

What is the Transfiguration?

The Transfiguration of Jesus is a moment in the Gospel (Matthew 17:1–9) when Jesus revealed His divine glory to three of His disciples—Peter, James, and John—on a high mountain, traditionally known as Mount Tabor.

What happened on the mountain?

Jesus' face shone like the sun

His clothes became dazzling white

Two great figures appeared: Moses (representing the Law) Elijah (representing the Prophets)

A bright cloud covered them

And a voice from heaven said: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him."

The disciples were afraid and fell to the ground, but Jesus told them:

"Do not be afraid."

What does it mean?

The Transfiguration teaches us several beautiful truths:

Jesus is truly the Son of God

This moment shows His divine glory, even before His suffering on the cross.

Jesus fulfills the Law and the Prophets

That's why Moses and Elijah were there—they point to Jesus.

It prepares the disciples for difficult times

Soon, Jesus would suffer and die. This vision helped them remember who He truly is.

We are called to listen to Jesus

God the Father tells us clearly: "Listen to Him."

Simple message (especially for children)

When you feel afraid Jesus says: "Do not be afraid."

When you are confused Listen to Jesus

When life is hard, Remember His light is always with you



School Mass—it helps the children form not only their minds, but also their hearts and souls.

1. They Encounter God in a Personal Way

Children are not just learning about God—they are meeting Him in the Eucharist.

At Mass, they hear His Word and receive His presence, even if in simple ways they can understand.

☑ This helps them grow in a relationship with God, not just knowledge.

2. It Teaches Them How to Pray

School Mass introduces children to the rhythm of Catholic prayer: Listening, Responding, Singing, and being silent before God

Over time, these become habits that stay with them for life.

3. It Forms Their Moral and Spiritual Values

Through the readings, homily, and prayers, children learn: Kindness, Forgiveness, Sharing, Respect

Just like when you teach catechism, they begin asking meaningful questions—not just about lessons, but about life and faith.

4. It Builds a Sense of Community

When children gather for Mass: They see their classmates as a faith family. They learn they belong to something bigger—the Church

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March 1st, 2026 Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

2 Timothy 1:8b-10 Matthew 17:1-9

"Listening to Jesus on the Mountain"

Today's Gospel tells us about a very special moment in the life of Jesus. Jesus took three of His friends—Peter, James, and John—and led them up a high mountain. While they were there, something amazing happened!

Jesus' face began to shine like the sun, and His clothes became bright like light—so bright that it must have been hard to look at Him! . Can you imagine that? It's like when you look at the sun and it's so bright you have to close your eyes! Then, something even more special happened. A voice came from a cloud and said:

"This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." What does this mean for us? Children, God is telling us something very important: Jesus is special. He is not just a teacher—He is the Son of God. We must listen to Him. Just like we listen to our parents, teachers, and catechists.

How can we listen to Jesus?

Let's make it simple: When you pray, you are listening to Jesus. When you read the Bible or hear it at Mass, you are listening to Jesus. When you choose to be kind, forgive, and help others—you are following Jesus

A little lesson from the disciples: The disciples were scared and confused at first. Sometimes, we also feel that way, right? But Jesus said to them: "Do not be afraid." So remember, children: Jesus is always with you—even when you feel scared.

A simple message to remember

Next time you feel unsure, sad, or afraid, remember: "Listen to Jesus." He will guide you, love you, and help you make the right choices.

Prayer

Let us pray: Dear Jesus, Help us to listen to You every day. Help us to be kind, loving, and brave. Stay with us always, especially when we are afraid. Amen.



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 Saturday 3:30pm – 4:30pm

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Baptisms:
 Every 3rd Saturday of the month @ 2:30pm
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Marriage:
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Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA, English):
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 10:30am + Robert & Rose Champion
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 Wednesday, 8:30am Jake Coelho
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Liturgical Minister Schedule

March 7 & 8, 2026

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Matthew 17:1-9

In today's Gospel, we are brought up the mountain with Jesus—together with Peter, James, and John. There, something extraordinary happens: Jesus is transfigured before them. His face shines like the sun, and His clothes become dazzling white.

This moment is not just a miracle—it is a revelation. It is God teaching us something very important about who Jesus is and who we are called to be.

