



## ST. JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

# THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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### Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Michael Syjueco  
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**Office hours:** Tuesday: 8am - 11am  
Thursday & Friday : 1:00pm-4:00pm

### Regular Mass Schedules:

Saturday: 8:30a.m. & 5:00p.m. (anticipated )

Sunday: 9:30a.m, 11:00a.m. & 5pm

Mon.-Fri.: 8:30a.m.

*(Please be sure to check the parish website for changes during the week.)*

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 12:15pm

### Reconciliation:

Tuesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (*cry room*)

Saturday: 3:30pm to 5:00p.m. (*Reconciliation Room*)



Please see the bulletin on page 7 for information about the parish staff, sacraments, and other services we offer.



Dennette Braud owns a cake café in Las Vegas. Like many small businesses which closed during COVID-19, she once faced a threat of closure. One day she parked her trailer in a parking lot and thought of selling her cakes as her last attempt. Before she knew it, the community rallied behind her just to keep her business open. It was for her a glimmer of hope!

The Feast of the Transfiguration is meant to strengthen the faith of the apostles in anticipation of His Passion. The vision of the glorified Jesus became the source of hope when He would appear like a tragic failure in His Passion and Death. He would be despised, rejected, condemned to death, and crucified. If we were in the apostles' shoes seeing all these, our spirit, too, would dampen knowing that the very person that we anchored our hope on is now gone. For Jesus' followers, especially to His inner circle of friends, it would have been a time of great mourning for such huge loss. We have instances in life when we grieve for the loss of something. It can be the loss of a loved one, a career, a glorious era for a company or institution, or worse, loss of a freedom we once cherished. All these can be versions of our own Passion. When we are amid all these, it's hard to feel hopeful. We need to see glimpses of hope. We need an experience of Jesus' transfiguration.

The truth is every day Jesus reveals His glory to tell us that not all is lost. If only we pay attention to these glimpses of light. What were some of your own transfiguration experiences in the past? The next time you feel despair, recall those moments and feel assured that your own passion will eventually lead to an experience of your own resurrection. This will keep you from ever losing hope!

- Fr. Michael Syjueco



## Mass Intentions for the Week

Deceased (†) Living (L)

August 5	5:00 PM	Earl Christian Miguel
August 6	9:30 AM	†Vinncent Don Nguyen, †Joshep Luong Danh, †Anna Nguyen Vy
	11:00 AM	†Dr. Ron Restifo
	5:00 PM	Aurelia Calso and family
August 7	8:30 AM	†Anne Biskupski
August 8	8:30 AM	Rich Kawashima, † Rico Calso, † Alex Ip
August 9	8:30 AM	†Scot Austin, † Regina Saenz, † Kay Miller
August 10	8:30AM	†Maria Lorenza Bailon
August 11	8:30 AM	†Viveca Campanilla
August 12	8:30 AM	† Rogelio Solleza Jr.





## GROWING IN FAITH



*(If you are interested in any of the offerings below, please contact Fr. Gabriel Lee or Fr. Michael Syjueco in the parish office (408 252-7653 ext. 123 or 128)*

### **"ALIVE IN THE SPIRIT!"**

#### **BIBLE STUDY**

Good news! The Bible Study will resume soon. Arrangements are in the process of being made with the person who will lead it. Watch out for it!

#### **FLOCKNOTE Are you on board?**

#### **THE CATHOLIC FAITH ON DEMAND**

*(if you are having trouble getting Flocknote or signing up, email Fr. Michael Syjueco at [michael.syjueco@dsj.org](mailto:michael.syjueco@dsj.org))*

#### **ACCESS TO "AMEN" APP---Opportunity for prayer**

**Sign up via Formed or download the app free.**

**This is the Free Catholic Prayer, Meditation, and Scripture App** *(for questions or more information contact Fr. Michael Syjueco at [michael.syjueco@dsj.org](mailto:michael.syjueco@dsj.org); or call 408 252-7653 ext. 123)*

**KIDS:Formed.Org.** Lukas Club

**ADULTS: Formed.Org.** Discern God's Will Today Without Losing Your Peace

#### **Adoration & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

Tuesday 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Wednesday 9:00 am to 12:15pm

*(Please check the parish website for changes)*

#### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Tuesday 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

Saturday 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Reconciliation room)

*(Please check the parish website for changes)*

**FLOWER OFFERING:** We always need contributions to help defray the cost of flowers. If you would like to donate or donate in honor of someone, please contact the Parish Office or use the envelopes in vestibule of church. If you enjoy our beautiful environment of flowers — please donate!

