

**LITURGIES FOR THE SEVENTEENTH
WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME AND
THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

August 7 - 13, 2023

**Monday, 8/7 † Weekday, Saint Sixtus, Pope, and
Companions, Martyrs; Saint Cajetan,
Priest**

6pm: Mary

Tuesday, 8/8 † Saint Dominic, Priest

8am: Nate

9am: A.S. Peggy Daly & Family by Mary Daly

Wednesday, 8/9 † Weekday, Saint Teresa

Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr

9am: A.S.

6pm: Special Intention by Mark

**Thursday, 8/10 † Saint Lawrence, Deacon and
Martyr**

8am: Sherry Jorczak by Family

9am:

Friday, 8/11 † Saint Clare, Virgin

8am: Aiden (Birthday)

9am: A.S. Peggy Daly & Family by Mary Daly

**Saturday, 8/12 † Weekday, Saint Jane Frances
de Chantel, Religious; BVM**

8:30am: McKenzie

**Saturday, 8/12 † Vigil, Nineteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

4:30pm: – The Wojcieszak Family by the Herbert
Family

6pm: A. S. Parishioners

**Sunday, 8/13 † Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time**

7:30am: Maizy

9am: A. S. Nyalia (Birthday) by Great Grandma

11:00am: Parishioners

This week at SS. C & M & All Saints

Mon., Aug. 7 – 6:30pm - K of C, Parlor

Tues., Aug 8 - 6:30pm – Christian Ladies Mtng,
Parlor

Wed., Aug 9 – 6:30pm – Parish Council, Parlor

Thurs. Aug. 10 – 2:15pm – Legion of Mary

Thurs. Aug. 10– 4pm – Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Thurs. Aug. 10– 7pm – Men's Group, All Saints

Sun., Aug. 13 – 9:30am – Religious Education

Religious Education Registration

Sign-up for Religious Education begins after the masses the weekends of July 22nd, 29th, and August 5th.

Cost per child is \$30 for the first child, \$20 for the second child and no charge for additional children.

The first day of class is Sunday, August 13th.

Class time will be 9:30 to 10:45am.

Prayer Chain

Saints Cyril and Methodius has an active prayer chain for people in need of some extra prayers.

We'd love for anyone interested in joining our group to please call Marilyn Pacilio at 574-896-5869 or Kay Reimbold at 574-896-3258.

We all could use some extra prayers when feeling ill or struggling with other difficulties.

CSA UPDATE: Inch by inch we are getting closer! Recent pledges have brought us within \$ 1,000 of our goal. Thank you to those who have sent in their pledges. If you haven't yet done so, please remember the parish is responsible for the shortfall, so we need your help. Any overage comes back to us. Envelopes are in the back of the church. We need you!



Don't forget



The Parish Picnic Saturday, August 19th, beginning with Mass with the Bishop at the park at 4pm, followed by the picnic and games for all. Meat, drinks and cake will be provided. Come & meet the Bishop!!

In the Gospel, the Lord's voice says:, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples were afraid, but Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Know that in making your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul you are listening to Christ, and helping others not to be afraid.

Dear Padre

August 6, 2023

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer, and some of their suggestions may help. When St. Thérèse of Lisieux struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or a Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. Saint Teresa of Ávila offers this guidance: "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....The thing is inevitable, therefore do not let it disturb or grieve you" (*The Interior Castle*). No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful. Rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying. ●

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"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" -Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid." We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

Good News!

August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of the Lord (A)

Deuteronomy 7:9-10, 13-14 / 2 Peter 1:16-19 /
Matthew 17:1-9

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In life there are moments that some call transcendence, when the divine shines through the human and the veil that seems to cloak another world falls ever so briefly to reveal that there are not two worlds but only one wrapped in mystery. That is what took place on a mountaintop when Peter, James, and John realized that this Jesus with whom they talked and walked and shared meals, this friend, this very ordinary one, was so much more, was extraordinary, was "of God." While real, it seemed better not to tell anyone about what they had seen.

Are there also moments in our lives when the human glows with the divine, when we come to realize more clearly than ever before that there is another power at play in life than you yourself? Most assuredly. While we are powerless to create such experiences of transcendence, more than 100 years ago the psychologist William James described such moments when they do occur. He identified four qualities in such experiences: 1) they seem closer to being emotional than intellectual or cognitive; 2) they tend to bring us new understandings of life and of what is, akin to insights, though they cannot be found in a book or be taught; 3) they tend to be very brief, a few seconds for most people; and 4) there is a sense of being sustained by a superior power. This was the apostles' experience of the transfiguration, the feast we celebrate today. ●

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North Korean defector says 'even North Korea was not this nuts' after attending Ivy League school

Yeonmi Park was shocked by the oppressive culture within the university, reminding her of the country she fled.

