



ST.
FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH

August 6th, 2023

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my
hope. Let me never be confounded.*

- St. Francis Xavier, S.J.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The word of eternity, Thou art My Son, this day have I begotten Thee, has had two echoes in time, at the Jordan and on Tabor; and God, who never repeats Himself, did not herein make an exception to the rule of saying but once what He says. For although the terms used on the two occasions are identical, they do not tend, as St. Thomas says, to the same end, but show the different ways in which man participates in the resemblance of the eternal filiation.

At the baptism of our Lord, where the mystery of the first regeneration was declared, as at the Transfiguration which manifested the second, the whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice, the Son in His Humanity, the Holy Ghost under the form, first of a dove, and afterwards of a bright cloud. For if in baptism this Holy Spirit confers innocence symbolized by the simplicity of the dove, in the Resurrection he will give to the elect the brightness of glory and the refreshment after suffering which are signified by the luminous cloud.

But without waiting for the day when our Savior will renew our very bodies conformable to the bright glory of His own divine Body, the mystery of the Transfiguration is wrought in our souls already here on earth. It is of the present life that St. Paul says and the Church sings today: God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus [II Cor. 4:6]. Tabor, holy and divine mountain rivaling heaven, how can we help saying with Peter: "It is good for us to dwell on thy summit!"



Commentary from the Liturgical Year by Dom Prosper Guéranger O.S.B. (1805-1875)

A COMMENTARY FOR THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

MAJESTIC VOICE

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration.

Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24–27). As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8–19).

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1, 23–24). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

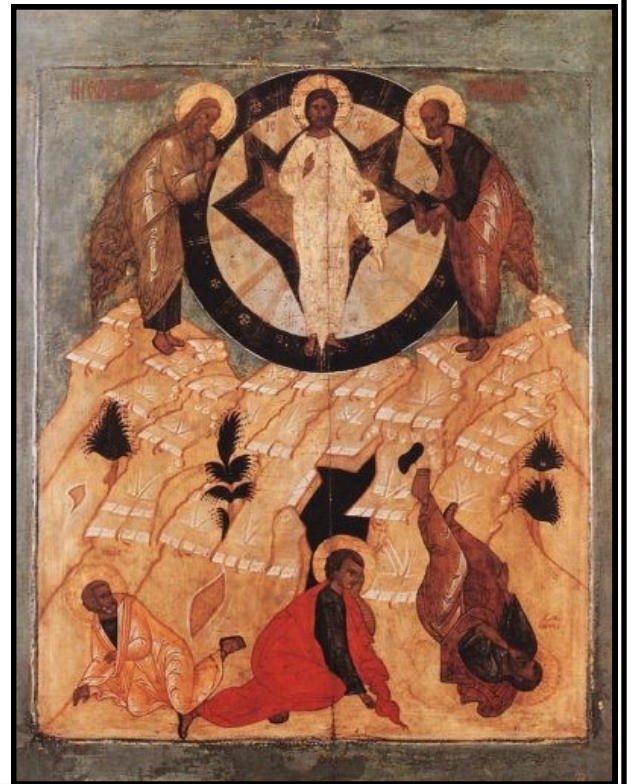
He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

-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, Bella Mally, Jane Soars, Eleanor Finley, Susan Fisher, Gerri Allen, Kathy McCarthy, Ken Keyes,, 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

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)

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

School Mass at St. Patrick's is celebrated at noon Monday through Friday.

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.

St. Francis Xavier can be found online at sfxspokane.org or at [facebook.com/sfxspokane](https://www.facebook.com/sfxspokane)

Our Mailing Address is:
P.O. Box 7179, Spokane, WA, 99207

SFX DIRECTORY

Office Telephone: (509) 487-6363

Sacramental Emergencies: (509) 866-6098

Father Semple: pastor@sfxspokane.org

Office Email: office@sfxspokane.org

Our office will not have set hours till Taylors
Knee heals enough to drive.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

MONDAY, AUGUST 7TH

5:30 pm, Mass *Georgia Schrempp*

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH

8:00am, Mass *Koda and Katie*

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

4:30pm, Confessions

5:30 pm, Mass *Priests*

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10TH

8:00am, Mass *Pro populo*

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12TH

3:00pm, Confessions

4:00pm, Mass *Religious*

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH

7:30 am, Mass *Pro Populo*

11:00 am, Mass *Poor Souls in Purgatory*



PARISH EVENTS & NOTIFICATIONS

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

The parish is in need of young men willing to train as acolytes. Some Latin comprehension, moral discipline, and a well kept appearance are required. Please email the office.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

Till my knee heals enough to drive there will not be scheduled office hours. Please leave a voice message or email, and I will respond as quickly as I can.

Coffee and Donuts will continue after 11am Mass if there are Volunteers to help, otherwise it will have to stop till I recover.

