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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
August 6, 2023

"THIS IS MY BELOVED SON; LISTEN TO HIM."

– Mk 9, 3;7



Eucharistic Celebration

Weekends:
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM

Weekdays:
Tuesday: 6:00PM
Wednesday-Friday: 8:00AM

Adoration/Healing Mass

The 1st Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at 5:00 P.M. and Mass at 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday - Friday: Thirty minutes Adoration before Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday and Sunday: Thirty minutes before each Mass or by appointment.

Baptism: Infant Baptism is celebrated the 3rd Sunday of the month. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish for at least 3 months. Parents **and** godparents **must** attend a one hour Baptism preparation class prior to the scheduled Baptism. For other guidelines and details, please call the parish office.

Matrimony: Call the parish office for an appointment with the pastor. Diocesan guidelines require an initial interview at least 6 months before the wedding date. Please call the parish office for further information.

R.C.I.A.: This is a process for anyone who wishes to become Catholic. Please call the parish office for further information.

Mass Intentions



August 5th 4:30PM Levi Adams, Jr. (RIP) by Langston Adams; Deceased Members of Fontnette, Franklin & Joseph Families (RIP) by The Family; Charles Brown (RIP) by The Fontenot Family

August 6th 9:00AM For All Parishioners

August 8th 6:00PM Special Intention for Langston Scott Adams, Sr.

August 9th 8:00AM Special Intention for Langston Scott Adams, Sr.

August 10th 8:00AM Ronald Fontenette (Happy 82nd Birthday-Living) by The Fontenette Family; Special Intention by Jasline Sebile

August 11th 8:00AM

August 12th 4:30PM Sylvia Bernard Sylvia (RIP) by late Harold Sylvia; Roys, Jacobs, Moutons, Beaudoins Family (RIP) by Berlinda Mouton

APPEAL for CATHOLIC MINISTRIES
Building the Kingdom Together
Intentions Mass
Come and pray with Bishop David L. Toups
for the special intentions of the faithful
of Southeast Texas
St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica, Beaumont
Thursday, August 17, 2023 at 6:00pm
Reception to follow in the Cathedral Center
RSVP @409-924-4327 or
stewardship@dioceseofbmt.org
Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served
****If you haven't submitted an intentions card with your pledge, additional cards are available in the vestibule.***

We have received the Appeal for Catholic Ministries 2023 update for July. To date, we have received $35,675 in pledges. Of that amount, payments of $24,560 have been received. We are $13,393 short of reaching our goal of $37,953. If you have made a pledge, thank you and please continue to make your payments. If you have not, please consider making a pledge or giving a one-time donation. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Stewardship Committee.

TODAY'S READINGS

***First Reading* —Daniel 7:9–10,13–14**
The prophet Daniel describes his vision of one like the Son of Man who received dominion from God.

***Psalm* —Psalm 97:1–2,5–6,9**
A Song of Praise to God our King

***Second Reading* —2 Peter 1:16–19**
Peter says that the voice heard from Heaven confirmed the truth of his testimony about Christ.

***Gospel* —Matthew 17:1–9**
Jesus is transfigured on the mountain in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group

The Sacred Heart of Jesus Prayer Group will meet every third Wednesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Sacristy. All parishioners are invited to join this prayer group as we praise and honor our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will be using the red My Treasured Sacred Heart Prayer Book. If you have not purchase a book check with the Parish Office, if you plan to join us. The next date for our prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2023 at 6:00pm. Come and join us.



Sacred Heart Church is in great need of volunteer counters. Please sign up at the Parish Office. All previous counters and new counters will meet on Sunday, August 6th after the 9:00am Mass in The St. Katharine Drexel Education Building.



