



Weekly Bulletin

Parish Mission Statement:

We are God's Instruments who strive to grow by sharing and nurturing our joint commitment to Christ's message of love. And by committing ourselves to serve the needs of the parish as stewards for the sake of God's kingdom.

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Masses

Monday to Saturday - 9:30 am

Saturday - 5:30 pm (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday - 7:45 am, 9:00 am (Italian)

10:30 am, 12 noon &

7:00 pm (English)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:15 pm

Sacrament of Marriage: Contact the Office 1 year in advance.

Sacrament of Penance: Please contact the parish office.

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"Please remember us in your will"

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Christ is not unknowable, and he is not something abstract like being itself. He is a particular person, and he has a face. True, he is God incarnate, and his face is human. But, still, his face is the face of God. If you have seen me, you have seen the Father, Jesus tells Philip (John 14:9).

So we can know God, and we can see God's face in the face of Jesus. God is present to us as a person in the person of Christ. And God in the person of Christ is always with us (Mt 28:20)! We can know him and face him every day.

Blessed is the one who takes no offense at this. (Eleonore Stump)

PARISH ADVENT DAY OF CONFESSION

Please join us as we celebrate the Archdiocesan Day of Confessions in preparation for the season of Advent. In our parish, the confessions will be on Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. Several priests will be present.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE: MASSES

Saturday, December 24th Christmas Eve

4:30 pm: Confession
5:30 pm: Children's Christmas Mass (English)
11:30 pm: Christmas Carols w/ Cecilia and Choir
12 Midnight: Bilingual Mass

Sunday, December 25th The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

7:45 am (English), 9:00 am (Italian), 10:30 am (English),
12 Noon (English) and 7:00 pm (English)

Saturday, December 31st New Year's Eve

4:30 pm: Confession
5:30 pm: English Mass
12 Midnight: Bilingual Mass

Sunday, January 1st Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

7:45 am (English), 9:00 am (Italian), 10:30 am (English),
12 Noon (English) and 7:00 pm (English)

ALTAR SERVERS' MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Altar Servers (Children) on Saturday, December 17th at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm in the parish hall with George Illiparampil. New volunteers interested in becoming altar servers are welcome to join us as well.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL 2023 Membership Drive is currently ongoing. Membership Fees are \$35.00. Cheques can be made payable to Transfiguration Catholic Women's League & left in the parish office. Please include your name, address, phone number & email address.

The CWL will also hold it's Winter Warmth Drive. New hats scarves, mitts, gloves & socks for all can be left in the bin in the reception area of the parish office until Sunday December 18th and they will be given to The Good Shepherd & the Ernestine's Shelter. All parishioners are invited to contribute.

PARISH ENVELOPES 2023

Envelopes for the year 2023 are available in the parish hall and are in numerical order. If you don't know your envelope number, please refer to the binder with names listed in alphabetical order.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR ALL MINISTRIES

We encourage parishioners interested in joining the ministry of Altar Server, Choir, Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Usher to kindly fill out a form and to submit it to the parish office.

SHARELIFE

Up until December 31st, donations made to ShareLife Campaign will be matched by an anonymous donor. That means your gift doubles in value! To date we have collected **\$59,562.00** and our parish goal is **\$70,000.00**. You can contribute by using a ShareLife envelope available at the entrances of the church or online through sharelife.org/donate. Thank you for your compassion and generosity!

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please remember the following people in your prayers:

Theresa Burns, Sonja Schryer, Noemy Pereira, Clint Viegas,
Samuel Cordeiro, Arthur Ruston, Raphael Colaco,
Dana McGrath, Roman Joe Zakrajse, Enzo, Domenica,
Teresa Pirrello, Margaret Speciale, Joe Simardone,
Margaret Ramjattan, Rosa Natale,
Christina Vitale, Walter Ryan

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Anyone interested in volunteering with our Children's Liturgy Program, please reach out to Stephanie Penavic at transyouthministry@gmail.com as soon as possible.

THE ADVENT COMPANION BOOK

For all parishioners who have a copy of the Advent Companion, we hope that you are doing the daily readings and reflections in preparation for Christmas: the birth of Baby Jesus. Please don't forget to use the other spiritual features which include, prayers for the blessing of the Advent Wreath and Christmas Tree, preparing for Advent Penance service on Dec. 14th in our parish, special poetry, a prayer before the Christmas creche, the Advent stations and the O Antiphons. Let's continue to pray as we get ready to celebrate the coming of our Lord and Redeemer. May Advent be a time of great hope, peace and grace for the entire Transfiguration parish community.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

The regular collection for last week was \$8,077.00. Please remember Transfiguration of Our Lord Church in your last will and testament. Don't forget to ask us about Pre-Authorized Giving (P.A.G). Thank you to all!

ADVENT SEASON: THIRD SUNDAY

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepard's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

THE OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Outreach program will be collecting men's new underwear, socks, jeans warm gloves, winter hats & scarves, towels. Most urgently needed are individually packaged snacks, e.g. chips/cookies/granola bars, single-serve juices, single-serve bottled water, mayonnaise, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap, shampoo, conditioner.

