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How the Transfiguration reminds us of the primacy of prayer



Philip Kosloski - published on 08/05/23

The biblical narrative of the Transfiguration highlights the importance of prayer.

It's easy to overlook one important aspect of the biblical narrative of the Transfiguration. Jesus was transfigured while he was praying.

Pope Benedict XVI pointed out this reality in an Angelus message in 2013.

[W]e have a particularly beautiful Gospel, that of the Transfiguration of the Lord. Luke the Evangelist highlights in particular the fact that **Jesus was transfigured while he was praying.**

He goes on to explain that this is an important lesson for all of us to meditate on.

In meditating on this passage of the Gospel, we can learn a very important lesson from it: first of all, **the primacy of prayer**, without which the entire commitment to

the apostolate and to charity is reduced to activism. In Lent we learn to give the right time to prayer, both personal and of the community, which gives rest to our spiritual life. Moreover, prayer does not mean isolating oneself from the world and from its contradictions, as Peter wanted to do on Mount Tabor; rather, **prayer leads back to the journey and to action.**

It was after the Transfiguration that Jesus was led to offer himself as a sacrifice on the cross.

Prayer should always have a primacy in our lives, and the Transfiguration reminds us of that central truth.

Holy Hour, *Explained!*

A holy hour is the practice of spending one hour's time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, praying and meditating on the agony of Jesus Christ. More broadly, a holy hour can also refer to any 60 minutes set aside in prayer and reflection, whether in church or elsewhere.

The holy hour devotion dates to the late 17th century, when St. Margaret Mary Alacoque received visions of Jesus Christ. In these visions, the Lord requested that St. Margaret Mary spend one hour every Thursday evening lying prostrate and meditating upon his agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. This practice calls back to the Gospel of Matthew, which tells of Jesus' desire for the disciples to "remain here and keep watch with me" (Matthew 26:38) as he awaited his passion.

Holy hours can be made privately or in community, and the USCCB has created a variety of different holy hour formats that can be found at usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/prayers-and-devotions/eucharistic-devotion.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 1, Vigil for Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Keith Shickell (dec)

Sunday, August 2, Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gerald Bowman (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Viola Romani (dec)

Monday, August 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Earl Lee (dec)

Tuesday, August 4, Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest

8:00 a.m. Mark J. Crane (dec)

Wednesday, August 5, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations and Fr. Ivan De Souza (dec)

Thursday, August 6, Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

8:00 a.m. John Marchese (dec)

Friday, August 7, Weekday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Robert Wilson (dec)

Saturday, August 8, Vigil for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 p.m. Arlene Thompson (dec)

Sunday, August 9, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Gary S. Ayers (liv)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners and
Thomas Gallagher (dec)

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

August 2, 2026

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:1-3 | Rom 8:35, 37-39 | Mt 14:13-21

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In one of the best homilies I ever heard on today's Gospel, the homilist pointed out that the Lord had seemingly "over-multiplied" the loaves and fish. The crowds had eaten to the point of satisfaction, and yet there were twelve baskets of leftovers remaining. "Why so many leftovers? Did the Lord not know how to count?" He asked jokingly, of course. But the point the homilist went on to share that day was that with God, there is always abundance. God doesn't simply provide the bare minimum of what we need for *survival*; the Scriptures tell us that he provides "rich fare" that will "satisfy the desire of every living thing." As we reflect on today's readings, let us not question the Lord's ways, but trust in the abundant generosity of God that satisfies all our needs.

