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**AUGUST 6, 2023**  
**The Transfiguration of the Lord**



## CHAPEL STAFF:

Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV  
Fr. Victor Nwabueze, OMV  
Fr. Michael Warren, OMV

## Sundays:

Fr. James Walther, OMV  
Fr. Sean Morris, OMV

**Music:** Saul Garcia, Cesar Garcia, Stacey Ibe

## Cleaning of Chapel

**Environment:** Nubia Viasus

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



## Cover Art:

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## SCHEDULE

### Sunday Masses:

**Saturday Vigil** 4:00PM,  
5:30 PM, (en español)

**Sun.** 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM,  
1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

### Weekday Masses:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM  
**Saturday** 9:00AM, 12PM

### Confessions:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:30 -11:50AM, 12:30-4:40PM  
**Saturday** 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:30-3:30PM

### Devotions:

**Tuesday** after Mass: Our Lady  
**Wednesday** after Mass: St. Joseph  
**Thursday** after Mass: St. Jude

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

**Mon.—Fri.** 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM;  
**Sat.** 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM;  
**Sunday** 2:30-3:30PM

### Gift Shop Hours:

**Monday—Friday** 10:00AM - 4:30PM\*;  
**Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:00PM\*;  
**Sunday** 8:45AM - 6:00PM\*  
(\*Closed during Masses)

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## Reflection by Fr. Isaac Abu, OMV

### Lost in Contemplation

The Feast of the Transfiguration of Christ recalls the unveiling of the Divinity of Jesus Christ, the beloved son of the Father. Contemplating this important event in the life of Christ makes one marvel, considering the fact that everything about it is mind blowing.

**The Place, A Mountain top.** It is usually a place for encounter, where personalities in the Old Testament went for the purpose of encountering God. In a unique manner, the Lord decided that this event should occur on a mountain top. In our individual encounter with the Lord, we should always go to our respective Mountain tops: quiet, less distracting corners in our rooms, in the Church, and other places of encounter.

**The Personalities:** There were different personalities involved, personalities from above (Moses and Elijah) and from below (Peter, James, and John) with Christ between them. First, these personalities attested to and fulfilled the scripture that requires two or three witnesses to sustain a charge (Deut. 17: 6). To assure and prove beyond every reasonable doubt, the Lord gave two Old Testament witnesses and three New Testament witnesses. Secondly, Old Testament witnesses, Moses and Elijah, represent the Law and the Prophets. Going by the popular belief among the Jews that the Law represents the “Will of God” while the Prophets represent the “mind of God” in the sense that they expressed God’s mind, i.e., the will and the mind of the Father, made known once more by God the Son, standing between the Law and Prophets. And God the Father, in the presence of God the Holy Spirit represented by the Cloud, declared, “this is my beloved Son listen to Him.” By all standards, we cannot be lost enough in the contemplation of the transfiguration of Christ. The Trinitarian manifestation is by all means a call to a responsible adhesion to a life in the Trinity by living out our Christian vocations, this clarion call from the Father to listen and act accordingly draws our attention to always be active and intentional followers of Christ. Just as Peter, James and John were witnesses to the manifestation Jesus’ Divine Nature, so too, we will be his witnesses to everyone.

May his sufficient grace enable us to listen and act well and be moved from contemplation to Right Action.

## Please Pray for Us

The St. Ignatius Province of the Oblates of the Virgin Mary, which is all Oblates living and serving in the United States are holding our bi-annual Assembly this coming week in Boston at St. Clement Eucharistic Shrine. This is an opportunity for Oblates in the USA to come together for a week of fraternity and continuing education. We gather to share with each other reports about our work and community life. We pray together and see all our brother Oblates in America. Please pray for us as we gather this week.



At St. Francis Chapel we are grateful to have Jesuit priests from the Loyola House Community in Boston celebrating the daily Masses and hearing confessions Monday through Friday, August 7-11. The Oblates will be returning to the Chapel on Saturday, August 12.