August 6, 2023



## SJC SCHOOL NEWS

**St. Joseph of Cupertino Preschool  
Inspires Leadership, Faith, Service,  
and Academic Excellence**

Enroll today in our TK or K-8 parish school:

[sjcschool.org/applications](https://sjcschool.org/applications)

Call to schedule a tour: **408-252-6441**

St. Joseph of Cupertino School is the educational gateway to your child's future. In the heart of Silicon Valley, our TK, K-8th grade Catholic school are focused on the care of the whole person. We go beyond caring for the educational growth of our students and strive to foster their moral, emotional, and spiritual growth. We take our responsibility for our community's well-being and safety very seriously. Earning the top academic schools in the Diocese of San Jose is one example of reaching our academic goals, and our religious studies, the classes in the Fine Arts, and robust club offerings round out your child's education. As a Catholic school, we are committed to faith, love, service, justice, learning, and growth. Check out our website [sjcschool.org](https://sjcschool.org).

### **FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION**

Please join St. Joseph of Cupertino parishioners in honoring Our Blessed Mother on the First Saturday of the month, in the chapel, immediately following Mass. Please note: Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy will precede Mass at 8:00 a.m. Mass is at 8:30 a.m., and First Saturday devotions follow from 9:00 – 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome! The First Saturdays of the month are specially dedicated to Our Lady. For more information: <https://www3.nd.edu/~mary/classic/firstsat.html>

### **Fatima Pilgrimage**

Please join on Sunday, August 13, 2023 for a Eucharistic Celebration at 5:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary procession. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the blessing of the sick will take place in the church after the Rosary procession.

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CATHOLIC FAITH IS OUR GREATEST GIFT-----ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC, OR COMPLETING INITIATION? WHAT DO YOU SEEK?

If you are an adult or have an older child (age 7 and up) who has not been baptized, or an adult or child baptized in another faith and interested in the Catholic Church, or a Catholic who has not celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist,

then the Order of Christian Initiation process is for you! Questions? Please contact Fr. Gabriel Lee at the Parish Office  
(408) 252-7653 Ext 128; or at [gabriel.lee@dsj.org](mailto:gabriel.lee@dsj.org) for more information.

### **SJC Catechetical Ministry**

Registrations for our Sunday School, PreK-6th, and our Junior High Edge Ministry, 7th-8th grade, are now open! You may register your child(ren) through our parish website.

In addition, the Catechetical Ministry is asking for your help. To make this ministry year a success we need more young adults, parents, & grandparents to offer a couple of hours a week towards our elementary or Junior High youth.

Classes begin October 1st. Please consider sharing your gifts and talents as a Catechist or Aid.

For more information, please contact Primo Martinez, Director of Catechetical Ministry.

Email: [primo.martinez@dsj.org](mailto:primo.martinez@dsj.org)

Office Phone: 408-252-7653 x141

**MEANT4MORE**: Youth Ministry is open to all students in high school. We meet every Sunday from 6-8pm at the Youth Ministry room at the school except during school break. Come join us and make new friends, learn your faith, play games, sing, go on trips and watch movies. For more information email

[primo.martinez@dsj.org](mailto:primo.martinez@dsj.org)

### **Love to Sing?**

Our adult choirs **are looking for new voices!** No prior choir experience necessary. All voices welcome. Contact: Yvonne Casillas: [Yvonne.casillas@dsj.org](mailto:Yvonne.casillas@dsj.org)



Do you want to find out what is happening in the parish?

Register for Flocknote at [stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com](http://stjosephofcupertino2.flocknote.com)  
or Text SJ Cup to 84576



### **Stewardship at St. Joseph of Cupertino**

#### **Sunday Collection for the Week of July 30, 2023**

Sunday Collection: \$ 3,842.00

Online Giving: \$ 1,515.00

Total Collection: \$ 5,357.00

Weekly Collection Goal: 10,922.00

Difference: \$ 5,565.00; 51% short of the goal

Thank you to all who have been turning in their contributions. Let's continue to help the Parish. Contribution can be done either online, mail it to the Parish Office, or by dropping off in the drop box outside the rectory door.

### **Stewardship Prayer**

*Rev. Gregory Kimm, 2009*

God rich in kindness and generous in love,  
You call us to be your people, a church, a community of faith. You have entrusted St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish to our care. Help us to be good stewards, always worthy of your trust. As you are attentive to the needs of each of us, enable us to be attentive to the needs of our parish, using the gifts you have given us not just for our own good, but for the good of all. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Brother, and in the Spirit, who makes us one. Amen.