Congratulations to Jasmine Alexander for receiving her Bachelor of Science in Public Relations at Lamar University in Beaumont on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Your church family are so proud of you.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13; Jn 1:49b; Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25–14:1, 26a-29a, 34-35; Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23; Lk 7:16; Mt 15: 21-28

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

Friday: Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21; Mt 5:10; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51; 2 Tm 1:10; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Rom 9:1-5; Cf. Ps 130:5; Mt 14:22-33

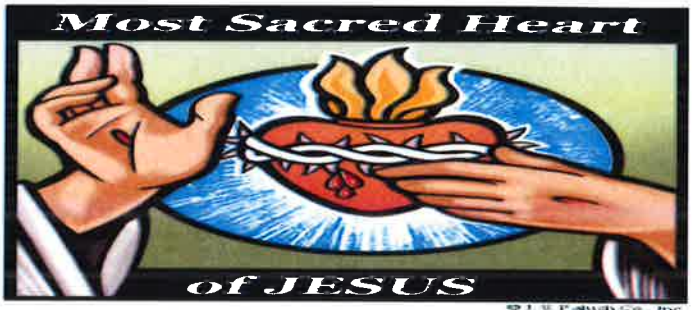
Meetings

-KPC Ladies Auxiliary Cartagena Court #32 will meet on Sunday, August 6th at 11:30am at the KPC Hall.

-KPC 4th Degree Ladies of Grace will meet on Sunday, August 13th at 1:30pm at the KPC Hall.

Golden Age will turn out on Sunday, August 13th at 9:00am Mass in honor of their deceased members. There will be a Pot Luck Salad at 2-4pm for members only at the Parish Hall. Come out and fellowship and enjoy!!

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration. In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel. Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.



"Come Back to the Heart of Jesus"

St. Matthew's account of the Transfiguration of the manner in which God has always made His Divine Revelation known. God, like any loving parent, wants us to share in His love, but at the same time He wants us to enter into that love as freely as possible. In other words, God wants us to come to Him of our own accord, because the more freely we come to Him, the more we grow into His love.

But as a loving and understanding parent, God knows we are often weak and need His help. It's true that God gave us an intellect by which we could of our own power reason that God exists, that He loves us, and that He wants us to imitate that love. It's also true that God gave us a free will by which to imitate Him, even if only imperfectly. However, because our human intellect and will are often very weak, God constantly gives us signs of His presence, in order to remind us of Who He is and how much He loves us.

God did not have to inspire the human authors of Sacred Scripture, but He did so in order to give us a record of His love. God did not have to choose twelve men to be His apostles, in order to share the Sacraments of His love. But He did so to strengthen us in this earthly life of ours, since we face so many setbacks, failures, and disappointments.

God the Son was transfigured before the eyes of three of these apostles not simply so that they could say, "How good it is for us to be here." The Transfiguration occurred so that the apostles would hear God the Father's voice, saying, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Yet coming down the mountain, what does Jesus say that the apostles needed to listen to? He points their attention ahead to His death on the Cross. The entire scene of the Transfiguration is a prelude to the sorrow of Good Friday in the words that Jesus speaks going down the mountain, yet also a promise of the glory of Easter Sunday in the radiance of Jesus' appearance on the mountaintop.

When we share in the Eucharist—the offering of Christ's self-sacrifice on the Cross—God our loving Father nourishes us with the life of His Son. In the Eucharist we see how Jesus' Transfiguration on Mount Tabor bears further meaning. This sacred event from Christ's earthly life foreshadows the transformation of Jesus' death on the Cross into the power of His Resurrection. In turn, Jesus' death and resurrection bear the power to transform the sacrifices of our daily lives into the opening of our lives to God's divine life.

THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR THE BEREAVEMENT FUND. NEXT WEEKEND THE 2ND COLLECTION IS FOR BUILDING FUND.

Fr. Anthony will bless single, widows and widowers who lost a spouse in August. Next weekend he will bless those celebrating a wedding anniversary in August.

See our Bulletin Board in the Vestibule for announcement/information in our community and local area.

