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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 5 PM Vigil Mass  
**Sunday:** 8:30 AM (English)  
 12 PM (Tiếng Việt)  
**Tue, Thur, Saturday:** 9:00 AM  
**Mon, Wed, 1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** 6:00 PM

### HOLY HOUR / HOLY ROSARY

**Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**  
 7:00 AM - 8:45 AM  
**Monday; Wednesday; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday:**  
 4:00 PM - 5:45 PM

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

**Saturday:** 8:30 AM  
**Sunday:** 8:00 AM

### RECONCILIATION

**Monday - Thursday:** After Mass  
**Saturday:** 9:45 AM; 4:00 PM  
**Or:** by appointment



## St Mary Catholic Church

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*Our time is now  
 Let's grow together*

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**Eighteenth Sunday**  
**The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
**08 - 06, 2023**

**Lord**  
*it is good that we are here*

Chúa Nhật Chúa Hiện Dung

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today we have the summertime celebration of the Transfiguration of the Lord. The story of the Transfiguration is proclaimed twice each year; once on the Second Sunday of Lent, and then again on August 6. In Lent, the revelation of Jesus' glory foreshadows the triumph of Easter. During the summer, this feast comes—significantly—forty days before the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

In the Gospel proclaimed on this day, Peter wants to know if he should build “three tents.” In Hebrew, the tents are sukkot, rickety harvest shacks also called in English “tabernacles” (from the Latin word for “little shelters”) that harvesters set up in fields so they can stay there to work day and night. Harvest booths are built and ornamented for the Jewish festival of Sukkot. One aspect of this festival is eager anticipation for the ingathering of all peoples (including ancestors Moses and El ijah) under God's own sukkot shalom, the tent of peace. In some patristic traditions, the late summer and early autumn of the church year are imagined as an extended ingathering festival that begins today and reaches fulfillment at Epiphany.

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**TODAY'S READINGS:** - First reading: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; - Psalm: 97  
 - Second reading: 2 Pt 1:16-19; - Gospel: Mt 17:1-9

## Consecration to the Immaculate Heart



Pope Paul VI, on the floor of the Vatican Council at the close of the third session, renewed publicly the consecration of the Church and the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart. He said that his thoughts turned to the whole world "which our venerated predecessor Pius XII . . . not without inspiration from on high, solemnly consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. . . . O Virgin

Mary, Mother of the Council, to you we recommend the entire Church." When he visited Fatima on May 13, 1967, the same Pope recalled this "consecration which we ourselves have renewed on November 21, 1964 — we exhort all the sons of the Church to renew personally their consecration to the Immaculate Heart of the Mother of the Church and to bring alive this most noble act of veneration through a life ever more in accord with the divine will and in a spirit of filial service and of devout imitation of their heavenly Queen."

Before making a consecration it is most desirable to make a careful preparation extending over some period of time. One good way to make that preparation is described in the last part of St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion book.

The most essential thing is not making an act of consecration, with or without some solemnity, though that is important. The essential thing is to live that consecration.

Living a consecration could be described as following three attitudes or spirits:

Union — Imitation of Jesus and Mary, so as to become like them, and trying to develop as constant as possible a realization of His and her presence.

Dependence — Give to Jesus and Mary the right to dispose of everything we have, temporal and spiritual.

Obedience — Jesus and Mary have the right to ask us to do anything at all, even without reward. In consecration, we recognize that right, give it on a basis of love, and plan to carry it out with fullest generosity.

St. Maximilian Kolbe liked to speak of the relation of consecration to our baptismal promises, in which we promised to renounce satan and all his works, and to follow Jesus, by whom we are "sealed" in baptism as His property. Consecration is the fullest kind of response to and carrying out of these promises. Mary, in view of her Immaculate Conception, was most fitted to respond most fully, and that she did, with a fullness and perfection beyond our ability to visualize — for we recall that Pius IX told us that even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it." Excerpted from Our Father's Plan, Fr. William G. Most

