



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH

ASSES & SERVICES

Saturday: 5pm
 (Anticipated Mass)
 Sunday: 9am, 11am & 5pm
 Monday – Wednesday 8am
 Thursday Mass/Novena:
 8am & 7pm
 Friday, Saturday, Holidays: 9am
 (Fridays in July & August: 8am)
 Children's Mass: 9am 1st
 Sunday of the month Oct-June
 Children's Liturgy: 11am
 All Sundays except the 1st
 Sunday from Sept- June
 Reconciliation
 Saturday: 4-4:45pm
 Adoration
 Saturday 9:30-10am
 Library Hours
 Sunday: 10-10:45am, 4:30-5pm

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday: 9am-4pm

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The Transfiguration: What does It Mean for Us?

By Deacon Keith Fournier

The Feast we celebrate on Monday Aug 6 is a very ancient one. Its celebration began in the earliest Christian centuries, even though it was formally added to the Roman Liturgical calendar in the second millennium. Its meaning is profoundly important for each one of us. The early Christians viewed its implications in their own lives much differently than we contemporary Christians often do.

This is an extraordinary Feast of hope which can help us to live differently, right now. By reflecting on this significant event in the life and ministry of Jesus Christ, we are invited to focus on the purpose of our own lives. We will all be transfigured, as the Lord Himself was transfigured, when our redemption is complete in the Resurrection of the Body. Then, we will live in the new heaven and new earth, in a transformed cosmos! This reality is meant to affect the way we live our lives beginning right now.

From the earliest centuries, the Christian Church has emphasized the centrality of the Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our experience of our own life in the Lord - and in His Church - is only the beginning of what is to come in the kingdom. However, our daily lives are already a participation in that new reality. The Church, in the words of the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, is a sign and seed of the kingdom to come. Our life within the Church is a real participation in the eternal realities of the life to come, in a new heaven and a new earth - but it begins in the here and now. The Transfiguration account invites us to reflect on what this can mean for us - beginning right now.

This event on the Mountain was meant to strengthen the faith of these three disciples. They were about to witness the events that would lead their Lord along what would appear to be an ignominious path, up Golgotha's lonely hill, to be crucified, a fate reserved for common criminals. Their own faith would be shaken, tested and tried. In the Transfiguration, Jesus would reveal to Peter, James and John the eternal NOW of His own glory. He was doing much more than simply encouraging the disciples. He was showing them who He was - and who they would become in Him. He was revealing to them what had already begun; and giving them a vision that would forever change the way they viewed themselves, their daily lives and their mission, after He would return to the Father. As they lived their lives no longer for themselves but for Him they began to undergo their own trials and walked the way to their own transfiguration. This is meant to become the path for all of us who bear His name.

We are members of His Body now and through the Sacraments and our participation in the life of grace, He communicates His energy, His Divine Life to us. We who bear the name Christian are works in progress, being re-created and transfigured in Him as we cooperate with grace. Does this all seem somewhat esoteric or perhaps a bit too theological? The truth is this is the ancient and ever new Catholic Christian faith. On this Feast Day we are invited to consider whether the truth which it reveals is being embraced and experienced in our own daily lives. We are all invited to experience the path up that mountain through prayer and encounter.

On that Mountain, Jesus revealed before mortal eyes the Transcendent Truth of who He is - and who Peter, James and John - and each one of us - will become in Him. They were invited to exercise their freedom and embrace the path that He had prepared. So are we, right now.

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Redemptorist Pilgrimage



As part of our 150th Jubilee Icon of Love celebrations, the Redemptorists have organized a pilgrimage to visit the actual icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and places where St Alphonsus and St Gerard Majella lived. Cost not confirmed yet.

EXCERPT: DAY 6 HIGHLIGHTS

After breakfast today, we leave for Rome. On the way, we stop to visit the hilltop monastery of Monte Cassino. Explore the famous Benedictine monastery and library on a guided tour. After lunch we visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls where we celebrate Mass and walk through one of the four Holy Doors of Rome. We continue to the nearby Tre Fontane Abbey, where St. Paul was beheaded by order of Emperor Nero. Check into our hotel. Dinner at hotel. Overnight in Rome.