1. The Transfiguration

Reveals the True Identity of Jesus on the mountain, Jesus is seen in His glory. This tells us that:

Jesus is not only human—He is truly the Son of God

He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets (represented by Moses and Elijah)

The voice of the Father says: "This is my beloved Son... listen to Him." This is the heart of our faith: We are not just followers of teachings—we are followers of a Person, Jesus Christ.

2. The Mountain Experience

In the Bible, the mountain is a place of encounter with God.

Just like you, my dear friends, in your busy parish life—organizing events, teaching catechism, preparing liturgies—we all need moments to "go up the mountain": In prayer, In silence, In the Mass

These are our moments of Transfiguration, where God strengthens us.

Peter says, "Lord, it is good that we are here." And truly, it is good to be in the presence of God.

3. "Listen to Him"

The Call to Obedience

The Father does not say, "admire Him," or "look at Him." He says, "Listen to Him."

To listen means: To trust His Word

To follow His teachings, To allow His voice to guide our decisions

In our daily life: When we forgive instead of getting angry, When we serve without expecting something in return, When we remain faithful even when it is difficult.

—we are listening to Him.

4. From Glory to the Cross

After this beautiful moment, Jesus tells them:

"Do not tell anyone... until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Why? Because the Transfiguration prepares them for something difficult—the Cross.

This teaches us:

Our life is not only glory; it also includes struggles

But the glory of God is already present, even in our suffering

Just like your experiences in ministry—long days, many responsibilities, sacrifices—yet filled with grace and meaning.

5. "Do Not Be Afraid"

When the disciples fall in fear, Jesus touches them and says:

"Rise, and do not be afraid."

This is very important.

God does not reveal His glory to frighten us, but to strengthen us.

In moments of uncertainty:

In parish challenges

In personal struggles

In times of doubt

Jesus tells us:

"Do not be afraid." I am with you.

Mateo 17, 1-9

En el Evangelio de hoy, Jesús lleva a Pedro, Santiago y Juan a un monte alto. Allí sucede algo extraordinario: Jesús se transfigura delante de ellos. Su rostro brilla como el sol y sus vestiduras se vuelven blancas como la luz.

Este momento no es solo un milagro, sino una enseñanza profunda sobre quién es Jesús y qué significa seguirlo.

1. La Transfiguración revela quién es Jesús

En el monte, los discípulos ven la gloria de Jesús. Esto nos enseña que:

Jesús no es solamente un hombre, sino el Hijo amado de Dios

Él es el cumplimiento de la Ley y los Profetas (representados por Moisés y Elías)

Entonces se escucha la voz del Padre:

"Este es mi Hijo amado... escúchenlo."

Este es el centro de nuestra fe:

No seguimos solo ideas, seguimos a Jesucristo vivo.

2. El monte: lugar de encuentro con Dios

En la Biblia, el monte es lugar de encuentro con Dios.

También nosotros, en medio de nuestras actividades—en la parroquia, en la familia, en el trabajo—necesitamos subir al "monte":

En la oración

En el silencio

En la Santa Misa

Aquí encontramos a Dios que nos fortalece.

Pedro dice: "Señor, qué bueno es que estemos aquí." Y es verdad, es bueno estar en la presencia de Dios.

3. "Escúchenlo": el llamado a obedecer

El Padre no dice "mírenlo" o "admírenlo", sino: "Escúchenlo."

Escuchar a Jesús significa:

Confiar en su Palabra

Seguir sus enseñanzas

Vivir como Él nos pide

Cuando:

Perdono en lugar de guardar rencor

Sirvo con amor

Soy fiel en lo pequeño

—estoy escuchando a Jesús.

4. De la gloria a la cruz

Después de este momento glorioso, Jesús les habla de su resurrección.

¿Por qué? Porque la Transfiguración prepara a los discípulos para la cruz.

Esto nos enseña que:

La vida no es solo momentos de alegría

También hay sufrimiento, sacrificio y pruebas

Pero la gloria de Dios está presente incluso en medio de nuestras dificultades.

5. "No tengan miedo"

Los discípulos tienen miedo, pero Jesús se acerca, los toca y les dice:

"Levántense, no tengan miedo."

Hermanos, esta palabra es también para nosotros.

En nuestras luchas:

En los problemas de la vida

En el cansancio del servicio

En las preocupaciones del día a día

Jesús nos dice:

"No tengan miedo." Yo estoy con ustedes.

