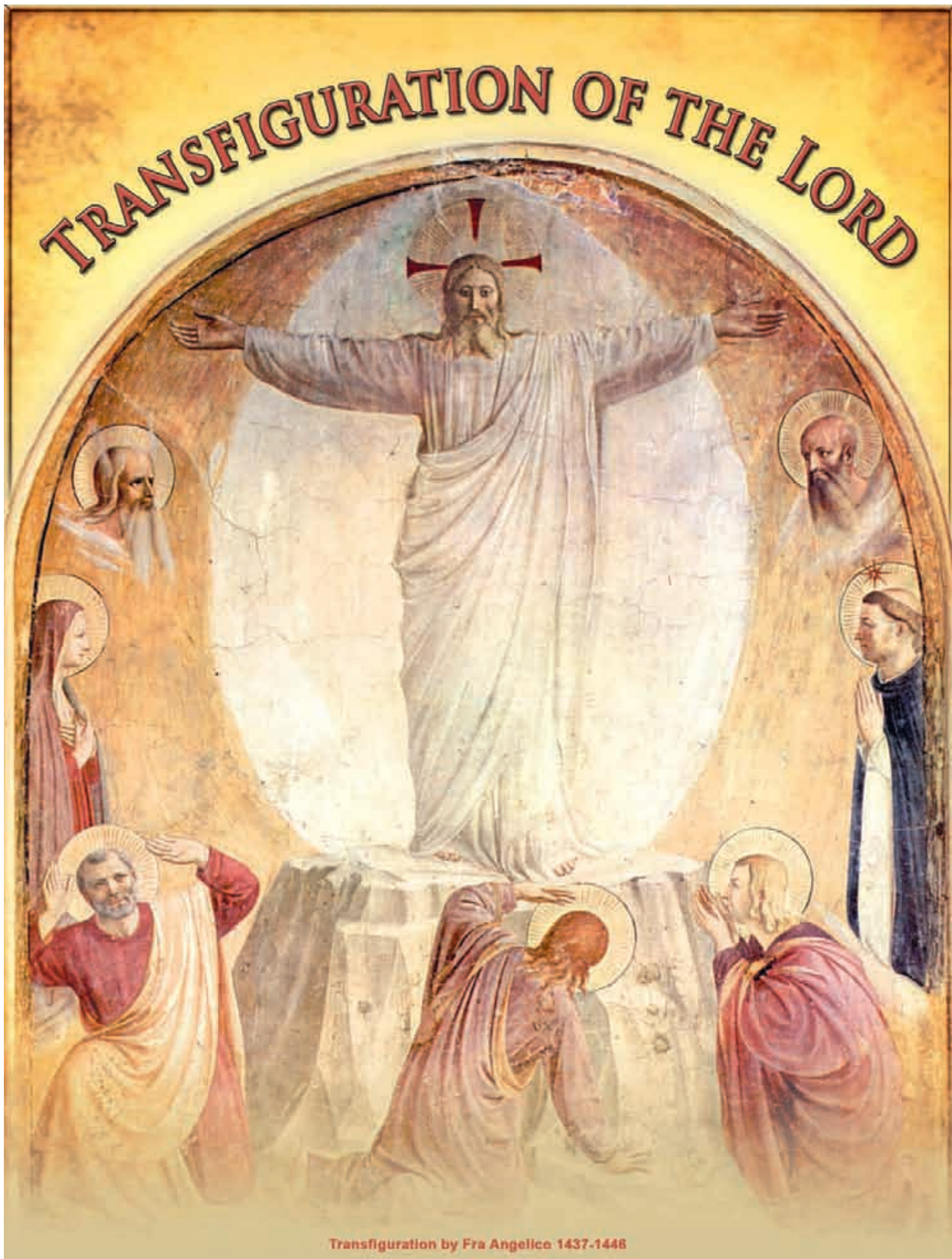


TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



Transfiguration by Fra Angelico 1437-1448

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



I noticed something as I was praying during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this past Monday evening...silence really is golden. There's just something about being in a room with the holy Eucharist sitting right before you on the altar. It's even more incredible when there are 3 or 4 or 5 other people in there with you...sitting in dead silence. It reminded me of the DVD, "Into the Great Silence." This film is an intimate portrayal of the everyday lives of Carthusian monks who observe the strictest code of silence. They live in complete silence the entire week except for only a few hours Sunday evenings after Mass when they are allowed to visit with each other. It's an incredible documentary and it makes me wonder how much thinking and praying I could get done in that kind of a setting (if I didn't drive myself crazy). I'm sure it takes a special type of person

