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Celebrating 150 Years

WEEKLY BULLETIN AUGUST 06, 2023

FEAST OF THE
TRANSFIGURATION OF
THE LORD

*"This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well
pleased;
listen to him."*

MT 17:5



SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH

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P: 617-523-2110

Mass Schedule

Saturday	5:00 PM
Sunday	9:00 AM
	10:30 AM (Italian)
	12:00 Noon
Mon-Fri	8:15 AM
	12:05 PM

All masses are transmitted
on our Facebook page
"St Leonard's Parish,
North End, Boston"



Headphones for hearing impaired are available
upon request.

Gluten Free Host are also available upon request

Confessions

Saturdays 4:15 - 4:45 PM - and upon request

SAINT LEONARD CHURCH SCHEDULE OF DEVOTIONS

Mon - Fri	11:30 AM Rosary
	8:15 AM Mass
	12:05 PM Mass
Monday	12:30 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet
Tuesday	12:30 PM St Anthony Novena
Wednesday	12:30 PM Litany of St Joseph
	1st Wed of every month
	Queen of Peace Prayer Group
	6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Thursday	Pure in Heart Young Adults
	6:30 PM Rosary, 7PM Mass
Friday	12:30-3:00 PM Adoration
	(First Fridays from 12:30pm until 3:00pm)

**There will be 8:15 Mass during
the month of July.**

**St Leonard Church will be closed for
cleaning on Mondays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
& Thursdays 9:00 AM - 11:00AM**

Pastoral Staff

Pastor: Rev. Michael Della Penna, OFM

Deacon: Brother Charles Gingerich, OFM

Student Priest in Residence: Rev. Federico
Cinocca

Guest Priest: Rev. Alexander O'Kere

Rev. Robert Caprio, OFM

Rev. Francis Walter, OFM

St Stephen Rector: Rev. David Costello

Parish Office

Mon - Thu 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

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Mon - Thurs 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Fri - Sat 1:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Sunday 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

**WE WILL RESUME THE MONDAY TO
FRIDAY 8:15AM MASSES STARTING ON
MONDAY 7TH**

SAINT STEPHEN CHURCH

401 Hanover St, Boston, MA 02109

P: 617-742-4715

Mass Schedule

Saturday	4:00 PM
Sunday	11:00 AM
Thurs-Fri	7:30 AM



SAINT LEONARD CHURCH

Mass Intentions August 05 - August 11

August 05 - SATURDAY

5:00 pm - Emilio Scapicchio; Susan Sarkis; Cornelia Kelly; That families will be filled with hope; and for the reconciliation of family members; Mathias Knops

August 06 - SUNDAY

9:00 am - Deceased members of the DePasquale Family and Varano Family; Piazza Family; Dolores Merola; That families will be filled with hope; and for the reconciliation of family members

10:30 am - San Cirico Society; Luigi & Ersilia Torra; Rocco & Filomena Pezzano; St. Agrippina society and in memory of Anne Marie Melito; That families will be filled with hope; and for the reconciliation of family members

12:00 pm - Deceased members of the Picardo Family; Josephine and Louise Trodella; That families will be filled with hope; and for the reconciliation of family members

August 07 - MONDAY

8:15 am - Ellen Adams

12:05 pm - Healing of Charlie Falla

August 08 - TUESDAY

8:15 am - Healing of Miriam Vincent

12:05 pm - Antonio Guarino

August 09 - WEDNESDAY

8:15 am - David Halpin

12:05 pm - Margaret Gingerich

August 10 - THURSDAY

8:15 am - For the homeless people around the world

12:05 pm - Mark Kutch

August 11 - FRIDAY

8:15 am - Souls of Purgatory

12:05 pm - For all the students at St. Johns School

The Bread and Wine will be offered the week of August 05 - August 11 at Saint Leonard Church for Christopher Perry



The Sanctuary Lamp will burn the week of August 05 - August 11 at Saint Leonard Church for Raymond Grande



The St. Leonard Candle will burn the week of August 05 - August 11 at Saint Leonard Church in Memory of Christopher Perry



All intentions and holy cards found near the Saints will be offered up once a month at the Sunday mass

Are you in need of Prayers?

Each day the friars of St. Christopher Friary pray for the intentions entrusted to them. If you would like your intention included in our prayers, please call the friary prayer request line: 617-742-4190 ext. 100. We are happy to keep you in our prayers.



Symbols from the Gospel account of the Transfiguration, as explained by Benedict XVI

Though the Evangelists can only "stammer before the mystery," we can learn so much from it.

August 6 is the Feast of the Transfiguration, the Gospel event in which Jesus is "transfigured" and becomes white as light.

Benedict XVI considered the meaning of this event in his book *Jesus of Nazareth*.