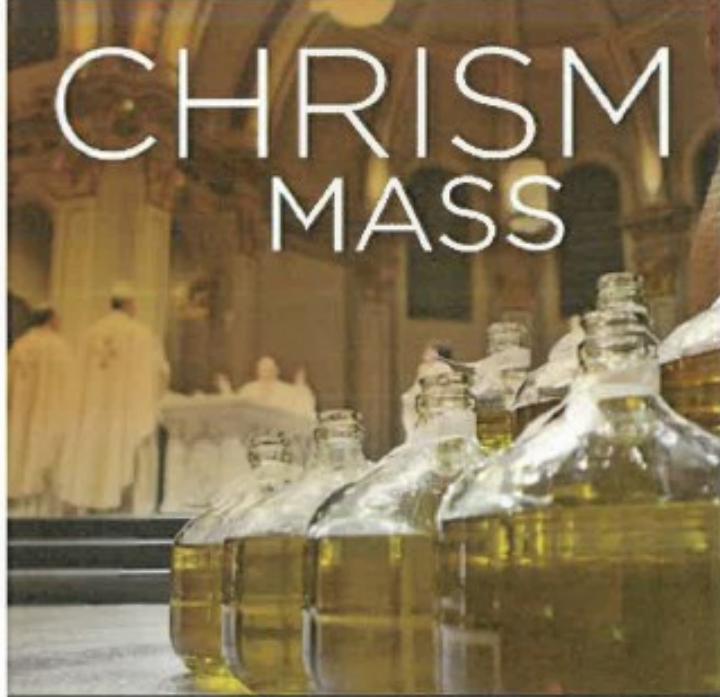


Chrism Mass

Bishop Jaime Soto will preside at the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6pm.

Bishop Soto and the priests of the diocese will pray for God's continued blessings on the local church of Sacramento. The priests will renew their priestly promises.

The Chrism Mass is one of our most important Diocesan celebrations where Bishop Soto will bless the Holy Oils that are used in sacramental celebrations in all the parishes of the Diocese throughout the coming year.



Thank You to Our Religious Education Ministry

With grateful hearts, we extend our sincere thanks to our Religious Education Ministry for their beautiful service in preparing and serving soup and bread last Friday before the Stations of the Cross at 6pm and 7pm

This simple yet meaningful gesture nourishes not only the body but also the spirit, bringing our parish community together in fellowship as we journey through this Lenten season. Your dedication and generosity reflect the true spirit of service and sacrifice.

We also offer a special thank you to our Religious Education Confirmation students who lovingly served the delicious soup. Your willingness to serve, your joy, and your participation are truly inspiring. You remind us that even at a young age, we can live out our faith through acts of kindness and generosity.

May God bless all of you for your time, effort, and loving service to our parish community.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Cost: Free

Inviting all youth ministry coordinators to join our monthly Youth Ministry Support Gathering to fellowship, share ideas, and support one another. This is the evening virtual session from 7:00pm-8:30pm

Zoom Link

Meeting ID: 843 3714 8571

Passcode: ymsupport

Heavenly Father,

Today we lift up our **OCIA team** to You with hearts full of gratitude. Thank You for calling each of them to serve in this beautiful ministry. Thank You for the generosity with which they give their time, their faith, and their love as volunteers.

Lord, You see their dedication. You know the hours of preparation, the quiet prayers offered for candidates, the patience shown in conversations, and the steady encouragement they provide week after week. Bless them for their faithfulness. Renew their energy when they are tired, strengthen them when challenges arise, and fill them with joy in their service.

As a parish, we are deeply grateful for their presence. Through their witness, our community is strengthened. Through their patience and compassion, hearts are opened. Through their commitment, Your Church continues to grow.

We entrust this ministry to You, confident that You who began this good work will bring it to completion.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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for Pastors, Administrators, Bookkeepers and Secretaries

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In-person Options:
 Monday, April 6th
 Our Lady of Assumption Parish
 5095 Cottage Way
 Colusa, CA 95628
 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
 Check in at 8:30 a.m.

Virtual Option:
 Tuesday, April 14th
 One can have IDV if to attend the Workshop. Information to access the Zoom Meeting will be provided to you via email.
 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please RSVP by March 27th at the following link:
<https://www.sacramentodiocese.com/2026AAW>

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March 1, 2026

1. Thank you to the volunteers of the Sick & Homebound Ministry who cooked and served the second Friday night Soup & Bread Meal. All parishioners and friends are invited to share a meal during Lent. Dinner service begins at 5:00pm until 6:30pm.



