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*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my  
hope. Let me never be confounded.*  
- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

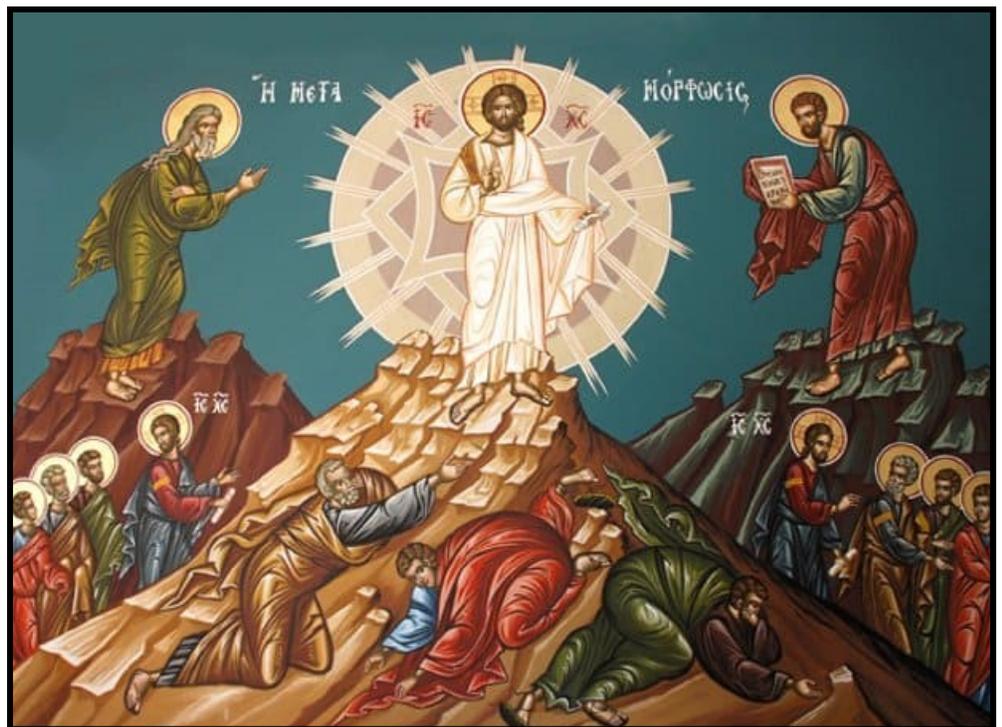
## 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ~ 8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, 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. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. (Matthew, 17: 1-8).*

These words from Matthew's Gospel reveal to us the miracle of the Transfiguration of the Lord, a feast which is celebrated this coming Saturday, August 6th. Interestingly, when Callixtus III instituted the feast, he picked that day due to the Christian victory at the Siege of Belgrade in 1456.

The Transfiguration is the physical revelation of Christ' divinity to the disciples— while he performed many miracles prior to this time, the Transfiguration dispels any doubts that Christ is the Son of God. Additionally, the Transfiguration is unique among the miracles as the miracle happens to Christ himself. The Father's words "This is my beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" present to us the beginnings of the doctrine of the Trinity, and provide a lesson on the importance of following Christ's teaching. As the fulfillment of God's covenant with humanity, we are to listen to Christ and act upon his teaching. Conforming our lives to the life of Christ is the Father's hope for us.

The appearance of Moses and Elijah next to Christ represents the fulfillment of the old testament in the arrival of Jesus. Elijah's presence is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecy that Elijah would return (Malachi, 4:5), and the presence of Moses represents the fulfillment of the Mosaic law in the person of Jesus Christ. The presence of these two prophets next to Christ demonstrates his supremacy as a mouth-piece for the Father and a conduit for the divine will. Christ is the point at which heaven meets earth, God made Man to walk among us and to teach with absolute authority.



## A COMMENTARY FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### THE FOOL'S VANITY

Trust in God—as the Rock of our salvation, as the Lord who made us His chosen people, as our shepherd and guide. This should be the mark of our following of Jesus.

Like the Israelites we recall in this week's Psalm Response, we have made an exodus, passing through the waters of Baptism, freeing us from our bondage to sin. We too are on a pilgrimage to a promised homeland, the Lord in our midst, feeding us heavenly bread, giving us living waters to drink (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

We must take care to guard against the folly that befell the Israelites, that led them to quarrel and test God's goodness at Meribah and Massah.

We can harden our hearts in ways more subtle but no less ruinous. We can put our trust in possessions, squabble over earthly inheritances, kid ourselves that what we have we deserve, store up treasures and think they'll afford us security and rest.