### **'Young Ladies' Grand Institute**

A Catholic Women's Organization

St. Joseph's of Cupertino Young Ladies' Institute ("YLI") meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of

every month at 6:30 p.m. in the Fr. Gregory Ng Kimm Community Center. Come join us for a pre-social and recitation of the rosary beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you would like information on how to

become a member, please contact [maureeninstitute136@gmail.com](mailto:maureeninstitute136@gmail.com).

## Automated Giving is here—Have you signed up yet?

All parishioners are encouraged to give a set monthly amount. There are a number of ways this can be accomplished. You can sign up for online giving by clicking on “Give” tab on the St. Joseph website home page ([www.stjosephcupertino.org](http://www.stjosephcupertino.org)). You can use your bank’s online bill pay service to set up a recurring monthly payment to St. Joseph, or you can write one check each month and either drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. If you have questions, please contact the parish office.

## Bingo:

Bingo is open! We run Bingo game every Saturday night. Bingo is a source of significant funds for our school, along with other donations to Outreach, scholarships and other needed charities. Bingo takes place in the Parish Hall. Warm-up games start at 6:30pm with the regular games at 7:15pm. Come join the fun and spread the news! More information is also on our parish website at [stjosephcupertino.org](http://stjosephcupertino.org). Go to the “Events” Tab.

Thank you.



## ONLINE RESOURCES

- **Parish website:** [www.stjosephcupertino.org](http://www.stjosephcupertino.org)  
You will find the bulletin, a calendar of events including funerals, and links to other resources as well as Sunday homilies.
- **Diocesan Website:** [www.dsj.org](http://www.dsj.org)
- **AmericanCatholic.org** —you’ll find information about the Catholic Faith, Saint of the Day, as well as a place for prayer requests!
- **Vatican—**[www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) in English, Italian, French, German, and Spanish

## WAYS TO REPORT MISCONDUCT

**Safe Environment** If you suspect abuse in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:

- Child Protective Services 408.299.2071 / Police 911
- Office for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults—Anthony Gonzalez 408.983.0141

**Financial Mismanagement** If you suspect financial mismanagement or misconduct in your parish, school or in the Diocese of San Jose, please contact:

- Ethics Point: [dsj.ethicspoint.com](http://dsj.ethicspoint.com) or the hotline telephone number 1-888-325-7863
- The Finance Office—Director of Compliance & Parish Financial Services, 408.983.0241 or email at [julio.bermude@dsj.org](mailto:julio.bermude@dsj.org)

## St. Joseph of Cupertino—Staff Information

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5422) / Funeral x 126

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# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

His clothing was bright as snow,  
and the hair on his head as white as wool;  
his throne was flames of fire,  
with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

### Psalm:

The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth.  
(Ps 97)

### Second Reading:

When that unique declaration came to him from the  
majestic glory,  
"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well  
pleased."  
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven  
while we were with him on the holy mountain.  
(2 Pt 1:17-18)

### Gospel:

And he was transfigured before them;  
his face shone like the sun  
and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

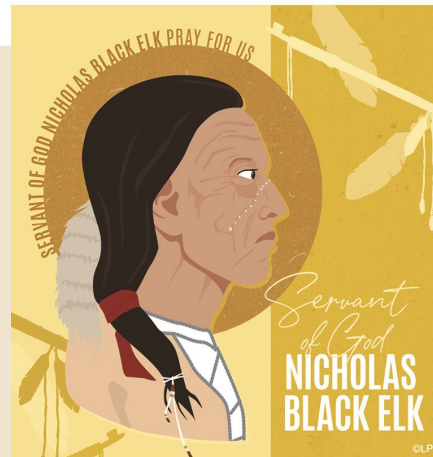
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead," Jesus told his disciples. Why keep such an amazing thing as the Transfiguration a secret? Because the world wasn't ready for the end of the story yet. Sometimes, the glory only makes sense after the trials.

## Observances for the week of August 6, 2023

**Sunday:** The Transfiguration of the Lord  
**Monday:** St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest  
**Tuesday:** St. Dominic, Priest  
**Wednesday:** St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr  
**Thursday:** St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
**Friday:** St. Clare, Virgin  
**Saturday:** St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious  
**Next Sunday:** 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Saint of the week

Servant of God Nicholas Black Elk was a Lakota convert to Catholicism at the turn of the 19th century. He led hundreds to Christ while also helping his community preserve their Lakota traditions. He's remembered fondly as a catechist, healer, and cultural leader.

## Prayer

Heavenly Father, Great Spirit!