<b>SAT: 08/05 (Vigil)</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Mike Staley (husband - L) on Father's Day Event by Kathy Staley
<b>5:00 PM</b>	
<b>SUN: 08/06</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> <b>the Transfiguration of the Lord</b> Mrs. Marguerite Kirsh-wantz & Mrs. Marie Wantz-Klein By Cécile Emize
<b>8:30 AM</b>	
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Lh. Anna Phanxicô Xaviê (Lễ Giỗ) gđ Bà Nguyễn Nguyệt
<b>MON: 08/07</b>	<b>Saint. Sixtus II, Pope,</b> <b>and Companions, Martyrs;</b> <b>Saint Cajetan, Priest</b> Gordon (Georgie) Nash (D) By Karen Roberts
<b>6:00 PM</b>	
<b>TUE: 08/08</b>	<b>Saint Dominic, Priest</b> Lh. Phêrô Nguyễn Văn Tự By Cô Nguyễn Nguyệt
<b>9:00 AM</b>	
<b>WED: 08/09</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Tạ ơn Chúa, Đức Mẹ và Thánh Giuse Ấn danh
<b>6:00 PM</b>	
<b>THUR: 08/10</b>	<b>Saint Lawrence, Deacon -Martyr</b> LH. Isave và Phêrô - Cô Nguyệt
<b>9:00 AM</b>	
<b>FRI: 08/11</b>	<b>Saint Clare, Virgin</b> Grace and Peace - Cindy Nguyen
<b>SAT: 08/12</b>	<b>Weekday</b> Cầu cho LH. Anna - Lan Nguyen
<b>9:00 AM</b>	
<b>5:00 PM</b>	Gordon (Georgie) Nash (D) By Karen Roberts
<b>SUN: 08/13</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Family Thanksgiving, Floris & Kevin Klein By Fr Henry
<b>8:30 AM</b>	

### READINGS FORTHE WEEK

<b>Monday:</b>	Nm 11:4b-15/Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Nm 12:1-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35 Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday:</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10/Jn 12:24-26
<b>Friday:</b>	Dt 4:32-40/Mt 16:24-28
<b>Saturday:</b>	Dt 6:4-13/Mt 17:14-20
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time</b> 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

## 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY

### The Transfiguration Of The Lord

July 30, 2023; MATTHEW 17,1-9

**Meditation:** “Listen to my beloved Son”.

#### 1/ The Lord Jesus came to fulfill all that Moses and the prophets spoke

Jesus on three occasions told his disciples that he would undergo suffering and death on a cross to fulfill the mission the Father gave him. As the time draws near for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the cross, he takes three of his beloved disciples to the top of a high mountain. Just as Moses and Elijah were led to the mountain of God to discern their ultimate call and mission, so Jesus now appears with Moses and Elijah on the highest mountain overlooking the summit of the promised land. Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light (Matthew 17:2).

#### 2/ Jesus reveals his glory to the apostles and to us

Why did Jesus appear in dazzling light with Moses and Elijah? The book of Exodus tells us that when Moses had met with God on Mount Sinai the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God (Exodus 34:29). Paul the Apostle wrote that the Israelites could not look at Moses' face because of its brightness (2 Corinthians 3:7). After Elijah, the greatest of the prophets, had destroyed all the priests and idols of Baal in the land, he took refuge on the mountain of God at Sinai. There God showed Elijah his glory in great thunder, whirlwind, and fire, and then spoke with him in a still quiet voice. God questioned Elijah, “What are you doing here?” And then directed him to go and fulfill the mission given him by God. Jesus, likewise, appears in glory with Moses and Elijah, as if to confirm with them that he, too, is ready to fulfill the mission which the Father has sent him to accomplish.

Jesus went to the mountain knowing full well what awaited him in Jerusalem – betrayal, rejection, and crucifixion. Jesus very likely discussed this momentous decision to go to the cross with Moses and Elijah. God the Father also spoke with Jesus and gave his approval: This is my beloved Son; listen to him. The Father glorified his son because he was faithful and willing to obey him in everything. The cloud which overshadowed Jesus and his apostles fulfilled the dream of the Jews that when the Messiah came the cloud of God's presence would fill the temple again (see Exodus 16:10, 19:9, 33:9; 1 Kings 8:10; 2 Maccabees 2:8).

