it.

Another comfort I consider is dirt, that is, dirt that is on my clothes and body when gardening. No, dirt isn't a comfort. What I mean is that when I'm gardening, I wear shorts but don't wear gloves; therefore, my knees and hands are covered with lots of dirt. Comfortably, I can go inside and wash. I think about how men and women one hundred years ago not only had to garden to grow food for survive, but also didn't have an opportunity to cleanse each day- a discomfort.

Definitely, the way I garden is enjoyable, except when the mosquitoes bite. I can shower and feel comfortable while getting rid of most of the dirt on me. Yeah, I am grateful to have garden as a hobby.

Have a wonderful week, Father Shane

PARISH NEWS



A Place for You will be holding a Bass fishing contest on August 19, 2017 to raise money for A Place For You transitional homeless shelter. Visit <http://apfy.org/> for more information.

Our next **Parish Council Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, August 15th at 7pm.**

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Solemnity and Holy Day of Obligation is Tuesday, August 15.

Masses are scheduled:

Tuesday, August 15 at 9:00 a.m. at St. Gregory Tuesday,

August 15 at 9:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart

Tuesday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. at St. Gregory

Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart

Reflection: In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God's holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness. Read more at www.franciscanmedia.org/solemnity-of-the-assumption-of-mary/



Save the Date! Our Fall Festival will be Sunday, September 17.

The next planning meeting for the Fall Festival will be Wednesday, August 9, at 7:00 pm in Wey Hall.

Sign up sheets are in the back of church for many different activities for the festival. We need everyone's involvement to make the festival a success. Please sign up with your name and number where you would like to volunteer. Coordinators will then contact you.

We will need donations for prizes for children's games and bottles of pop (2 liter size). Bins are in the back of church for these donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation, envelopes are in the pews, and your donation can be dropped in the offertory baskets.

If you or your business would like to donate items for the Silent Auction, please contact Phyllis Keating at 651.307.8448.



MASS INTENTIONS



August 9 Open
August 12 Open
August 13 Open

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are ill in any way and would like to have your name included in the Sunday Prayers of the Faithful, contact the Parish office. Also, any prayer request or needs can be written in our Parish Intercessory Book in the back of church AT ANY TIME.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Totals for the week of 8/1/17

Plate	316.00
Envelopes.....	1586.00
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Please advise the office if any of these names can be removed. Thank you.

"Loving God, we ask that you enfold in your tender compassionate care all those in our community whose hearts are breaking and whose worries consume them."

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 12 at 4:00 pm

Lector: Rick Drevecky
Communion: Mary Stenger, Kristie Frazier
Gifts: Thiel Family
Ushers: Ted Stathes, Dick Ordner
Servers: Connor Frazier

Sunday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m.

Lectors: Sue Roth, Wayne Herberg
Communion: Liz Herberg, David Prickett, Scott Tryon*
Gifts: Herberg Family
Ushers: Dennis Kaufmann, Joe Moore, Don Belland
Servers: Maggie Roth, Elena Herberg

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 9

Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
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Saturday, August 12

Fr. Fitzgerald	Sacred Heart	4:00 pm
Fr. Nygaard	St. Gregory's	5:00 pm

Sunday, August 13

Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	8:30 am
Fr. Nygaard	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Fitzgerald	St. Gregory's	10:30 am

Tuesday, August 15 Assumption

Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	9:00 am
Fr. Nygaard	St. Gregory	9:00 am/ 6:00 pm
Fr. Chuck	Sacred Heart	6:00 pm

Daily Prayer This Week

This week we can ask, in the variety of ways, in the situations of our daily lives, that our eyes might be opened to see Jesus as he really is - glorified, with the Father, and ready to renew our faith and trust in him.

As we begin our day, and at brief times throughout our day, we can pull our consciousness together by letting the themes of this week's reading guide us.

One day, we might ask to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus as we go through a day full of strong wind and waves. We can ask again and again, as things get tougher and more challenging. Another day, we might focus on what comes out of our mouths. Is there cynicism, judgments, distortions of the truth, divisive and self-serving manipulation, yelling and hurtful put-downs? How do I practice using my voice to give praise to God by affirming others, forgiving them, by telling the truth, by defending the poor and the voiceless, by giving God thanks?

Another day, I might be conscious of those I regard as "dogs," those I disdain or think of as "the enemy." I might ask for the grace to open my heart to whatever faith in God they have, however different from mine. I might ask for a sense of solidarity with them, not because it is my desire or inclination, but because it is God's desire for me. How can I heal and reconcile, at least in my heart, what needs healing: racism, sexism, anti-Semitism, anti-Muslimism, fear and hatred of foreigners, hostility against the poor or my harsh judgments about "sinners."



Later in the week, we can get in touch with the call of Jesus to deny ourselves. This is not self-denial for its own sake. This is the dying to self that comes from loving in the self-sacrificing way that Jesus did. Who in my family, friends, relative, co-workers, members of my parish or congregation needs my self-denying love? How have I focused on "gaining the world" and lost some of my true self in the process? Is there some way this week that I can taste discovering my true self in giving some time, some compassion, some love, some special care to someone who needs this from me?

And throughout the week, perhaps at a special time of powerlessness or some time when I feel that I don't have the energy or gifts to do the "more," to move a mountain, I can ask for faith the size of a mustard seed. And, each night I can give thanks to God for being generous to me all week, for this simple focus on our relationship every day.



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