

August 6, 2017

*Transfiguration of the Lord (A)*

**From the Desk of Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Corrigan:**

The historical fact that Christianity arose within the Roman Empire was of great consequence. By the time of Jesus's birth, Rome was ruled by a dictator, the Emperor Augustus (31 B.C.-A.D. 14). Jesus was crucified as a traitor to Rome under Tiberius (14-37). Paul travelled throughout the Roman Empire during the reign of Caligula (37-41), Claudius (41-51) and Nero's command, because he said they started the fire that burnt down Rome, the new sect of Judaism, called Christians, were burnt at the stake. Paul was martyred for the new faith in the last years of Nero. Between 68 and 69 there were civil wars that produced three emperors. Taking advantage of the confusion in Rome, Jewish fighters drove out and killed Roman legionnaires in Jerusalem. The new Emperor, Vespasian (69-79) sent Titus (later to become Emperor in 79-81) to put down the rebellion. It took three years of fighting but, eventually, Rome won. In retaliation they killed all the rebels, destroyed the Temple, reduced Jerusalem to rubble and drove many Jews out of Israel. Judaism, because of its monotheism and strict morality, had attracted many Gentiles. However, because of its revolt against Rome, it now began to lose its appeal.

There were the historical times in which Paul and the early Christians tried to adapt without losing their essential identity as followers of the Jew, Jesus of Nazareth. In the process Christianity became less and less Jewish, it was a titanic struggle between Paul and James, the brother of Jesus. Paul won. How Paul was able to turn this Jewish centered religion into a universal (Catholic) religion can be seen in Paul's "Letter to the Romans." ***To be Continued***

**Collection : the collection for last Sunday, July 30, 2017 was \$4,100.00**

**Transfiguration of the Lord:** Today's celebration only occurs on a Sunday once every six years or so. While we heard the Transfiguration Gospel earlier this year on the Second Sunday of Lent, today the context is different. In the words that resound over Jesus today, we can hear the echo of the words that sounded on the day of our baptism, when we were counted among the beloved of God. Let us pray today that we too will one day inherit the promise of resurrection and life in the kingdom of heaven.

**Food Collection:** Thanks to your generosity in helping the needy in our community with our monthly food collection.

**Registration for 2017-2018:**

Begins Monday, June 26, 2017 through Saturday, August 19, 2017

Monday's, Thursday's and Saturday's **ONLY**

To register you must submit \$25.00 deposit **per child** this will be deducted from your registration fee. If you are new to the program you need to submit a Birth Certificate along with a

Baptismal Certificate and a photo of your child.

Registration for one is \$95.00

Registration for two is \$160.00

Registration for three is \$195.00

Registration for four is \$185.00

If your child will be receiving Communion this year the fee for Holy Communion is \$75.00 **per child.**

If your child will be receiving Confirmation this year the fee for Confirmation is \$95.00 **per child.**

**Classes will be held on Saturdays from 9:30 am to 11:00 am. Classes will start on September 9, 2017**

**Parish Membership:** All adult Catholics should be registered. We want to know and serve you and hope that you will become an active member of our parish community. Please notify the rectory of any changes in address, or if you are leaving the Parish. It is necessary to be a registered member of our parish for a minimum of 3 months in order for us to testify to your ability to be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation, witness to a Catholic marriage, or provide recommendation for a position at work or character reference.

**Mass Schedule for the week of**

**August 6, 2017 to August 13, 2017**

**Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:30pm**

**Below are the Special Intentions for this week**

**Sunday August 6, 2017**

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Maria Ebreo

11:00 Aneglita Motta

Joaquina Tovar

Maria Gaspar

**Wednesday August 9, 2017:**

12:05 Rosamma Kattukaran

Family

**Thursday August 10, 2017:**

7:00 Francisca Parreno De Taveres

Marisol Taveres

**Saturday August 12, 2017:**

5:00 Mary & Stella Mustazza

7:30 Barbara De La Cruz

John Proto & Family

Family

**Sunday August 13, 2017**

7:30 for the Parishioners

9:00 Honoria Hernandez, Jose C. Gonzalez & Lidia Aria

11:00 Celina Antao

Maria Torres

Esther & Eduardo Rodrigues