As American educational institutions continue to be called into question, a North Korean defector fears the United States' future "is as bleak as North Korea" after she attended one of the country's most prestigious universities.

Yeonmi Park has experienced plenty of struggle and hardship, but she does not call herself a victim.

One of several hundred North Korean defectors settled in the United States, Park, 27, transferred to Columbia University from a South Korean university in 2016 and was deeply disturbed by what she found.

"I expected that I was paying this fortune, all this time and energy, to learn how to think. But they are forcing you to think the way they want you to think," Park said in an interview with Fox News. "I realized, wow, this is insane. I thought America was different but I saw so many similarities to what I saw in North Korea that I started worrying."

Those similarities include anti-Western sentiment, collective guilt and suffocating political correctness.

Yeonmi saw red flags immediately upon arriving at the school.

During orientation, she was scolded by a university staff member for admitting she enjoyed classic literature such as Jane Austen.

"I said 'I love those books.' I thought it was a good thing," recalled Park.

"Then she said, 'Did you know those writers had a colonial mindset? They were racists and bigots and are subconsciously brainwashing you.'"

It only got worse from there as Yeonmi realized that every one of her classes at the Ivy League school was infected with what she saw as anti-American propaganda, reminiscent to the sort she had grown up with.

"'American Bastard' was one word for North Koreans" Park was taught growing up.

"The math problems would say 'there are four American bastards, you kill two of them, how many American bastards are left to kill?'"

She was also shocked and confused by issues surrounding gender and language, with every class asking students to announce their preferred pronouns.

"English is my third language. I learned it as an adult. I sometimes still say 'he' or 'she' by mistake and now they are going to ask me to call them 'they'? How the heck do I incorporate that into my sentences?"

"It was chaos," said Yeonmi. "It felt like the regression in civilization."

"Even North Korea is not this nuts," she admitted. "North Korea was pretty crazy, but not this crazy."

After getting into a number of arguments with professors and students, eventually Yeonmi "learned how to just shut up" in order to maintain a good GPA and graduate.

In North Korea, Yeonmi Park did not know of concepts like love or liberty.

"Because I have seen oppression, I know what it looks like," said Yeonmi, who by the age of 13 had witnessed people drop dead of starvation right before her eyes.

"These kids keep saying how they're oppressed, how much injustice they've experienced. They don't know how hard it is to be free," she admonished.

"I literally crossed through the middle of the Gobi Desert to be free. But what I did was nothing, so many people fought harder than me and didn't make it."

Park and her mother first fled the oppressive North Korean regime in 2007, when Yeonmi was 13 years old.

After crossing into China over the frozen Yalu River, they fell into the hands of human traffickers who sold them into slavery: Yeonmi for less than \$300 and her mother for roughly \$100.

With the help of Christian missionaries, the pair managed to flee to Mongolia, walking across the Gobi Desert to eventually find refuge in South Korea.

In 2015 she published her memoir "In Order to Live," where she described what it took to survive in one of the world's most brutal dictatorships and the harrowing journey to freedom.

"The people here are just dying to give their rights and power to the government. That is what scares me the most," the human right activist said.

She accused American higher education institutions of stripping people's ability to think critically.

"In North Korea I literally believed that my Dear Leader [Kim Jong-un] was starving," she recalled. "He's the fattest guy - how can anyone believe that? And then somebody showed me a photo and said 'Look at him, he's the fattest guy. Other people are all thin.' And I was like, 'Oh my God, why did I not notice that he was fat?' Because I never learned how to think critically."

"That is what is happening in America," she continued. "People see things but they've just completely lost the ability to think critically."

Witnessing the depth of American's ignorance up close has made Yeonmi question everything about humanity.

"North Koreans, we don't have Internet, we don't have access to any of these great thinkers, we don't know anything. But here, while having everything, people choose to be brainwashed. And they deny it."

Having come to America with high hopes and expectations, Yeonmi expressed her disappointment.

"You guys have lost common sense to degree that I as a North Korean cannot even comprehend," she said.

"Where are we going from here?" she wondered. "There's no rule of law, no morality, nothing is good or bad anymore, it's complete chaos."

"I guess that's what they want, to destroy every single thing and rebuild into a Communist paradise."