

# PARISH CALENDAR

Saturday, August 5	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Sunday, August 6	..... 7:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 9:00 a.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass, <i>Aloha Sunday</i>
Monday, August 7	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Tuesday, August 8	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:00 p. m.	<b><i>Finance Committee Meeting - Kamiano Trailer</i></b>
Wednesday, August 9	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Thursday, August 10	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 7:30 p. m.	<b><i>Prayer Meeting - Church</i></b>
Friday, August 11	..... 7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	..... 8:00 a.m.	Mass
	..... 9:00-11:00 a.m.	Food Pantry Open
Saturday, August 12	..... 4:00-4:45 p.m.	Confession
	..... 5:00 p.m.	Mass

The Feast of  
The Transfiguration  
of the Lord

August 6, 2017

Listen, to my beloved!

### NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:

***1 Kings:19:9a, 11-13a: God is revealed in the tiny whispering sound.***

***Rom:9: 1-5: Paul affirms God's love for the Jews.***

***Mt:14:22-33: Jesus calls Peter to walk on the water.***

### ***Living Catholic in the 808***

#### ***What Evangelization Does and Does Not Mean***

***Did you know. . . that evangelization is everyone's responsibility? Some Catholics still think that "Father X" will take care of all the needs of the church and they are quite willing to let him do it. Among these needs is to tell others about the Good News, which is what evangelization does. The word "evangelization" comes from the Greek and means the spreading of the news by angels. Catholics, along with other Christian faiths, have relied on evangelization since the beginning of the church. In a world of many religions, it is ever more important that the Good News become available everywhere.***

*In recent Sunday Gospel, Jesus relates the parable of the sower of the seeds. This sowing, is a great metaphor for the spreading of the beliefs of the church. To sow the seeds of faith is to evangelize and to give others who do not know Jesus Christ a chance to become familiar with him. In past centuries when the church evangelized the peoples of Latin and South America, Asia and Africa (and even our islands!), it did so like the farmer who tries to force plants to grow in unfriendly soil with rough strategies of conversion.*

*The church doesn't believe in this form of evangelizing any longer. Next week I will share what evangelization means today.*

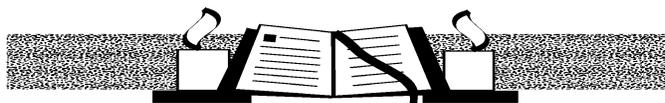
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And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.

**“THIS IS MY BELOVED SON. LISTEN TO HIM.”**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**R. C. I. A** - Do you or someone you know want to become a Catholic? Do you or someone you know want to complete the Catholic Sacraments of Initiation (baptism, communion, confirmation)? Do you want to do your part fulfilling the Church's evangelization goals? The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (or RCIA for short) is the process the Catholic Church uses to achieve these goals for those who desire to participate and become candidates. Here's a few details of the program:

- 1) *St. Rita's RCIA program will begin **Sept 24, 2017.***
- 2) *RCIA candidates will meet roughly every other Sunday night at 7:00 pm in the St. Francis Trailer or church.*
- 3) *RCIA sessions will last for 1.5 hours. These sessions will be based on adult learning principles, with candidate participation a must. However, there will be no formal text or homework.*
- 4) *RCIA candidates will participate in some or all of the following ceremonies leading up to the Easter Vigil mass: a. Rite of Acceptance (beginning of Advent) b. Rite of Election (beginning of Lent) c. RCIA Scrutinies (during Lent) If you or someone you know is interested, please call our RCIA Director (Don Gerry, 489-9529)"*

**WORD OF LIFE:** *"By opening our hearts to his love and mercy, we let Christ dwell in us and see more deeply the intricate and unique beauty of each person." Cardinal Sean P. O'Malley, O. F. M. Cap., Chairman USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, 2013 Respect Life Month Statement <https://goo.gl/sLEXYo>.*

## WEEKLY READINGS

### **Aug 6 Sun: Transfiguration of the Lord**

*Dan:7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97; 2 Pet:1:16-19; Mt: 17:1-9*