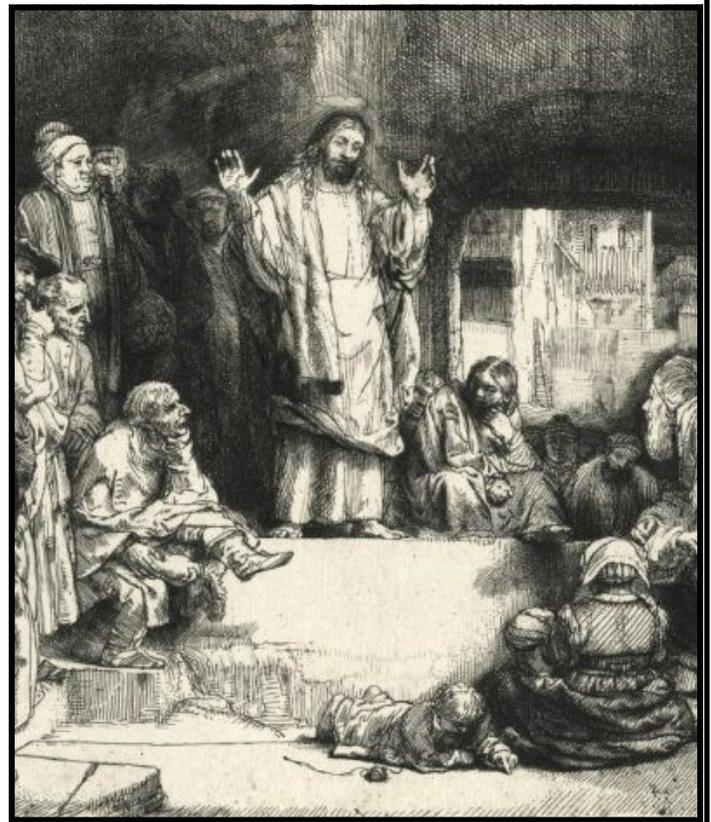
All this is “vanity of vanities,” a false and deadly way of living, as this week's First Reading tells us.

This is the greed that Jesus warns against in this week's Gospel. The rich man's anxiety and toil expose his lack of faith in God's care and provision. That's why Paul calls greed “idolatry” in the Epistle this week. Mistaking having for being, possession for existence, we forget that God is the giver of all that we have, we exalt the things we can make or buy over our Maker (see Romans 1:25).

Jesus calls the rich man a “fool”—a word used in the Old Testament for someone who rebels against God or has forgotten Him (see Psalm 14:1).

We should treasure most the new life we have been given in Christ and seek what is above, the promised inheritance of heaven. We have to see all things in the light of eternity, mindful that He who gives us the breath of life could at any moment—this night even—demand it back from us.

- Dr. Scott Hahn



The parish staff knows of the following who are ill, in retired living accommodations, etc. **If you are aware of others, please let Father or the parish office know:** Carl Burrell, Rose Zinkgraf, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes, Daniel Lander, Mildred Crawford, and the residents of Franklin Hills Care Center and Cherrywood Place.

Prayers for the infirm and homebound are a work of mercy.

## WEEKEND SCHEDULE

### Saturday

8am – Daily Mass followed by Confessions  
(**St. Patrick**)

3pm – Confessions (**St. Francis Xavier**)

4pm – Vigil Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

### Sunday

7:30am – Holy Mass (**St. Francis Xavier**)

9:00am – Holy Mass (**St. Patrick**)

9:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

11:00am – Holy Mass, Extraordinary Form  
(**St. Francis Xavier**)

*On most Sundays, Confessions are heard during the  
9am & 11am Holy Masses*

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Daily Mass is celebrated in the Convent at  
St. Patrick's, Monday through Friday at 7:00 a.m.

During the summer, there will be no daily  
School Mass at St. Patrick's.

Please contact the parish office by email to  
arrange a baptism, marriage, or funeral,  
or to request a certificate.

To request the offering of the Holy Mass for your  
intention, please email the office or leave your  
intention in the Sunday collection basket.

Please contact Jackie Silvey for prayer requests.  
She can be reached at (509) 483-3109

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**Our office is open on Fridays  
from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

## THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

### MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST

Latin Mass, 5:30 pm, *David Metzger* +

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGOURI

Latin Mass, 8:00 am, *David Metzger* +

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass, 5:30 pm, *David Metzger* +

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

English Mass, 8:00 am, *David Metzger* +

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

Confessions, 4:30 pm

English Mass & Eucharistic Adoration, 5:30 pm

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

Confessions, 3:00 pm

English Vigil Mass, 4:00 pm, *Fr. David Kruse*

### SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME &

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

English Mass, 7:30 am, *Pro Populo*

Latin Mass, 9:00 am, *Private Intention*

Latin Mass, 11:00 am, *Poor Souls*

## PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

### SINGERS AND SERVERS NEEDED

As we look to expand liturgical practice in our Extraordinary Form Masses, the parish is in need of singers for our schola, as well as young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

### NORTHSIDE CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY

There is no weekly youth ministry during the summer. Middle school students are invited to sign up for our 2nd annual summer camp August 14th-19th and high school students are invited to the Steubenville Conference taking place here in Spokane from July 29th-July 31st.

