

# Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church

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## The Transfiguration of the Lord August 06, 2023



### Parish Mission Statement:

*Our Lady Star of the Sea Church is a multi-cultural faith community in the historic St. Roch neighborhood. With the support of the Archbishop, we commit ourselves to prayer and service in our community. We are one family centered around Jesus and the Eucharist. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are working to build the kingdom of God.*

Parish is staffed  
by **The Divine  
Word Missionaries**

### Parish Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Leon Ngandu SVD

#### Secretary

Mrs. Carol Ali Jenkins

#### Housekeeper

Deirdra M. Humphrey

#### Catechetical Leader

Danielle Bennette Dukes

#### Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Richard Cheri

#### Vigil Mass Organist

Dr. S. Carver Davenport

#### Office Hours

Tuesday - Friday  
9:00am - 3:00pm

#### Weekday Mass Schedule

Evening Mass  
6:00pm Tuesday

Morning Mass  
12:00pm  
Wednesday-Friday

Weekend Mass  
Schedule  
4:00pm Saturday Mass  
10:00am Sunday Mass

#### Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:00-3:45pm  
and by appointment.

## Parish Ministries

### Pastoral Council

Eric Pepin

### Finance Council

Eric Johnson

### Environment Ministry

Eric & Sabera Pepin

### Building & Grounds Committee

Anthony Carter

### Extra Ordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist

Monique  
McConduit  
Shirley Weaver

### Altar Servers

Justin Pepin

### Lectors

Dr. Sheryl Smith

### Hospitality/Ushers

Joseph Boutte'

### Liturgical Dancers

Demetri Galloway  
Pamela Johnson  
Delisia Crayton

### Parish Advocates Ministry

Carol Ali Jenkins

### Samaritans Ministry

Emma Sampson

### Youth Ministry

Sukari Tassain

### Prayer Ministry

Augustine Nedd  
Marion Henry  
Laurie Berry

### Health Ministry

Sabera Pepin

### Ladies Guild

Deirdra Humphrey

### KPC Knights

Bro. Todd Millon

### KPC Ladies Auxiliary

Lady Sabera Pepin

### KPC Jr. Knights/Daughters

Bro. Eric Pepin  
Lady Delisia Crayton

## Prayer Corner

### Mass Intentions:

Perry Glenn, Lorraine Magee, William J. Neylan Jr., Bishop Fernand Cheri, Rita Rose Weaver, Shirley Vaughn, Katherine Florent, Connie Green, Gladys Maugerite Epps Cheri, Brenda Savoy, Margie Faciane, Annie P. Oliver, Nelda Millon, Sybil Rattley, Warren Baudy Sr..

(Donation \$5.00)

The Sanctuary Candle: Burns this week for

**Walter Johnson Sr.**

*Offered by: the Johnson Family*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK...

Henry McCloskey, Matthew McKendall, Joan Humphrey, Fr. Henry Davis, SSJ, Ursula Crowden, Lucy George, Beulah St. Junior, Emma Sampson, Victor DuRapau Jr., Lucien Peters, Gloria & Raymond Lewis, Ginger Lewis, Erin Palmer, Sylvia Barrois, Tiara Jenkins, Henry & Margie Pratcher, Hallie & Owen Pratcher, Willie Solomon, Doris Westrey, Charles Harrison, Leah Chambers, Ernest Gabriel III, Brenda Bazile, Joann Goodman, Diane Dooley, Marilyn Johnson and Helen Steward.

### Weekly Income for July 29-30, 2023

Saturday & Sunday	\$1,189.00
Parish Assessment	\$200.00
Utility Fund	\$52.00
Food Pantry	\$2.00
Air Conditioner Donation	\$700.00
Offertory Online	\$1,779.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,922.00</b>

Thank You: for your continued generosity and support! Please remember that it takes **\$6,100.00** per week to cover the Parish's operating expenses.

This weekend's Second Collection is for **the Parish Assessment.**

### *Bible Readings For the Week*

Sunday Dn 7:9-10,13-14	2Pt 1:16-19	Mt 17:1-9
Monday Nm 11:4b-15		Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday Nm 12:1-13		Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday Nm 13:1-2,25— 14:1,26-29a34-35		Mt15:21-28
Thursday 2 Cor 9:6-10		Jn 12:24-26
Friday Dt 4:32-40		Mt 16:24-28
Saturday Dt 6:4-13		Mt 17:14-20

## Pastor's Corner

**God is Good all the time!**

**And all the time God is Good.**



### **The Transfiguration of the Lord:**

**August 06,2023**

When Matthew talks about the kingdom of heaven, there are two interpretations to consider. First, the kingdom of heaven can refer to an anticipated heavenly life that believers are called to live here on Earth. From June 18<sup>th</sup> until last Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, the Gospel readings were centered on this interpretation of the heavenly kingdom. Jesus sent his apostles including you and me out on a mission to announce to the people that this kingdom of heaven is at hand. To be part of this kingdom involves listening to the Word of God, taking up our crosses, following him, coming to him we who labor and are burdened, and taking up his yoke and learning from him. Also, Jesus told us seven parables to explain to us again what this kingdom of heaven that he came to initiate on earth is like. (See my homilies from Sundays, June 18<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>). Second, the kingdom of heaven also can be understood as the kingdom consummated in the world to come. It alludes to the glory of eternal life that the righteous will share after the final judgment. The scripture readings today refer to this interpretation of the heavenly kingdom.

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of the lord. All the readings that we heard point us to the reality of the end of time and the glory of eternal life that believers will share in the kingdom of heaven. In our first reading, prophet Daniel describes what he saw in his vision concerning God's throne room. The author of the Second Peter, in our second reading, answers the questions of his contemporaries regarding the delay of the Parousia, the return of Jesus at the end of time. In our Gospel, Matthew talks about the story of Jesus' transfiguration to teach us what our bodies and lives will look like in the kingdom of heaven. Notice, we celebrate the Transfiguration of our Lord after a long meditation (from June 18<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>) on the kingdom of heaven understood as an anticipated heavenly life on earth (Matthew 10-13). The reason for doing it is that our mother Church wants to teach us that we who continue to build the "kingdom of heaven" in this present life will share the glory of God in the "kingdom of heaven" in the world to come. Amen.





## Parish Guidelines

### **Registered Parishioners:**

Registered parishioners are those who have submitted a form to the parish office and use parish support envelopes consistently.

### **CCD & RCIA**

School of Religion (CCD) classes meet on Sundays only for children K-12 who are attending public schools. RCIA classes are for adults who are wishing to become full members of the Catholic Church. See Danielle Bennette Dukes for more information.

### **Funerals:**

Please contact the parish office **BEFORE** finalizing any arrangements with a funeral home.

### **Baptism:**

Parents must be registered members of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church or another Catholic Parish for at least six months. Godparents **MUST** be confirmed Catholics. Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep Class prior to the baptism. Call the office for more information.

### **Marriage:**

The rules of the Diocese require at least a 6-month marriage preparation period prior to a wedding. Contact the church office **BEFORE** making any arrangements and to receive complete instructions.

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### **New Media in Evangelization:**

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Our Church Facebook @ [Our Lady Star of the Sea NOLA](#). Mass is livestreamed every Sunday.

Our Church Instagram @ [olsschurchnola](#).

Our church also has a [Zoom Account](#) for meetings. Please email [kmetaxas@arch-no.org](mailto:kmetaxas@arch-no.org) to schedule a meeting using our church Zoom Account.

Fr. Emanuel's weekly reflections on [YouTube channel](#) – **Emanuel Tanu**.

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