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

### Sunday, August 6

**8:00 AM** +Matthew McGoona—18th birthday remembrance  
**9:15 AM** Nancy Tarsa—special intention  
**10:30 AM** +David Scattergood & his wife  
**11:45 AM** +Dr. George Roy Zacharias  
**1:15 PM** +Pablo Lyons  
**4:00 PM** +Dr. Ravikantha Roy  
**5:30 PM** Horsley Family living and deceased

### Monday, August 7

**8:00 AM** +Ron Losniak  
**12:05 PM** Rajesh & Sandhya Zacharias  
**4:45 PM** LoPita Pinto—birthday

### Tuesday, August 8

**8:00 AM** +Maria & +Luigi Della Peruta—wedding anniv.  
**12:05 PM** +Benjamin Dibiase  
**4:45 PM** +John R. Flavin, Jr.—anniv.

### Wednesday, August 9

**8:00 AM** Souls in Purgatory  
**12:05 PM** In honor of St. Joseph  
**4:45 PM** Gail P. Newell

### Thursday, August 10

**8:00 AM** Fra Luigi Naselli di Gela  
**12:05 PM** +Reta Kopp  
**4:45 PM** Anna Maria Centafanti

### Friday, August 11

**8:00 AM** Michael Wallace  
**12:05 PM** Fra Luigi Naselli di Gela  
**4:45 PM** Emilia Franciosi

### Saturday, August 12

**9:00 AM** +Saluators & +Marianne Cangenni  
**12:00 PM** Fra Luigi Naselli di Gela  
**4:00 PM** Jian Chen—blessings  
**5:30 PM** +Pedro Valdiviezo

## Prayer Before Mass



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

**Akathist Hymn of Discipleship in Christ  
For the Transfiguration of the Lord**

**Kontakion 1**

Jesus Christ, our Lord and King, graciously attend to our desire to follow You and to be Your disciples. We pray that we may continually learn about You and increasingly become like You. Grant that we adhere to Your teachings with complete devotion, such that we glorify You with everything we say and do. May the whole world know that we are believers and doers of the word as we say:

Glory to You, Jesus Christ our Lord and King.

**Ikos 1**

No disciple is superior to the teacher but, with suitable preparation, we seek to imitate You, our Lord Jesus, in truth and love. Let us begin by removing the gross impurities from our own heart and not focus on our neighbor's trivialities. May we work out our own salvation as we humbly sing these praises:

Be merciful, for You are the True Teacher of the True Way.  
Be merciful, for Satan is fixated on taking us for his own.  
Be merciful, for at sunrise we set forth to walk with You.  
Be merciful, for at sunset we thank You for letting us serve You.  
Be merciful, for You summon us to prayer in the darkness of night.  
Be merciful, for Satan devours those who are not watchful.  
Be merciful, for we are Your disciples and You shield us with Your love.  
Be merciful, for none is worthy but we trust and obey as instructed.  
Be merciful, for the stubborn shall dig their heels into the pit of pride.  
Be merciful, for the self-righteous shall fall into the vale of vanity.  
Be merciful, for we cling to You like grapes to the Vine.  
Be merciful, for we bow to You like wheat to the Sun.  
Glory to You, Jesus Christ our Lord and King.

**Kontakion 2**

We leave behind every entrapment of the world to follow You, Lord Jesus. We disown whatever does not support Your divine purpose, whatever does not sustain the soul, and whatever does not spread the Kingdom. We desire only to do good, but we can do nothing good without You. We therefore abide in You day and night: praying, studying, walking, and always saying: Alleluia.

**Ikos 2**

We deny ourselves as the center of all attention and activity. We place You, Christ God, at the center of our lives. We direct all our efforts toward serving and exalting You and the Father and the Holy Spirit. Even if the world misunderstands us and our family abandons us, and even if other Christians slander us, we know that all things work together for the good of those who bring praises to You:

Be merciful, Transfigured Teacher, for Peter, James, and John were commanded by God to listen to You.  
Be merciful and shine Your knowledge and wisdom upon us.  
Be merciful, Crucified Christ, for You brought together the Virgin Mary and the Theologian John into a holy household.  
Be merciful and unite us into the Holy Church.  
Be merciful, Resurrected Redeemer, for Mary Magdalene announced Your triumph over death.  
Be merciful and make our comings and goings express Your victorious goodness.  
Be merciful, for we keep the Commandments.  
Be merciful, for we believe the Beatitudes.  
Be merciful, for we venerate the patriarchs and prophets.  
Be merciful, for we honor the holy apostles.  
Be merciful, for we esteem the saints and martyrs.  
Be merciful, for we long to become worthy disciples.  
Glory to You, Jesus Christ our Lord and King.