2. Lent is a great time for silent prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration begins Friday mornings at 9:00am and ends with Benediction at 5:30pm in the Chapel.



3. During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross are every Friday evening with Spanish at 6:00pm followed by English at 7:00pm.



Saints Felicity and Perpetua - March 7th

are among the most beloved early Christian martyrs, remembered for their unwavering faith, courage, and deep trust in God even in the face of death. Their story dates back to the early 3rd century, around the year 203 AD, during the persecution of Christians under the Roman Emperor Septimius Severus in Carthage (modern-day Tunisia).



Who Were They?

Saint Perpetua was a young noblewoman, well-educated and only about 22 years old. She was also a mother to an infant son whom she deeply loved.

Saint Felicity (or Felicitas) was a young slave and a close companion of Perpetua. She was pregnant at the time of their imprisonment.

Despite their different social status—one wealthy, the other enslaved—they were united by one thing: their faith in Jesus Christ.

Their Arrest and Imprisonment

Perpetua and Felicity were arrested along with other catechumens (those preparing for baptism)

because they refused to renounce their Christian faith. While in prison:

Perpetua's father pleaded with her to deny Christ to save her life, but she firmly refused.

She recorded her experiences in what became known as "The Passion of Saints Perpetua and Felicity", one of the earliest writings by a Christian woman.

Felicity, though pregnant, remained strong in faith and prayed that she might give birth before the execution, since Roman law forbade executing pregnant women.

Miraculously, Felicity gave birth to a baby girl just days before their martyrdom.

Their Martyrdom

On the day of execution, they were brought to the arena during public games:

They were first attacked by wild animals.

Despite suffering, they remained calm, prayerful, and filled with peace.

In the end, they were killed by the sword.

Perpetua is remembered for guiding the trembling hand of the young gladiator to her throat—a powerful sign of her courage and total surrender to God.

Their Legacy

Their feast day is celebrated on March 7.

They are among the earliest martyrs whose story is well documented.

Their witness shows that faith transcends social status, fear, and even death.

They are patrons of mothers, expectant mothers, and those seeking strength in trials.

Online Giving

Our church is now offering Online Giving.

For additional information, or to sign up, visit our website at www.stteresaauburn.com.



Stations of the Cross every Friday
6pm Spanish, 7pm English



Santa Teresa of Avila Church Online Giving

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3. Supports the Church's Mission

Churches like The United Methodist Church and The Catholic Church use online platforms to help fund ministries, outreach programs, missions, and community support. Online giving provides steady and reliable funding so the church can plan effectively and expand its impact.

4. Security and Transparency

Most churches use secure, encrypted platforms that protect your financial information. Online systems also provide instant receipts and giving records, making it easier to track your donations for budgeting and tax purposes.

5. Encourages Generosity

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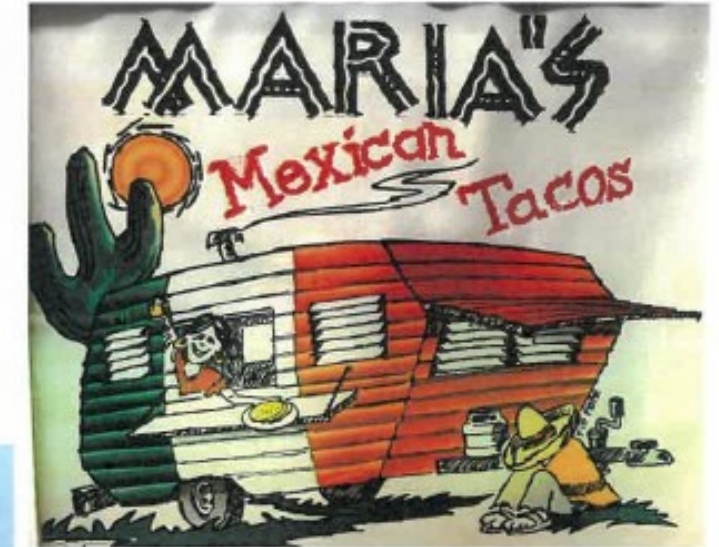
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