From his commentary, we can draw three of the symbols from the Transfiguration



MOUNTAINTOP

Mountains have great significance in Scripture, often denoting the "locus of God's particular closeness."

For Jesus, the mountaintop is the site of various important events: "the mountain of the temptation; the mountain of his great preaching; the mountain of his prayer; the mountain of the transfiguration; the mountain of his agony; the mountain of the cross; and finally, the mountain of the risen Lord."

The mountain is already highly symbolic in the Old Testament. There is Mt. Sinai, where the Commandments are given; Mt. Horeb (possibly another name for Sinai), as the site of the Burning Bush; and Mt. Moriah where Abraham was commanded to sacrifice Isaac.

"They are all at one and the same time mountains of passion and of revelation, and they also refer in turn to the Temple Mount, where revelation becomes liturgy," Benedict says.

THE CLOUD

"And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is my beloved son; listen to him.'" (Mark 9:7) The holy cloud, the shekinah, is the sign of the presence of God himself.

This is the same image we have in the Old Testament, when the cloud over the Tent of Meeting indicated to the Israelites that God was present.

Now, Jesus is himself the holy tent, and the cloud of God's presence enfolds others as well.

We saw the cloud at Jesus' baptism, with the Father speaking from it: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11)

GOD'S WORD

In contrast to the message from the cloud at the River Jordan, now on the mount of the Transfiguration, the Father says something more: "Listen to him."

Here again we see the parallel with Sinai, and God's revelation of his Word in the Commandments.

But here, notes Benedict, is something more:

H. Gese has provided a perceptive commentary on this scene: "Jesus himself has become the divine word of revelation. The Gospels could not illustrate it any more clearly or powerfully: Jesus himself is the Torah." This one command brings the theophany to its conclusion and sums up its deepest meaning. The disciples must accompany Jesus back down the mountain and learn ever anew to "listen to him."

EVENTS

August Events

- August 9th

Meet St. Clare flier attached for three-day retreat in August

- August 27th : Sunday, Stations of the Cross

Social 1-2pm; Adoration 2-3pm; Stations at 3pm.

Every First Friday Adoration is Hosted from 12:30pm to 3:00pm

WEDNESDAY - August 9th, 10th & 11th

THIS WEEK
STARTING ON WEDNESDAY!

Meet Saint Clare

Three Days of Reflection on Saint Clare of Assisi

7pm each night in the Church
Presented by: Andre Cirino OFM

Wednesday, August 9

Presentation of the Life of Saint Clare and
Prayer in Honor of St. Clare as a Healer

Thursday, August 10

Transitus of Saint Clare

Friday, August 11

Mass for the Feast Day of Saint Clare



FUTURE EVENTS

WEDNESDAY - August 23rd

Saint Leonard of Port Maurice Parish

Please join us to Visit

National Shrine Of The Divine Mercy Stockbridge, MA

Wednesday, August 23

7:30am Bus Leaves from front of Church

10-11am Arrival + Free Time

11am Stations of the Cross (St. Leonard Version)

Noon Lunch (Please bring your own Lunch + Beverage)

1pm Adoration, Confession and Rosary

2pm Mass

3pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and Benediction

3:30-4:30pm Divine Mercy + Benediction

4:30pm Bus Leaves & Arrives in North End around 7pm.



Transportation included. This event is rain or shine & schedule is subject to change.

First come, first serve to fill the bus. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 16 to the Parish office at 617-523-2110 or by e-mailing: celebrating150years@sleonard.org.

FRIDAY - September 1st

ADORATION



Adoration will be held during first Fridays
from 12:30pm until 3:00pm ending with
the benediction



SUNDAY - August 27th

Fourth Sunday Stations of the Cross

Please join us on Sunday, August 27th

1:00pm: Social

2:00pm: Adoration

3:00pm: Stations of the Cross

We hope to see you then!

Hosted By: Society of St. James at St. Stephen's
Church, St. Joseph's Artisans Home



In a bow to a late 1890's St. Leonard's Church tradition, and in honor of St. Leonard's devotion to the Stations of the Cross, each month, on the 4th Sunday, we are offering a Social in the Church Hall after the noon Mass from 1-2pm; Adoration in the Church from 2-3pm and then the Stations at 3pm. Various groups, affiliated with the Parish, have offered to host these monthly Sunday Stations.

SATURDAY - September 16th

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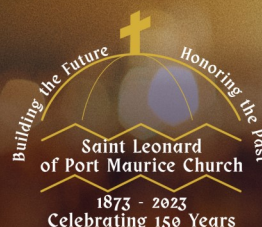
TALENT SHOWCASE

Show us your God given Talents!!

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 16, 7-9pm Church Hall

Can you sing, dance, play an instrument, act, do stand up comedy? We would love to have you join us for this special night.



