

Transfiguration

OF THE LORD
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We Celebrate Eucharist:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
 Sunday: 9:00 A.M.
 11:00 A.M.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.

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Weekday Mass Schedule:

Monday thru Thursday: 12:00 P.M.

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ June 25, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

Fr. Jeffrey Montz has shared this update on his health issues:

He has been diagnosed with a Grade 2 oligodendroglioma, which is a slow-growing brain tumor. His doctors feel that this has been growing for several years and is treatable. A plan for that treatment will be discussed following some further testing.

His doctor has encouraged him to be hopeful and "to speak of the diagnosis by saying that with treatment, [he] should have many more years of service to the Lord and his people."

Please do continue your prayers for Fr. Jeff. His request is to pray through the intercession of Venerable Fulton J. Sheen for a complete recovery.

Kyler Hamilton has been serving as our minister of music at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday mornings for the past year, while he has been studying music at Xavier University. As those who participate in this Mass know, Kyler plays the violin, keyboard and guitar, and this variety of instruments has enhanced our worship at those liturgies.

Kyler will be leaving us at the end of this month and will be pursuing further studies in music in Seville, Spain! We extend our gratitude to Kyler for his faithful service to us. We congratulate him on this wonderful new opportunity. We wish him all the best and assure him of our prayerful gratitude and support in his new venture.

This is my last weekend with you here at Transfiguration of the Lord Parish, after serving these past seven months as Temporary Administrator. I am grateful to Archbishop Gregory Aymond for having the confidence in me in asking me to journey with you these past months. This has been a graced time for me.

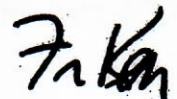
Fr. Paul Desrosiers was your pastor, and he was my friend, and so we grieved together.

We learned of the work of the Sustainability Committee, examining the future of some challenged parishes in the Archdiocese, of which we are one. And so we began to work together to build up parish viability through recruiting new volunteers in parish ministry and trying to improve parish finances.

We learned of the decision of Holy Cross School to move their Primary Grades to their main campus and have begun the task of finding a new tenant for that facility.

I learned that you and I were blessed to have a very dedicated, committed, and generous staff here in Deacons Peter Rizzo, Lloyd Huck, and Kerry Winder and in Mona Ragusa, parish secretary and Vincent Ragusa, facilities manager. Add to that the large number of parish volunteers, and you will realize that there is much potential here in the parish for future growth and for building up, even more, the Lord's Kingdom.

I am confident that Fr. Cletus Orji, your next pastor, will enjoy being with you and will serve you well in his first-time pastorate. Thank you for enriching my priestly life these past months. Know that you will remain in my prayers, and please keep me in yours!



Good News!

June 25, 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jeremiah 20:10-13/Romans 5:12-15/Matthew 10:26-33

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

The Gospel of Matthew warns that the greater danger is not about those who may kill the body, but rather it is about those who can destroy both body and soul. Indeed, what if our soul dies long before our body dies? What then has become of our living? Henry David Thoreau spent a year at Walden Pond in 1845. He did not go to escape life, he said, but to preserve it, to live it more fully. "I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not when I came to die, discover that I had not lived," he wrote in Walden in 1854. "I did not wish to live what was not life, living is so dear, nor did I wish to practice resignation, unless it was quite necessary. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life, to live so sturdily and Spartan-like as to put to rout all that was not life." To have a soul is not as if some other-worldly reality has been given a home in our body. Rather, to have a soul is to have a source of hope even in the face of failure, to love in imitation of Jesus even when we are not loved, to see goodness even when it is hidden, to trust in God even when we are powerless. It is the source of mystery, of all that is transcendent, the home of all that is holy. •

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"Stars, Stripes & Classic American Tunes" with Sarah Jane McMahon & Friends

Sarah Jane McMahon, an acclaimed soprano soloist, will perform a "Stars, Stripes & Classic American Tunes" Concert on Sunday, July 2, 2023, at 3:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier Church, 444 Metairie Rd., Metairie, LA. The Concert will feature patriotic songs & popular music from the American theatre. She performs leading roles with opera companies & symphony orchestras locally & worldwide, & is the Director of Sacred Music/Cantor at St. Louis Cathedral. She will be joined by Accompanist & Soloist, Linden Uter, who is Music Director & Cantor at St. Francis Xavier Church. Admission to the Concert is free. A Good Will Offering will be taken. The St. Francis KCs will serve free hot dogs & fixings from 1:15 - 2:30 pm under the Parish Pavilion. For further info, call the Church at 504-834-0340.

Announcements

Collections for June 17th & 18th, 2023

Envelopes:	\$1,294.00
Loose:	\$1,599.00
Online:	\$1,162.70
Poor Box:	\$ 70.25

The church office will be closed Tuesday, July 4th, 2023, in observance of the Fourth of July. We will re-open at 9:00 am on Wednesday, July 5, 2023.

BECOME A CATHOLIC!

Don't let your relative, friend or neighbor become a "NONE!" That is, a person who checks "None" on an application when asked the question, "What is your religion?" "Be a fisher of men and women," Jesus told His apostles. Please invite him/her to join our parish program to become a member of our church & parish community. Applications are located on the tables in the back of church for you to bring to your relative, friend or neighbor. Please ask for it to be filled-out & returned to Transfiguration.

Transfiguration of the Lord Church offers children **ages 3 to 12** The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd religious formation program based on Montessori teaching principles. The program runs concurrently to the school year on Saturdays. Catechists (volunteers) work together in a spirit of unity & harmony, in tune with God's plan for communion in the history of salvation & in keeping with the themes of unity so strongly expressed in the parables of the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21) & the True Vine (John 15:1-17). If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Shellie Glorioso at (504) 912-5255 or shellieglorioso@me.com.

The **second parish-wide meeting** regarding the Parish Sustainability Study has not been set. **As soon as it is, we will let you know.**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR

July 1st and July 2nd, 2023

July 1 st	4:00 PM
+Robert Collins	+Robert Munch, Sr.
+Louis Lawrence	+Sharon Pulley
+Leonard & +Joan Fine	+Juanita Schasa
+Raymond Pulley, Sr.	+Raymond Pulley, Jr.
+Theresa Rose Farve Smith	
+Jourdan, +Frick, +Johnson, +Vigee Families	
July 2 nd	9:00 AM
+James A. Cousin	+Rev. Paul Desrosiers
+Jerome Robinson	
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