MEDITAZIONE SPIRITUALE

La liturgia di oggi ci chiama ad attendere con fede e gioia la venuta del Signore. Il profeta invita il deserto a rallegrarsi e la steppa a fiorire (*I Lettura*). Giovanni Battista è il messaggero inviato per preparare la strada al Signore che viene (*Vangelo*). Entrambi fanno il loro annuncio profetico da una posizione difficile: Isaia annuncia la liberazione e il ritorno al popolo mentre vive la deportazione dell'esilio; il Battista si rivolge a Gesù dalla prigione rivelando con sincerità cristallina i pensieri che abitano le profondità della sua anima. Dove risiede la speranza che ispira Isaia e Giovanni? I profeti si caratterizzano per la costanza e la sopportazione nel credere che il Signore porterà a compimento la sua opera di salvezza (*II Lettura*). Ribaltiamo l'affermazione iniziale del salmo in una domanda: «Il Signore rimane fedele per sempre?». La storia dà ragione al salmista: il popolo poté rientrare nel suo paese e Gesù era il messia che doveva venire. Isaia e Giovanni non fallirono, né caddero nel vuoto le loro profezie. Tutti noi, siamo chiamati a essere annunciatori di speranza nelle schiavitù della nostra società e nell'incertezza della nostra fede.

CONFESSIONE

La chiesa ha aggiornato gli orari delle confessioni. Ora offriamo la confessione dalle 16:30 alle 17:15 ogni Sabato in chiesa. Quando pecciamo, ci priviamo della grazia di Dio. E così facendo, rendiamo ancora più facile peccare ancora. L'unico modo per uscire da questo ciclo discendente è riconoscere i nostri peccati, pentirsene e chiedere perdono a Dio e comprometerci a fare il meglio.

COLLETTA SETTIMANALE

Grazie per la vostra generosità. La colletta regolare della settimana 4 Dicembre e' stata \$8,077.00. Grazie ancora per il vostro contributo per aiutare con le spese della chiesa. Utimamente abbiamo fatto dei lavoretti di manutenzione che richiedono delle spese...Dio vi benedirà.

**MASS INTENTIONS
INTENZIONI DELLE MESSE**

Sunday December 11 Third Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 am Pro Populo: Mass for all the living & deceased members of Transfiguration of Our Lord Church
- 9:00 am † Nicola Fonte, † Adelina Calicchia, † Pasqua Peta
- 10:30 am † Venanzio Di Giallonardo, † Joseph Cutaja
- † Okii Peters, † Donato Panacci, Frank Eldering
- 12:00 pm
- 7:00 pm † Salvatore Mamone, † Fr. Vito Marziliano
- † Girolamo Burdi and Special Blessings for Dave & Bes Rixon

Monday December 12

- 9:30 am † Terry Mc Garry, † Ghebreyohannes and deceased family members

Tuesday December 13 Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

- 9:30 am † Mato Pavlakovic, † Maria Teresa, Angelo & Antonio Napoli and Special Blessings for Derrick & Ann De Souza
- 10:30 am St. Marcellus School Mass (Church)
- 7:00 pm 1-Year Memorial Mass: (Eng/Ita): Lucia Stillo

Wednesday December 14 Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

- 9:30 am Special Blessings for Paolo, Daniel & Nathaniel
- 7:00 pm Parish Advent Day of Confessions

Thursday December 15

- 9:30 am † Carroll Goodwind, † Eduardo & Anna Furtado
- Deceased Members of the Friends of the Suffering Souls
- 1:00 pm Transfiguration of Our Lord School Mass (Church)

Friday December 16

- 9:30 am † Nino & Gina Mendolia, † Pietro & Maria Meglio
- † Franca Manchisi

Saturday December 17

- 9:30 am Thanksgiving Mass for Matthew, Natasha, Ariana, Dorian Camicata, Susie Camicata and families,
- † Fiore Camicata and the living and deceased members of the Camicata and Howard families
- Mass at Parkland Seniors' Residence
- 3:30 pm Confession
- 4:30 pm † Francesco Furlano, † Val Cicci,
- † Carmela Mamone, † Maria Christina Cirillo
- † Deceased Members of the Laporte, Coleman and Savage Families

Sunday December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 7:45 am Pro Populo, † Alex Risavy, † Maria Ciancio
- 9:00 am † Christina, Lucia & Luigi Tomassi
- † Claudio, Antonio & Assunta Loprevite
- † Nicola & Maria Pulsone, † Danilo & Suvilia Reffo
- 10:30 am † Manuelita Coelho, Paul Fantauzzi and Special Blessings Rochelle Oswyn, Noah & Cleo Alvares
- 12:00 pm † Pierre Pena, † Sylvia Gore
- Special Blessings for the Pena Family
- † John, Rosario, Lina Colosimo,
- † Ciriaco, Vito Grieco, † Mario Bellisario
- † Theresa Tigani
- 1:30 pm IGBO Mass
- 7:00 pm † Giovanni Ferri & In Honour of the Immaculate Conception

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