GO EVANGELIZE

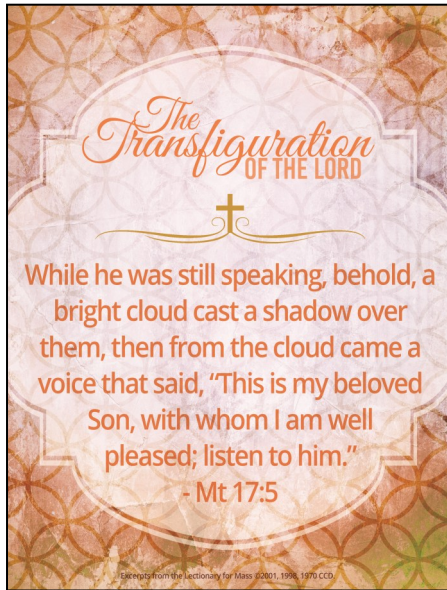
PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Moments in which God provides for our every need strengthen our faith in him. Yet when difficulties come, we know that God never abandons us. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans speaks about the unshakable confidence Paul has in God's love for us, despite the difficulties (including shipwreck, beatings, and imprisonment) he endured: "What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword?" "No," he says. Nothing "will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus." Take stock of times in your life when God's providence has carried you through difficult times. Consider ways you can share these moments with others as part of your testimony. When our faith rests on a deep awareness of God's faithful love in our lives, we will be able to bear a compelling witness of his goodness to others.

ACCOMPANIMENT

In the Gospel, God shows his loving care by providing for the needs of his people in practical ways. Consider one way you might be able to accompany others going through periods of challenge or trial by providing practical help. This might look like preparing a meal for a new mom in the throes of postpartum, helping with yardwork for a fellow parishioner recovering from surgery, or helping gather classroom supplies for a teacher serving in an impoverished district. In these simple yet concrete ways, we manifest the abundance of God's care and concern for each and every person.





Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Following Sacraments With Us?

Matrimony

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

Baptism

We are honored that you would like to choose Blessed Trinity Catholic Church for the baptism of your child! We ask that you please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office to schedule an appointment.

Prayer for Protection during Hurricane Season

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed Your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land, and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with passing of time.

O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son on our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem, where a stormless eternity awaits us.

Amen.



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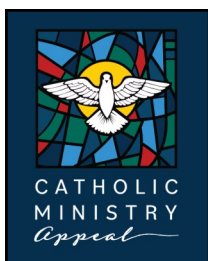
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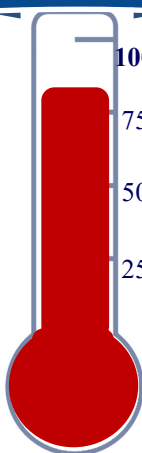
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Other Donations	\$ 15
Restoring the Sacred	\$ 85
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 1,597

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Catholic Ministry Appeal



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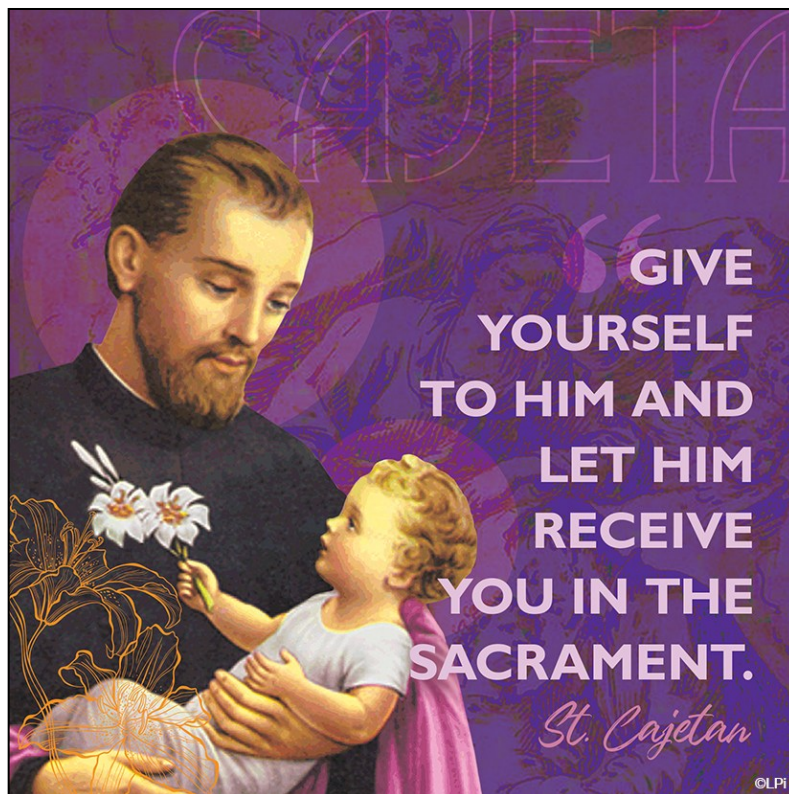
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Collected to date: \$62,447
which is 78%

Amounts pledged or expected:
100.4%

Thank you for your generosity!
Keep up the good work!