Visit “ncymspokane.com” for more details, or contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator, JJ Nazzaro, at “jnazzaro@dioceseofspokane.org”

### SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The parish is looking for volunteers who would be interested in participating in the “Seven Sisters Apostolate.” This Apostolate seeks to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed every day for the intention of the parish priest.

We are currently looking for more volunteers to expand the ministry to include prayers for Fr. Slattery.

The Apostolate is for women, and involves a commitment of praying in the church one day a week. If you are interested, please contact Patty Parra at (509)993-2864.

### NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

NFP uses the physical signs placed by God within each woman’s body to identify when pregnancy can occur. Monthly classes for three months. Tuition \$95.00 for the series. Classes are currently conducted virtually. Contact the Women’s Health Center: 509-474-2400

### REMEMBER OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED

During the pandemic, we continue to distribute food through the Missionaries of Charity and Caritas services. Please leave your donations of nonperishable items by the doors of the church.

### MISSIONARIES OF CHARITY

If you desire consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, please contact the sisters at 487-3963.

Every Friday evening at St. Patrick’s from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., the sisters pray for our families and friends who are not in full communion with the Catholic church and no longer practicing their Catholic faith. Please join us.

### MEALS ON WHEELS

Greater Spokane County Meals on Wheels needs drivers county wide, this need is particularly desperate in the north and central areas of the City of Spokane. As a Meals on Wheels volunteer, you are delivering much more than a hot meal - you are providing a human connection. A typical volunteer route takes about an hour to an hour and a half to complete. For many of our home-bound neighbors, A MOW volunteer will be the only person they will see or speak with all day. If you have an hour or two a week, month, or something in between to spare, please consider being a volunteer. Please contact Donna Ennis, our Volunteer Coordinator at 509-924-6976 for more information or apply on our website at <https://gscmealsonwheels.org/volunteer/>

### DISCALED CARMELITE RETREAT

From September 22nd to 25th a retreat will be held at Immaculate Heart Retreat Center by Fr. Jerome Earley, O.C.D.

Fr. Earley is a Discalced Carmelite Friar who serves as the superior of Marylake Monastery in Little Rock, Arkansas. The retreat will focus on the Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit.

For further information, please contact Dave Rinaldi, O.C.D.S. at (208) 664-0455 or [rinaldi1430@gmail.com](mailto:rinaldi1430@gmail.com)



## GRADUAL FOR THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOR USE AT VIGIL MASS

Benedicam Dominum in omni tempore  
semper laus eius in ore meo

In Domino laudabitur anima mea  
audient mansueti et laetentur

I will bless the Lord at all times  
His praise is always in my mouth

In the Lord my soul will be praised  
The meek will hear and rejoice

### HAVING A HUMBLE OPINION OF SELF

*FROM THE IMITATION OF CHRIST, BY THOMAS KEMPIS*

EVERY man naturally desires knowledge; but what good is knowledge without fear of God? Indeed a humble rustic who serves God is better than a proud intellectual who neglects his soul to study the course of the stars. He who knows himself well becomes mean in his own eyes and is not happy when praised by men.

If I knew all things in the world and had not charity, what would it profit me before God Who will judge me by my deeds?

Shun too great a desire for knowledge, for in it there is much fretting and delusion. Intellectuals like to appear learned and to be called wise. Yet there are many things the knowledge of which does little or no good to the soul, and he who concerns himself about other things than those which lead to salvation is very unwise.

Many words do not satisfy the soul; but a good life eases the mind and a clean conscience inspires great trust in God.

The more you know and the better you understand, the more severely will you be judged, unless your life is also the more holy. Do not be proud, therefore, because of your learning or skill. Rather, fear because of the talent given you. If you think you know many things and understand them well enough, realize at the same time that there is much you do not know. Hence, do not affect wisdom, but admit your ignorance. Why prefer yourself to anyone else when many are more learned, more cultured than you?

If you wish to learn and appreciate something worth while, then love to be unknown and considered as nothing. Truly to know and despise self is the best and most perfect counsel. To think of oneself as nothing, and always to think well and highly of others is the best and most perfect wisdom. Wherefore, if you see another sin openly or commit a serious crime, do not consider yourself better, for you do not know how long you can remain in good estate. All men are frail, but you must admit that none is more frail than yourself.



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