Thanks, Taylor

Spiritus
A HOMESCHOOL MOM'S RETREAT

KEYNOTE SPEAKER EMILY BROWN
Life Coach for Catholic Homeschooling Mothers

Our Lady of Lourdes Cathedral
Spokane, WA

September 30
9 - 3:30

Registration \$35

Sacraments - Community - Reflection - Resources

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr

Born in 1891 in Breslau, Poland, Edith Stein was the youngest child of a large Jewish family. She was an outstanding student and was well versed in Philosophy, with particular interest in Phenomenology. She received a Doctorate in 1916 and was regarded as one of Europe's brightest young philosophers.

Eventually, Edith became interested in the Catholic faith and began examining Phenomenology from a Thomistic perspective. Greatly influenced by the Autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, she was converted and received Baptism on January 1, 1922, at the cathedral church in Cologne, Germany.

Edith gave up a University position and went to teach in the Dominican school at Speyer. In 1934, she entered the Carmelite Order at Cologne and took the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. There she completed a synthesis of Thomist Philosophy and modern thought entitled, *Finite and Eternal Being*.

Four years later, because of the ramification of politics in Germany, Teresa was sent to Echt, Holland. There she wrote *Science of the Cross*, the life of St. John of the Cross from a phenomenological perspective.

When the Nazis conquered Holland, Teresa was arrested and, with her sister Rose (also a convert), was sent to the concentration camp at Auschwitz. She was killed in the gas chambers of the camp on August 9 or 10, 1942.

Teresa was beatified in 1987 at the Cologne cathedral by Pope John Paul II and canonized on October 11, 1998, by the same Pontiff.

PRAYER: God of our fathers, You led St. Teresa Benedicta, Your Martyr, to acknowledge Your Crucified Son and to intimate Him even in death. Grant, through her intercession, that all people may come to know Christ the Savior and through Him attain Your eternal vision. Amen.





**Air Conditioning
Gas Conversions
Plumbing/Heating
Furnaces & Boilers
509-489-3860
Larry Andrews - President
Catholic Owned
& Operated**

www.andrewsmechanical.com



*Ministry First,
Ministry Always.*

(509) 467-5496

HOLY CROSS

FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES

Meeting All Funeral Needs of the Faithful:

- Knowledgeable & Caring Staff
- Catholic Tradition • Cremation Services
- Ground/Crypt/Niche Burials
- Advanced Planning • Private Family Estates



f Holy Cross • St. Joseph • Queen of Peace

holycrossofspokane.org • 7200 N. Wall, Spokane, WA 99208



HERITAGE
Roofing & Construction
509.489.3552
HRCSPokane.COM
#HERITRC951MR

Aug. 11 • 6pm - Aug. 13 • 1 pm

Weekend Retreat for Men and Women

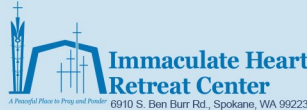
Encountering the Father's Heart

Brendan Case



Jesus came to make available to us the same unbelievable relationship with the Father as He. This retreat, through songs of worship and meditative music, teaching, silence and individual prayer ministry, will draw your heart with the chords of love to experience the One who longs to draw near to you so that you might share in His life. Come enjoy contemplative and charismatic prayer. The only tools needed will be your Bible and journal. Individual \$235, Couples \$380, (includes lodging and up to 5 meals). Commuters \$195.

To register:
ihrc.net/events or
(509) 448-1224.



3620 N Nevada Street

THE 509 GARAGE

PH (509) 598-8244

**Maintenance * Diagnosis * Brakes * Emissions
Engines * Transmissions * High Performance**



Have Mike Fix It
Mikes Mobile
Computer Repair
Guaranteed Virus Removal
Computer Lessons For
All Skill Levels
Call Mike Today!
(509) 999-0014



CHESTERTON ACADEMY
OF NOTRE DAME

A Joyfully Catholic, Classical High School

www.ChestertonAcademyofNotreDame.org



Spokane Arby's

328 W. Third
6316 N. Division
10407 E. Sprague
15327 E. Indiana



ST. JOSEPH'S
FLOORING
**Hardwood,
Luxury Vinyl
Plank & Carpet
Installation,
Sales & Repair**
Ask for John
509-466-6433



10208 N Division Suite 109
509-464-2294

www.northspokaneautolicensing.com



**Printing Banners, Posters, Stickers,
Magnets, Booklets, Bulletins and More!**
509.818.0350



10208 N Division Suite 109
509-464-2294
www.northspokaneautolicensing.com



**Let's Make Sense of
Medicare Together**



Lynda Sanders
509-344-1360



PERRIER CONSTRUCTION
HOME IMPROVEMENT & REPAIR SPECIALIST
SMALL JOBS WELCOME FREE ESTIMATES
LICENSED, BONDED, INSURED
ROGER PERRIER OWNER
710.8346
CCPERRIC'876M



MANTLE OF MARY

**CUSTOM SCAPULARS
ROSARIES**

Custom Devotionals
208-914-5009
www.mantleofmary.org