IF YOUR FAMILY OR FRIEND IS ON OUR PRAYER LIST AND HE/SHE GETS WELL OR PASSES. PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO DELETE HIS/HER NAME. THANKS



Ethel Allen, Lucinda Allen, Nedra Alpough, Thelma Alpough, Lyric Anderson, Kenya Avila, Juliana Barnes, Emma Bonton, Diane Bowd, Aletra Bowman, James Brady, Tom Bronnon, Geraldine Broussard, Bernadette Brown, Cecilia Brown, Beverly Carmouche, Doris Jacob Castile, Martin Charles, Curtis Clark, Lionel Clark, Jr., Kenneth Cormier, Aletha Covington, Isaiah Covington, III, Nekemia Covington, Cheetara Cox, Janelle Dale, Bernadette Dames,Valerie Dennis, Charles Doyle, Kaitlyn Dugas, Herman Dugay, Yourmae Duplechain, Henry Dwin, Vincent Fertitta, Ronald Fontenette, Sandra Fontenette, Jonathan Fontenot, Normand Fontenot, Michael Fontnette, Jr., Gloria Foreman, Carolyn Francis, John Francis, Alton Gallentine, Wilda Green, Malinie Guidry, Annie Guillory, Elzina Harris, Zacchaeus Hart, Robin Hataway, Aerial Hawkins, Mildred Hayes & Family, Edmonia Henderson, Crystal Henton, James Henry, Harrison Hill, Jr., Fay Hines, Gladys Wilson-Hollins Donnette Eulain-Jackson, Yvette Jacquet, Mary Jenkins, Darlene Joe, Zackary U. Johnson, Jr., Linda M. Jones & Family, Roderick Jones, Steven Jones, Wilda Jones, Curtis Joseph, Hilda Joseph & Family, Elda Kennerson, Lucien Lavallais, Wildred Lavine, Bobbette Lawson, Johanna Lewis, Akliah Lopez, Adrienne Davis-Lott, Joseph Marcel, Marita Marcel, Phil C. Mahoney, Veronica Mayo, Dorothy McClarin, Mabry McZeal, Robert Mae Mims, Denisha Montgomery, Erma Moore, Velma Morgan, Yvette Morris, Berlinda Mouton, Bernard Mouton, Jr., Elvina Mouton, Sophia Mouton, Linda Nico, Dewey Normand, Dallas Oliver, Donald Oliver, Rita Oliver, Helen Orsort, Johnny Owens, Roger Paris, Iris Phillips, Lester Pickney, Mary Polk, Bernice Potier, Chery Prevost, Jared Prevost, Joseph Prevost, Margie Provost, JoAnn Pugh, Mary Riggle, Jocelyn Rush, Earline Smith, Eldridge Smith, Ree Smith, Jayden Spencer, Lillie Stewart, Michella Sulldan, Aneel Thomas, Clarence Thomas, Alozia Vaughns, Jennie Veal, Jean Vincent, Larry Viltz, Rosina Viltz, Phyllis Voliby, Iris Waymon, Rose Mary Williams, Juanita Williams, Shahara Williams, Jamon Wilson, Andre' Winston, Jr., Tadarell Woods, and Hazeletta Younger

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AUGUST 26, 2023
MONTAGNE CENTER
at LAMAR UNIVERSITY, BEAUMONT, TX
English Session: Registration @7am-4:30pm
Spanish Session: Registration @2:30pm-8pm
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"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thessalonians 5:11



Parish Social Service Ministry is available to assist anyone in the parish that needs help with electric, gas, or water bills. Other services are available based on the parishioners need. All assistance provided is confidential. We are now in our 7th year of service to the parish and the community. If you would like to know more about Parish Social Ministry, please take home a brochure located in the vestibule.



Parish Social Service Ministry is collecting Jell-o monthly for the United Board of Missions. The box is still located in the vestibule. This will be put in the low income bags given to members of the community who apply through United Board of Missions. Please be generous. If you have any questions, you can contact Brenda Broussard or Sheryl Alpough.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

August 12th & August 13th

LECTORS

SAT. 4:30PM **Leroy Leopold**
Corine Jones
SUN. 9:00AM **Kathrina Martin**
Rodney Broussard

EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS

SUN. 9:00AM **Herbert James**
Brenda Broussard

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