Register now: sweetnomar5@aol.com or call the Parish Office



150TH ANNIVERSARY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are the centerpiece of our 150th celebration and we will be offering, as an insert each week in the bulletin, the Station of the month along with meditations for your prayer and reflection.

We encourage you to spend some time each day allowing Jesus to speak to you through His Passion. This week for the month of July we are focused on the Seventh Station:

Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem .

Our next 150th meeting is on
Tuesday, August 8th at 6:30pm in
the Hall.

The Dinner Dance Committee is seeking photos from Church or School events and/or the North End prior to the 1980's. Please send photos to
celebrating150years@sleonard.org

150th Building the Future Fund

Thank you to all the Angels that have contributed to our 150th Building the Future Fund thus far.

We still need to raise \$100,000 to repair the facade of Sacred Heart, and \$100,000 to fix the Roof at the Rectory. Please consider donating to our Angelic Choir:

- \$150 Sesquicentennial Club
- \$500 Angels
- \$1,500 Archangels
- \$5,000 Principalities
- \$15,000 Powers
- \$30,000 Virtues
- \$50,000 Dominions
- \$75,000 Thrones
- \$100,000 Cherubim
- \$150,000+ Seraphim

Donations can be made with a check to St. Leonard's 150th and sent to the Parish office at 320 Hanover Street, Boston MA 02113; or by donating online at www.saintleonardchurchboston.org.

Thank you so much!

SAINT LEONARD OF PORT MAURICE PARISH



DURING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR, WE ARE OFFERING THE CHANCE TO SPONSOR A CANDLE IN FRONT OF THE ST. LEONARD STATUE ON THE ALTAR. SPONSORSHIP IS \$25 AND THE DONATION MAY BE MADE IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF SOMEONE. CANDLES BURN FOR ONE WEEK. PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE TO SIGN-UP.



SACRED HEART CHURCH



Work has begun on reinforcing the façade of Sacred Heart Church. Funds are still needed for the “Building the Future Fund” to pay for repairs to the roof of the Rectory and the façade of Sacred Heart Church.

Donations can be made here:



Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity!

Sesquicentennial Prayer

**we hope you will join us in praying it
during this year:**

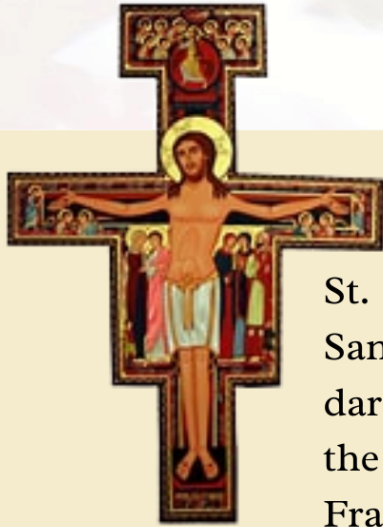
*Almighty and merciful God, who made Saint Leonard
an outstanding herald of the mystery of the Cross,
grant, by his intercession,*

*that, acknowledging on earth the riches of the same
cross, we may be worthy to attain the fruit of
redemption in Heaven.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives
and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen*

*Let us pray that this 150th celebration be an
opportunity for us to be transformed by the Cross
and more intimately united with Christ.*





Travelling San Damiano Cross

St. Francis' vocation began at the foot of the Cross at San Damiano where he prayed to God to "enlighten the darkness of his heart..." Later he heard Jesus say from the Cross, "Go, repair my Church" and as a result the Franciscan order was born. Since that time all Franciscans have a longstanding devotion to the Cross.

St. Leonard, coming out of this tradition, refined the devotion of the Cross by popularizing the Stations of the Cross and preached that we can be transformed in and through the Cross.

Thus, as part of the 150th Anniversary, we would like to invite parishioners to welcome the San Damiano Cross into their homes and allow themselves to be transformed by the Cross.

Parishioners can have the Cross in their home for one week. Let us know if you are interested. We will fill weeks consecutively beginning on January 29, 2023. The Cross will be blessed and handed over at the noon Mass each week. We hope you will invite family, friends and neighbors into your home to pray before the Cross.

To sign-up for the travelling San Damiano Cross, please contact celebrating150Years@sleonard.org or by calling the Parish office at 617-523-2110 and asking for Claudia.



FINANCIAL & GIVING

ST LEONARD PARISH AUGUST OFFERTORY

Week 1:	\$ 2,972
Week 2:	\$ 2,300
Week 3:	\$ 3,255
Week 4:	\$ 2,195
Week 5:	\$ 2,712

August Monthly Budget: \$ 6,215

THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PUTS

Faith into Action

It all starts with YOU

As Of May 30th. We have raised \$9,920 toward our Parish goal of \$51,454. We thank the 31 families who have contributed thus far.