to be able to live that lifestyle. The interesting thing is that the director of this documentary asked the abbot of the monastery (Grande Chartreuse Monastery in the French Alps) if he could go behind the walls of this monastery where no one from the outside had ever been before to film this documentary and the abbot told him he would pray about it...16 years later the abbot said, "OK." Our society today is afraid of silence...no one likes it and you can feel the tension and uneasiness when you have it (I feel it at Mass sometimes). I think part of the reason we avoid silence is because it forces us to think about who we are, and a lot of us don't really like ourselves. And that dislike-of-self can be carried into other aspects of our lives and onto those we encounter in our daily life. If we can't love ourselves for who and what we are, who can we really love? I have been talking about Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament since I arrived at Holy Family two years ago and started Adoration shortly afterward...yet we have no more adorers today than we had a year ago. I have tried to explain what Adoration is, how and when and why we should do it and I have stressed the benefits this special time with Jesus brings to all who participate, but to little avail. I'm not sure why either. The benefits of spending a little time in silence are enormous, especially when you bring Jesus into it in such an intimate way. We can get lost in prayer, thought, reading or journaling. We can pray the rosary, read sacred Scripture or just reflect on our day and how it could be better. A lot can really happen when we allow ourselves to enter into even a few moments of sacred silence. Jesus Himself gives us many examples in Scripture of times He went off to a deserted place for a while to pray. So many people are trying to find the answer to their problems...the problem is, they're looking in the wrong place. If you want to learn how to have a better relationship with God, what better way than spending 30 minutes or an hour in silence before the Eucharist in Adoration...after all, silence is God's first language. (PS, if anyone needs a little encouragement or is unsure as to how to go about starting the practice of Eucharistic Adoration, please feel free to call me anytime or check out one of these websites which may be helpful: http://www.catholic-church.org/kuwait/eucharistic_adoration.htm or http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eucharistic_adoration



SUMMER FAITH ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

*Tonight, August 2nd, Footprints of God "Mary"
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

*Wed. August 5th 6:30 PM Catechism with Father Corapi
The Creed Part III Jesus Christ

(Advanced Reading Material Can Be Found In The Catechism Paragraph
388-421

Sacred Scripture: Galatians 4:4-5, Paragraph 426, 427, 430, 435, 436,
449, 456, 458, 461, 464-469

*Sunday August 9th

Dinner and a Movie 6:00 PM

(We were scheduled to show Maria Goretti for our next "Dinner and a
Movie" but there was so much interest after the last movie, "The
Robe, that we decided to show the sequel, "Demetrius and the
Gladiators").

(All Programs held in the Parish Hall and Nursery Provided)

YEAR OF THE PRIEST June 19, 2009 – June 19, 2010

**If I saw an angel and a priest, I would bend my knee;
first to the priest and then to the angel.
*St. Frances of Assisi***

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE SICK OR SUFFERING FROM A DEBILITATING ILLNESS

Fr. Joe Ross, Tom Markley, Mary Jo Melby, Kori Hargraves, Lynette Finger, Karin Del Vecchio, Ken Hall, Mike Morris, Clara Schaefer, Dorine Cheramie, Adele Walker, Alice Conner, Marcos Melendez, Ed Crimmins, Brenden Scarfone, Geraldine Dawes, Don Trostle, Tony Niedermeier, Margaret Waskiewicz, Rosa María Méndez, Justa Talavera, Aurea Rivera, Martha Córdova, Leticia Lazo, Nilda Camarillo, Deborah Hachey, María Teresa Barreiro, Kimberly Trebing, Regina Boucher, Michelle Poitras, Maria Gomez, and Geraldine Gamero.