12-DAY ITINERARY

Day 01: May 02 2019 - Canada to Rome / Naples

Day 02: May 03 - Arrive in Rome – Marianella – Naples

Day 03: May 04 - Pompeii – Amalfi Coast

Day 04: May 05 - Excursion to Scala

Day 05: May 06 - Sites of St. Alphonsus and St. Gerard Majella

Day 06: May 07 - Amalfi – Montecassino – Rome

Day 7: May 08 - Papal Audience – Holy Doors of Rome – Relics of Jerusalem

Day 8: May 09 - Rome (Vatican)

Day 9: May 10 - Assisi – Sites of

St. Francis and St. Clare

Day 10: May 11 - Pisa – Padua

Day 11: May 12 – Venice – St. Mark's

Square Murano Glass Factory

Day 12: May 13 – Goodbye Italy

NEWS & NOTICES

Weekly Collection: Sunday Mass Offering July 28 & 29: \$7,297.50. Thank you for your faith-filled generosity.

Project Advance Report: On July 29 pledges were at \$56,044 with participation from 96 donors. We have now exceeded our archdiocesan goal of \$52,000. All funds raised now will be rebated to the parish. Our total goal is \$104,000 which will go toward the Parish infrastructure renewal. Please make a prayerful contribution to Project Advance this year. Thank you for your support!

Monday Morning Mass: Because it is a public holiday, morning Mass on Monday is at 9am.

RCIA Volunteers & Sponsors: The task of bringing others into the faith is a joyful one. If you can help journey with this year's RCIA group starting late September, your help would be much appreciated. We meet on Sunday mornings from 9am-10:30am. You do not have to be an expert in the teachings of the Catholic faith, just a faithful disciple who is willing to share your faith experience in friendship with others.

PREP Teachers & Teaching Assistants Needed: Would you like to share your talents by helping out as a teacher or teaching assistant? PREP is for children Grades 1-7 who do not go to a Catholic school but need to be educated in the Faith. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Towers at 604-440-8809 or email prep@olphbc.ca.

RCIA Begins September 23: If you are interested in the Catholic faith or have been away from the Church for some time and would like to come back, join us on Sunday mornings for The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). It is a beautiful journey of spiritual discovery culminating in Easter celebrations on April 21 next year. If you are already in the faith and know of people who have not discovered Jesus, have missed receiving First Communion and Confirmation, or simply fallen out of the practice of the Faith, extend a personal invitation to them to join us on this spiritual journey. Starting Sunday Sept 23, 9am-10:30am. Application forms available in the church foyer and parish office.

EnCourage: Spiritual support meeting for members of EnCourage. Join us on Sunday, August 19 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. For more info. please contact encourage@rcav.org.

Seeking God: This workshop will guide you in your search for God and provide effective means to help you continue your search to deepen your relationship to God. August 23-27 at the John Paul II Pastoral Centre, Vancouver. For cost or for more info. contact Leah Bittante at 604-613-0023. rcav.org/event/seeking-god

Grade 8 Places Available at St Pat's: St. Patrick Regional Secondary has a few spots left for Grade 8 for the fall intake of 2018. If you are interested in applying, please email administration@stpats.bc.ca. Our offices will open again from Summer Break on August 20, 2018.

Summer Institute: Archdiocesan Seasonal Institutes provide participants with an opportunity to study and learn about the rich traditions of the Catholic faith and are especially suited for lay people and those serving in Catholic parishes. The courses are open to everyone. Saturday, August 25, at Notre Dame Regional Secondary School, Vancouver. Cost: \$40. To register or for more info. visit rcav.org/oc-summer.

The Men's Retreat: Join us for the upcoming Archdiocesan Men's Retreat, Sept. 28-30 at Rockridge Canyon in Princeton, BC. The theme this year is "A Man After God's Own Heart." We will follow the story of King David and rediscover the fulfillment that comes from directing our entire lives toward God. With powerful presentations, time for prayer, sacraments, fellowship, adventure, rest, and the rugged beauty of Rockridge Canyon, this retreat offers something for everyone. This is The Men's Retreat you do not want to miss! Registration opens on August 1. More info: www.liferestoration.ca/mensretreat.

Good Shepherd Annual Conference: Reclaim wonder and awe! See the Faith from the eyes of a child, experience amazement and learn the art of listening to God with children. There are many joys that CGS methodology offers to children and most importantly to adults. Come and see! For the first time ever, the Archdiocese of Vancouver is proud to sponsor the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Association of Canada's Annual Conference from October 19-21, at the Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel. Cost: \$100/day or \$150 for both conference days. Silent auction and raffle draw available. Register today for this unique conference and experience CGS for yourself: rcav.org/cgs-annual-conference/

Stewardship Reflection

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." -- EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

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