We invite you to prayerfully consider making a Generous gift to this year's appeal. For the parish to get full credit from your generosity, please turn in a completed pledge with your Catholic Appeal Donation.

Please take a pledge from the pew, fill it out and return it in the collection box or mail it to the Parish Office, 320 Hanover Street, Boston, MA 02113.

Thank for you contribution!

Need a meal, or a place to donate clothes?

St. Leonard will be partnering with **Haley House**, a soup kitchen and donation center in South Boston.

Currently, they are most in need of men's clothing. Please check the link haleyhouse.org/goods for list of accepted items.

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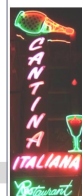
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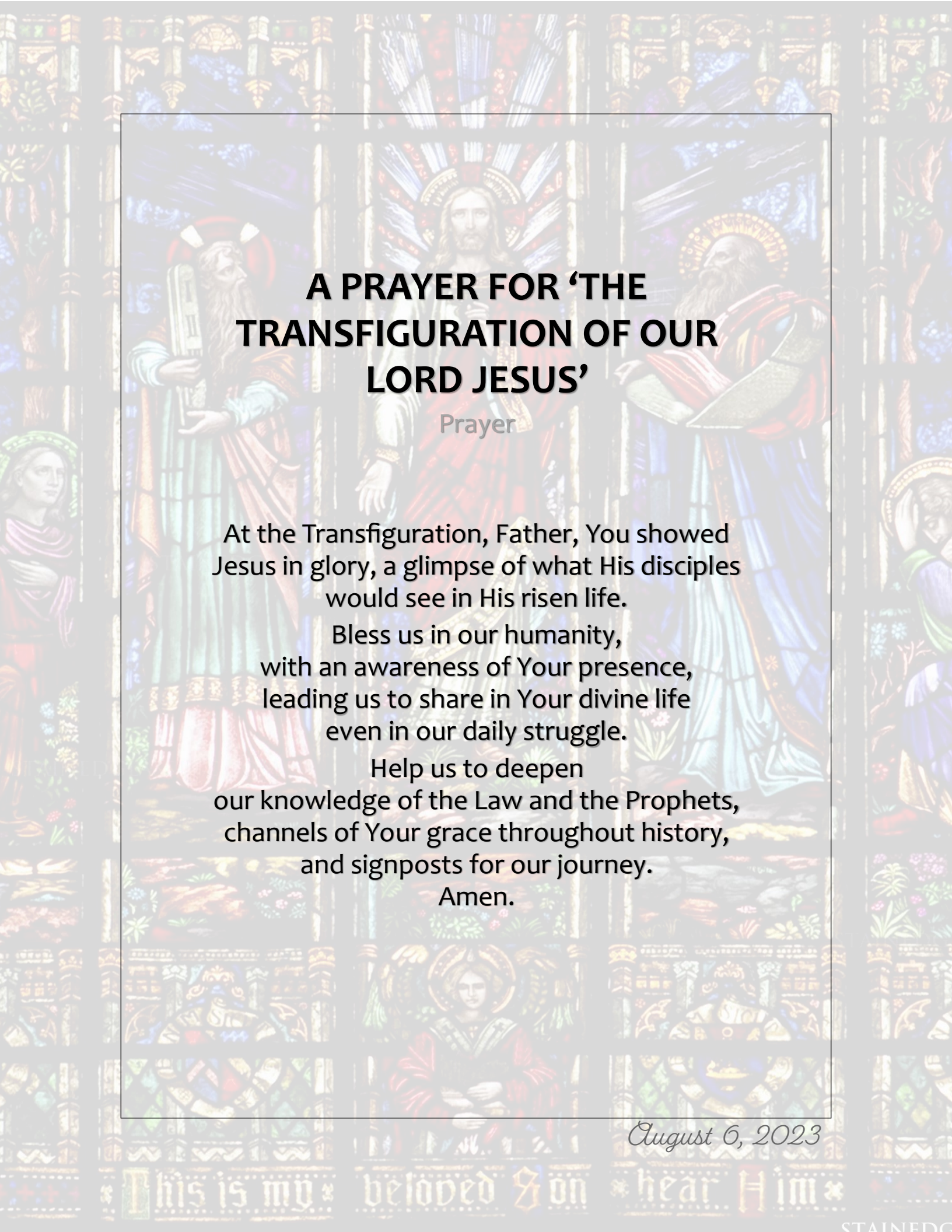
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A PRAYER FOR ‘THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS’

Prayer

At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed
Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples
would see in His risen life.

Bless us in our humanity,
with an awareness of Your presence,
leading us to share in Your divine life
even in our daily struggle.

Help us to deepen
our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets,
channels of Your grace throughout history,
and signposts for our journey.

Amen.

August 6, 2023

This is my beloved Son hear Him

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