People often forget to take their friends and loved ones off the prayer list once they have recovered. In an effort to correct this, we will leave their names on the list for one month and then they will be removed unless we hear otherwise. You can call the office if you want their name back on the list or if they have a chronic illness. Thanks!!!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING AROUND THE WORLD



Joseph Santos, Jeremy Goosey, Brian Ferguson, Frank Thibodeau, Jonathan Brodeur, Thomas York, John B. Larkins III, Matthew Gowan, Aaron Schmidt, Anthony Daniel, Wes Carter, David Burks, Bryce Robinson, Michael Yeager, Vincent L. Moscatello, Jr., Rob Hart, Jason Frasch, and Ashli Maldonado.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Monday August 3rd

12:00 PM MASS † **Deacon Herman Lawrence** by Mike & Mary Richter & Family
Readings: Nm 11:4b-15 Mt 14:13-21
ADORATION 12:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Tuesday August 4th/John Mary Vianney, Priest

12:00 PM MASS † **Deacon Peter Dulcamara** by Florence & Dennis Hergenrether
Readings: Nm 12:1-13 Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday August 5th/The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome

12:00 PM MASS † **Lester Herlihy** by Carol Ann & David Martin
Readings: Nm 13:1-2,25-14:1,26-29a,34-35 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday August 6th/The Transfiguration of The Lord

12:00 PM MASS † **Johnny Lopez** by Maria Utsinger
Readings: Dn 7:9-10,13-14 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Friday August 7th/Sixtus II, Pope, Martyr and his companions, martyrs; Cajetan, Priest

12:00 PM COMMUNION SERVICE
Readings: Dt 4:32-40 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday August 8th/Dominic, Priest

Readings: Dt 6:4-13 Mt 17:14-20

August 9th/19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:30 PM Saturday Vigil Mass

† Deacon Herman Lawrence by Jerry & Angela Schmidt

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

People of The Parish

11:00 AM Sunday Mass

† Regina Maia Glen by Barbara Kraft

1:00 PM Spanish Mass

Readings: 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51



**FLOWERS THIS WEEKEND
ARE IN MEMORY OF
† DEACON HERMAN LAWRENCE
BY
VIRGINIA SCHERLER**

WOMEN OF FAITH....WOMEN OF ACTION

Will be held Saturday, August 22, 2009 at St. Mark's in Norman. For more information call 405-306-5187. If you register before August 1st, the fee is \$30.00...after that date it is \$40.00. You may pick up a registration form in the Parish Office.



GARAGE SALE. This coming Saturday, August 8, will be the parish garage sale from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Please continue to bring NICE clean items and place them in the box in the lobby of the church. Large items can be brought anytime to the FLC. If you are available Thursday, July 6 or Friday, July 7th we could use help in setting up for the sale in the FLC. Thanks for your support.

***On August 22/23...Fr Leven will be celebrating all the Masses here at Holy Family in his 50th year of priesthood in thanksgiving for the many blessings he received while he was pastor here. Keep your eye on the bulletin, as more information will be made available in the coming weeks.



FREE ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Come to the Parish Hall on Sunday, 16 August from 3-5 PM to beat the heat and enjoy fellowship and lots of FREE ice cream. The Knights of Columbus 11909 is sponsoring an afternoon of family fun before school starts, so plan to attend and enjoy cold ice cream and warm fellowship.



Religious Education News

Enrollment forms for RE classes, for new families, are available in the RE Office and on our website, www.holyfamilylawton.org. Classes begin on Sunday, Sept. 13th for Pre-K – Grade 5 and on Wed. Sept. 16th for 6th-12th Grades. If your child attended classes last year then he/she has been advanced to the next grade level. All families, new and returning, must complete a FORM A for each child enrolled. For more information, please visit with Vicki Gable or call 355-6355.

*****YOUTH NEWS*****

SUMMER FUN DAYS EVERY WEDNESDAY. Work around the Church in the morning; go to Mass and then Lunch and A Fun Activity in the afternoon. We will picnic in the mountains, miniature golf, bowling and other fun stuff. From 9:30 to 3:30 and \$5.00 is the cost.

Youth Director: Jay Bonifield 512-5377

From The Principal's Desk

How is a Catholic Education Different...why a Catholic School?

"If you want to know who I am," he said,"Christian is my name, Catholic is my surname. (St. Pacian)

One 1st Grade Teacher is still needed at St. Mary's. Degree Required. Early Childhood certification desired or be willing to obtain certification. One Part-time Assistant to the Cafeteria Manager/Assistant Cook. Full benefits package. Call Mr. Dulcamara at 355-5288.