## CHÚA NHẬT XVIII – LỄ CHÚA BIẾN HÌNH

Ngày 06/ 08/ 2023: Matthew 17:1-9

**Meditation:** “Các con hãy nghe Lời Người”.

#### 1/ Đức Giêsu đến để hoàn thành tất cả những gì Moïsen và các ngôn sứ nói tới

Đức Giêsu đã nói với các môn đệ ba lần rằng Người sẽ chịu đau khổ và chịu chết trên thập giá để hoàn thành sứ mạng Cha đã giao phó cho Người. Khi gần đến thời gian hy tế cuối cùng của Đức Giêsu trên thập giá, Người đem ba môn đệ yêu dấu đi lên đỉnh núi cao. Giống như Moïsen và Elia được dẫn lên núi Thiên Chúa để nhận thức rõ ơn gọi và sứ mạng chủ yếu của mình, rồi Đức Giêsu xuất hiện với Moïsen và Elia trên đỉnh núi cao nhất quan sát vùng đất hứa. Tin mừng của thánh sử Matthew nói với chúng ta rằng Đức Giêsu đã biến hình trước mắt họ và mặt Người chiếu sáng như mặt trời và áo của Người trở nên trắng tinh như ánh sáng (Mt 17,2).

#### 2/ Đức Giêsu bày tỏ vinh quang của Người cho các tông đồ và cho chúng ta

Tại sao Đức Giêsu xuất hiện trong ánh sáng chói ngời với Moïsen và Êlia? Sách Xuất hành nói với chúng ta rằng khi Moïsen gặp mặt với Thiên Chúa trên núi Sinai da mặt ông chiếu sáng bởi vì ông đang nói chuyện với Thiên Chúa (Xh 34,29). Thánh Phaolô tông đồ viết rằng dân Israel không thể nhìn vào mặt ông Moïsen vì nó chiếu sáng (2Cor 3,7). Sau khi Êlia, vị ngôn sứ vĩ đại, đã tiêu diệt các đạo sĩ và ngẫu tượng của Baan, ông ẩn vào núi Thiên Chúa ở Sinai. Tại đó Thiên Chúa đã cho Êlia thấy vinh quang của Người nơi sấm sét, gió rít, và lửa, và rồi nói chuyện với ông trong giọng nói nhẹ nhàng: Qua nhiều lời trao đổi, Thiên Chúa hỏi Êlia “Người làm gì ở đây?” Và rồi hướng dẫn ông ra đi và thực hiện sứ mạng mà Người sai ông đi để hoàn thành vì danh Thiên Chúa. Cũng thế, Đức Giêsu xuất hiện trong vinh quang với Moïsen và Êlia, như thể để xác nhận với các ngài rằng Người cũng sẵn sàng thực hiện sứ mạng mà Cha đã sai Người đến để hoàn thành.

Đức Giêsu đi lên núi, Người biết rõ những gì đang đợi Người ở Giêrusalem: sự phản bội, chống đối, và đóng đinh. Đức Giêsu dường như đã thảo luận sự quyết định quan trọng đi tới thập giá này với ông Moïsen và Êlia. Chúa Cha cũng ngỏ lời với Đức Giêsu để tỏ sự đồng thuận của mình: Đây là Con yêu dấu của Ta, các ngươi hãy vâng nghe lời Người. Đám mây che phủ Đức Giêsu và các môn đệ đã ứng nghiệm giấc mơ của người Do thái là khi Đấng Mêssia đến, đám mây của sự hiện diện Thiên Chúa sẽ che phủ đền thờ một lần nữa (Xh 16,10- 19, 9- 33, 9- 1V 8,10- 2Mac 2,8).



## Please keep the following people in your prayers

Joe Franzmathes, Laura Barnett, June Webb, Sharon Cook, Eddie Hallford, Jay McAtee, John Craton, Lucca Fiorillo, Melissa Grigg, James Meyn, Dan Dwyer, Calvin Isbell, Jerry Powell, Alice Marold, Kim Kellams, Danny Carter, Joachim Phạm M. Tường, Tim McGlone Sr., Timothy McGlone Jr., Robert McGlone, Christen Cook, Lindsey McDonald, Rebecca Gonzalez, Joy Powell, Nancy Barbour, Mr Joaquin Fejeran & NH- Madeline Mary Singer, Connie Tirico, Tammy Tweedy, Nancy Sterling and for all others not mentioned here.

If you want to submit an individual for Prayer Intentions, please contact Mrs. Ayen Camilli ((706) 886-2819 ext – 1 or Mrs. Gerrie Chalk at: 706 -963-0050 for a loved one who is sick. Our homebound Ministers are please to bring you the Holy Communion and Weekly Bulletin.



## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention 08/2023 For World Youth Day



We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

## Cầu cho Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới

Chúng ta hãy cầu nguyện để Ngày Giới Trẻ Thế Giới ở Lisbon sẽ giúp người trẻ sống và làm chứng cho Tin Mừng trong cuộc sống của họ.

## St. Mary's Ladies

The Ladies of St. Mary serve to provide a community of fellowship and growth in faith, reaching out to serve and support our pastor, parish families and the community. We serve God through a commitment and uniting our members through prayer, work and service.



Meet: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

- 10 AM: Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sept, Nov

- 7pm: Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

Co-Presidents:

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In Loving Memory of Don Cook



"Do not forget to do charity work, help one another, for God loves such sacrifices." (Heb 13:16)

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For more information please look for any parishioner that is wearing a Bright Yellow Name Tag for more information.

## Meeting & Activities

♦ Membership Meetings :the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday /1 month

♦ Parish Breakfasts: on the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday/1month

## ATTENTION PLEASE!



Religious Education will be starting soon please make sure to register your students. Please reach out to Jessica

Burger, if you can support Religious Education in any of the following ways:

- ♦ teaching (we will provide curriculum),
- ♦ breakfast manager (we need someone to organize the weekly breakfasts),
- ♦ or providing breakfast (we feed students each week).

If you have any questions, please contact with Jessica. Thank you very much

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUT WITH THE CRAFT FAIR

### THERE IS A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE NARTHEX!

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Questions call: Donna 678-851-7170

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### BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Bulletin Submission are to be sent to: **stmarystoc-coa@gmail.com** **NO LATER THAN** noon on **Wednesday** for the bulletin. Late submissions may not be able to be placed.

### BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY



If you would like to have your birthday and/ anniversary announced on WNEG radio/ Connie Gaines, please use the signup sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Contact

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### PARISH MINISTRIES

The list of ministries and contact information is available in the **Narthex of the Church** and **published on our church website:**

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### Building project update



Bids have been received for the construction of Parish Life Center and Religious Education Building. They will be reviewed in the next few weeks to ensure that they meet the plans and specifications.

### Offertory/Contribution Weekend of July 29 & 30, 2023

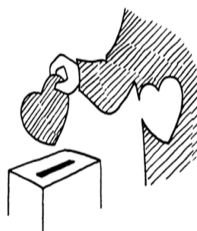
The counters for this week are:

<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$ 3,100.00</b>
<b>Offertory</b>	<b>\$ 3,114.00</b>
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	<b>\$1,350.00</b>
<b>St. Vincent de Paul</b>	<b>\$ 35.00</b>
<b>Ladies Guild Fundraising</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>

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**Thank you for your generosity!**

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLEDGES



Please remember to keep up with your Capital Campaign Pledge contribution. By doing this, it will help to keep us on track to make this a successful build. Please make your checks out to St. Mary's Building Fund. Thank you!



# ART & CRAFTS

## \*\*\* FESTIVAL \*\*\*

**SATURDAY, AUG 19, 2023**

9 am to 4 pm

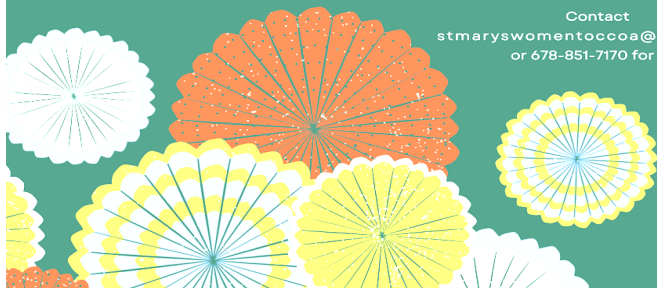
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Hội các Bà Mẹ Công Giáo (St. Mary's Ladies) Giáo Xứ St. Mary's có tổ chức Hội Chợ về Thủ Công - Nghệ Thuật với mục đích gây quỹ cho công trình xây dựng (Building Fund) của Giáo Xứ.

- Các bạn có cơ hội mua sắm sớm, chuẩn bị cho dịp Mừng Lễ Giáng Sinh. Sẽ có rất nhiều mặt hàng được làm từ các Nghệ Nhân ở khắp mọi nơi, đặc biệt là ngay trong Giáo Xứ của chúng ta. Các bạn sẽ được thưởng thức các loại thức ăn. Đặc biệt, Hội Chợ cũng có chương trình Nhạc Sống.

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