Behold us, who stand before You, singing our song of thanksgiving for Servant of God, Nicholas Black Elk. Faithfully he walked the Sacred Red Road and generously witnessed the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ among the Native American People. We humbly ask You to hear the prayers we plead through his intercession. We ask Holy Mother Church to recognize his sanctity by acknowledging his presence among the company of Saints as one to imitate in his zeal for the Gospel. Open our hearts to also recognize the Risen Christ in other cultures and peoples, to Your glory and honor. Nicholas Black Elk, Servant of God, Pray for us!

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Prayer Source: <https://www.rapidcitydiocese.org/please-keep-the-canonization-cause-in-your-prayers/>)

## Readings for the week of August 6, 2023

### Sunday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

### Monday:

Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday:

Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14

### Wednesday:

Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday:

2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26

### Friday:

Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28

### Saturday:

Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

### Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir



## (PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

### Transfigured

We have all had moments when we seem to get a glimpse of Heaven.

For me, they come with the sacraments: in the pew following my First Communion, kneeling before the bishop as he sealed my forehead with oil at my Confirmation, standing opposite my husband on our wedding day, cradling my newborns as the priest poured holy water over their little foreheads, claiming them for Christ.

Moments when the veil between this world and the one to come is pulled away, and our hearts cry out: "Lord, it is good we are here."

Like Peter at the Transfiguration, we desperately wish the feeling would last forever. We want to hang onto the certainty, the confidence and the joy that radiates from our souls. We want to spend forever looking upon the transfigured face of Christ.

But we are not in heaven yet. We raise our eyes, seeing only this world before us, the words of Jesus ringing in our ears: "Rise, and do not be afraid."

*"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not be taken away, his kingship shall not be destroyed." — Daniel 7:14*

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

### Answer:

Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it is always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

*The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days.*





ST JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO CHURCH

# PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Sunday, August 13th

5.00 pm Mass

Church

followed by

Rosary Procession

Eucharistic Procession and  
Eucharistic Blessing of the Sick



Guadalupe Hope Society is inviting you to our August 11th Rosary & Faith Talk Luncheon on Friday August 11th at 11:30AM with Fr. Joseph Tran, Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Cabrini.

Register to attend either in person at the Santa Maria Hall or virtually by emailing [admin@ghswomenscenter.com](mailto:admin@ghswomenscenter.com) or Call to reserve your seat at the Hall. 408-447-5433;

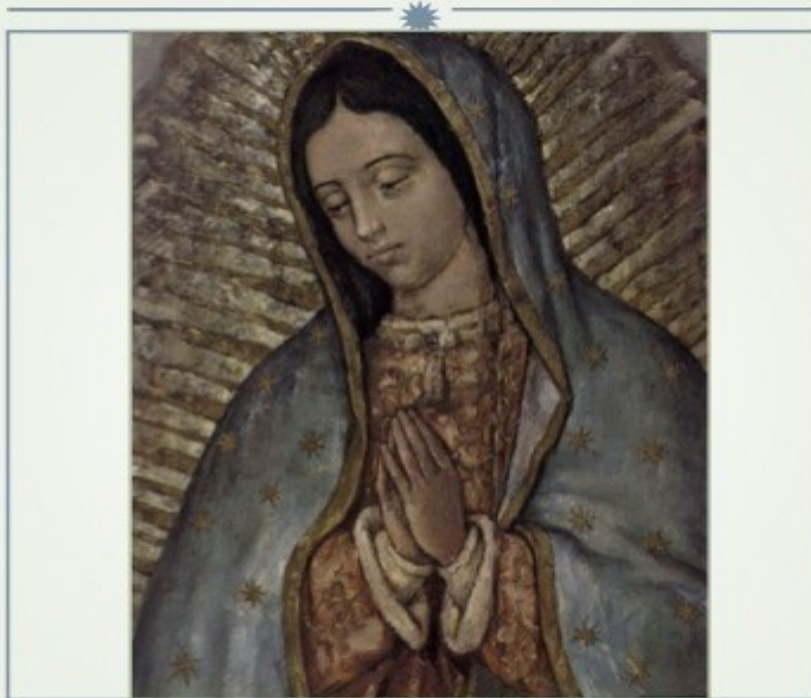


The Guadalupe Hope Society presents



# ROSARY AND FAITH TALK LUNCHEON

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11, 2023 @ 11:30AM – 1:00PM



Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

Fr. Joseph Tran, Parochial Vicar at St. Frances Cabrini Church, will lead the Rosary and share a faith talk.

This event is free to attend; free will offering graciously accepted.

Please call (408) 447-5433 or email [admin@ghswomenscenter.com](mailto:admin@ghswomenscenter.com) to reserve your seat at the Santa Maria Hall in Campbell. This event will be streamed online too.