

Bulletin

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish

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August 02, 2009. Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time.

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We can look at flowers in various ways. For example, I can see them from the viewpoint of a florist, a painter, or an artist who loves to arrange them. When I see flowers in church, I take them as symbol of life. When I glimpse flowers around a casket, I regard them as symbols of sympathy and signs of the resurrection. If flowers are sent to me as a present, they become for me a symbol of attention, love, and friendship; accordingly, I will love these flowers and think of the person who did me this honor. We should develop a feeling for symbolism since it plays such an important role in religion. Water, bread, wine, salt, fire, light, rain, dew, thunder, lightning - time and again these are used to impart a message and when properly understood they do so more efficiently than theoretical concepts can do. Symbolism contains an intuitive power which appeals not only to the intellect but to the total person, heart and mind. Today's readings utilize the symbolism of bread to bring out the message that God wants to feed us.

Questions for reflection

"But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!"

- Under what circumstances have you been, or might you be, angry with God? You should put away the old self of your former way of life... and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.

- What is easier: to complain about exterior realities, or take responsibility for interior ones?

- What is the relationship between the two?

"What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you?"

What can you do?"

- How is the Eucharist the sign of God's relentless engagement with the world?

Faith Response

Review the corporal works of mercy; Feed the hungry. Give drink to the thirsty. Clothe the naked. Shelter the homeless. Visit the sick. Visit the imprisoned. Bury the dead. Reflect on ways that you can participate in these works regularly.

HOLY MASSES

Sunday August 02, 2009. Eighteenth Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for +Adeline Zavatsky req. by Charles Kohout.

11:00am Polska Msza za dusze Sp. Stanislawe Madej w pierwsza rocznice smierci oraz za wszystkich zmarlych z rodziny Madej I Podkowow I za Jana Przyudzki zam. rodzina Szczepanik.

Sunday, August 09, 2009. Nineteenth Sunday in ordinary time.

9:00am Holy Mass for Adeline Zavatsky req. by Eleanor Ferranti.

11:00am Polska Msza Sw. za parafian.

Events and activities

Responsorial Psalm for today is: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Monday August 3rd 2009 Parish Committee meeting at 7:00pm

Saturday, August 8, 2009 Convo 2010 meeting at 11:30am

Why we pray:

Theologians since Medieval times have identified four reasons why we humans pray to God, our loving Father.

They are:

1. **To praise him** for his goodness just as we spontaneously compliment others who are good and kind.
2. **To thank him** for his many gifts to us including the life we live, the food we eat and the people who love us.
3. **To ask him** for favors since all good things come from him and we depend completely on his goodness.
4. **To ask for his forgiveness** since we, like all human beings, are sinners and often neglect our duties to him and to our neighbor.

Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins especially for: Caren Lagerstrom, Joseph Zavatsky, Jean Manowiecki, Edmund Satulla, Bp. Anthony Rysz, Bp. John Swantek, Fr. Senior Eugeniusz Stelmach, Julia Paluszek, Theodore Ciulac, Catherin Zglobicki, Jennie Corrigan, Frank Kusniesz, Wanda and Andrew Closterman, and all in need of our prayers.

Sacrament of Baptism: Arrangements should be made at least two weeks prior to the ceremony.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Arrangement should be made at least six months in advance. Contact the Pastor before setting a date or making final plans.

Emergencies, Sickness and Death should be reported to the rectory office immediately.

Welcome to Our Visitors - We welcome all our visitors who are present with us for worship this Sunday! Please introduce yourself to the Pastor after Mass, please write your names in the guest book located in the vestibule of the church. Please remember that you are always welcome to join us in worship at Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.

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