Everyday Stewardship

The Power of a Simple Action

I remember seeing a story on a morning news program about a little girl who wanted to give an elderly man in a grocery store a hug. She had no way of knowing that this man had just lost his wife of many years and now felt so very alone and depressed. Her reaching out to the man seemed odd to her mom at first, but the girl was so insistent about giving a hug she moved the shopping carts close together so the exchange could take place. No one knew that from that moment on the little girl would ask to visit her new friend at least once a week for the next four years until he passed away. In an interview soon after the initial encounter, the man said, "I haven't been this happy in some time." Imagine the joy that relationship brought to them both over the years!

It was just a moment. It was a simple gesture. Yet, it had a large impact that no one could have predicted. You never know what will result when we give just a little of ourselves. That uncertainty too often leads us to hold back or refrain from the simple actions of love or gestures of generosity that could come so easily for us if we wanted. We should never doubt the power of a simple random act of kindness. Generosity does not need to be grand to make a big difference. The time is now, and the opportunity presents itself often to plant a small seed that God can water and nourish so that something beautiful can grow.

- Tracy Earl Welliver

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Upcoming Events

***Church closed due to renovations,
Masses will be held in Parish Hall.**

Saturday, August 1

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 2

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

Monday, August 3

6:30 pm "Life in the Spirit" Prayer Meeting CYH

Tuesday, August 4

6:00 pm KOC Officers Meeting FF

7:00 pm KOF Council Meeting FF

Wednesday, August 5

4:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul Meeting FF

5:30 pm Adoration PH

Saturday, August 8

2:30 pm-3:30 pm Confessions MC

Sunday, August 9

Coffee and Donuts after the 8:00 am Mass only CYH

Key for Events

PC= Parish Center, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall,
MC=Ministries Center, CYH-1= Courtyard Hall Classroom #1,
CH=Church, FF= Faith Formation Room, PL= Parking Lot



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Fr. Ken Breen, OdeM

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Mass Schedule

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:00 am

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm

Sunday

8:00 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am

Follow the Sunday Mass on our website, btsp.org

Confessions

Saturdays 2:30-3:30 pm

Parish Office

Monday—Friday

9:00 am-12:00 pm and 1-4 pm

Closed for Lunch Noon to 1:00 pm

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An Invitation from the Office of the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute (LPMI)

So often, people ask how they might grow in their faith. In response to this searching, the Lay Pastoral Ministry Institute was initiated in 1998. The LPMI provides education and formation for laity in the Catholic faith. The program is designed to enhance personal faith and develop intellectual aptitude to enrich personal ministry. It is a four-year program: an informal year of discernment and three years of formal academic training and spiritual growth. Upon completion of the program, participants are formally "commissioned" by the Bishop.

The initial segment of the program, the **Year of Discernment**, consists of eight Saturday sessions from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. The classes meet at Christ the King Parish, located at 821 S. Dale Mabry Hwy, Tampa. Classes begin in September, and will meet once monthly through April 2027.

For anyone interested in attending the LPMI Year of Discernment, the registration form and program information can be found on the LPMI web site at: <https://www.dosp.org/lpmi/year-of-discernment/> or call the LPMI office at (727) 344-1611.



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Anointing of the Sick



To request the Anointing of the Sick for yourself or a loved one, please contact the parish office, 727-867-3663.

Grief Support

At this time, individual/one-on-one *Grief Support* is available by calling Rachel at the church office. Group support meetings will take place when a group is formed. For more information call 867-3663.

If you or a close family member would like to be added or removed from our prayer list, please contact the parish office at 727-867-3663.

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