### **Aug 7 Mon: Ordinary Weekday**

*Nm:11:4b-15; Ps:81: 12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt:14:13-21*

### **Aug 8 Tue: Dominic, priest**

*Nm:12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Mt:14: 22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14*

### **Aug 9 Wed: Ordinary Weekday**

*Nm: 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106: 6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Mt:15:21-28*

### **Aug 10 Thur: Lawrence, deacon and martyr**

*2 Cor:9:6-10; Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn: 12:24-26*

### **Aug 11 Fri: Clare, religious**

*Dt:4:32-40; Ps:77: 12-13, 14-15, 16 & 21; Mt: 16:24-28*

### **Aug 12 Sat: Ordinary Weekday**

*Dt:6:4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4 47 & 51; Mt: 16:24-28*

## NOTES ON STEWARDSHIP

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and in today's Gospel reading we hear it proclaimed that on Mount Tabor, Peter, James, and John caught a glimpse of Jesus' divinity strong enough to strike fear into their hearts. The event took place shortly after Peter's confession of faith that Jesus was, indeed, the Messiah. In today's second reading from Peter, we hear his personal testimony. This come from a man who spent more than three years with Jesus. Peter witnessed his humanity. He saw Jesus hungry, tired and finally, rejected and crucified. But he also saw Jesus feed the 5,000, walk on water, heal the sick, and raise the dead. He saw Jesus in his glory when he was transfigured. He saw Jesus risen from the dead and ascend into heaven with the promise that he is coming again in power and glory. How strong is the stewardship of our own faith? Do we accept Peter's apostolic witness to Jesus as Christ? Does this testimony help us acknowledge and trust Christ Jesus as our Lord and savior? (**International Catholic Stewardship Council e-Bulletin**)

Aloha St. Rita Ohana,

In an effort to raise fund for the St. Rita Building Fund. I have started a Go Fund Me campaign for the church which can be accessed here:

[www.gofundme.com/stritachurch](http://www.gofundme.com/stritachurch)

Funds donated to this site are directly deposited into the building fund account. Donors can donate directly via credit/debit card from anywhere in the world.

Please forward the link, via text, email or word of mouth, to people you know who would be interested in donating to our building fund. You may even forward it to people who may know other people who would be interested in donating. If you are in touch with visitors in the past, please forward the link to them also. My cousin and his family joined us for Easter service and was very happy to donate when I forwarded the link to him.

The more we forward the link, the more likely it can become viral and hopefully, we can receive more donations to our building fund.

Thank you for all your help and God bless you and your family always.

Allan Alvarez  
St. Rita Parishioner

## NOT MERE CLEVER MYTHS

Today, the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, is a day of eyewitness accounts. The first, a vision reported by the prophet Daniel, was well known to Jesus and his apostles. The account was written in quite mystical and figurative language. It is a vision of heaven, powerful and memorable: flames of fire, burning wheels, the Ancient One, a Son of Man. Clearly, Daniel saw something, but was it a dream? Was it real? Was it merely a clever myth?

Peter wants no such confusion about his vision! We are told what he and his friends James and John saw one day when they went up on the mountain with Jesus. But that account is from the Gospel according to Matthew. In it the three witnesses are told "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead" (Matthew 17:9). Lest readers of a Gospel account discount the story or simply write it off as a pious myth, Peter gives his own account of the Transfiguration of Jesus in his second letter to the church. He writes with authority, as an eyewitness. He reports this message from God concerning Jesus: "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased" (2 Peter 1:17) and he assures us the message is "altogether reliable" (2 Peter 1:19).

## FIXING OUR ATTENTION

Peter's advice to us, reaching forward all these centuries, is spectacular. He tells us to keep our attention closely fixed on this message from God: Jesus is the beloved Son. He is the Son of God. He is also the Son of Man seen in Daniel's vision. Peter assures us we can use this message as a lamp to light our way. This risen Jesus will one day rise as the morning star rises in our hearts (2 Peter 1:19).