



G O S P E L M E D I T A T I O N

Matthew 17:1-9

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today’s Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, “his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light” (Matthew 17:2) That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering.

We know Jesus’ body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That’s something made by human hands. It’s an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does the detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve’s first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus’ glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants— your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets— can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn’t just do I believe in Jesus’ glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the “artifact” you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday–Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday– Is 1:10, 16-20/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday– Jer 18:18-20/Mt 23:1-12
Thursday– Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31
Friday– Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a 17b-28a/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday– Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/ Lk
15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday– Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn
4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26,39a, 40-42

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5pm: Lector: Brenda Zanger
Minister: John Williams, Barbara Hawkins
John Garioto
Server: Zane Berrios

Sunday 7:30am: Lector: Agnes Williams
Minister: Denise Palmer
Server: Dj Williams

Sun 9am: Lector: Stacie McGrady
Minister: Patsy Pence, Julie Young
Nancy Tulchinsky
Server: Mary Perez

Sun 11:15am:

Lector: Fernanda Godinez
Minister: Katerina Hicks, Josie Hernandez
Lillian Casey
Server: Hailey Handi

Upcoming Events

March 8– Spring Forward
Daylight Savings Time
March 29– Palm Sunday

AA Meetings are offered in our parish hall each
Sunday 7pm and Wednesday 6pm

Catholic Trivia— Just for Fun

Question: What language is it generally believed the text of the New Testament was originally written in ?

Answer: Koine Greek (also known as Hellenistic Greek) ©LPI

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Thank you for your very generous and continued support to the parish!

Prayer Requests

If you or a member of your family would like our faith community of Immaculate Conception Church to join you in prayers for special needs, call the parish office. Names will be removed periodically. If your loved one has been removed and is still in need of prayers please let us know.

Please take some time this week to remember the following in your prayers: Rosie Luna, Don Velasquez, Gia Garioto, Teresa Villareal, Maggie Garcia Ellen Emma. Ofelia Aguirre, Phyllis Cruz, Kathleen Connoly, Wes & Betty Brookshire, Patrick Dooling, Kathleen Mitchell, John Mitchell, John Garioto, Michael Mitchell, Steve Markowski, Nicole Wong, Lily Klauer, Eric Gibson Miranda Lee, Isaac Lee, Diane Alves, Nancy Pence, Angelita Aguirre, Nancy Appenzeller, Matt Acconero, Isaias Perez, Sally Stephenson, Oscar Carrillo, Margie LeGrand, Nicholas Matos, Tanner Ullon, Jeff French, Vince Milazzo, Colleen Aguirre, Martin Vallejo, David Shields, Presley Dias, Anita Pedrazzi, Jude Wong, Octaviano Luna, Joe Postigo, Johnny Bernio, Corylan Stranski, Kay Soares, Doris Stubben, Gigi Cutillo, Juliana Barrios, Evelyn Scally, Ramiro Acevedo, Loise Callens, Joey Dias, Phillip Cosentino, Donna Howe, Dian Markowski, Rogerio Moitoso, Frank & Teresa Viera, Sharon Hawkins, Loly Munro, Dee Ketchum, Deana Dyson-Miller, Emma Herrera, Rohit Sharma, Daniel Lee, Altagracia, Drea Cedillo, Mary Lou Armbruster, Oralia Alvarez

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased: Agnes Obeso-Bradley, Mary Ann Hindman, Nora Solis



Parish News!!!

- Our Livestream Sunday 9am Mass can be found on our YouTube page.
- Each Friday morning prior to the 8:30am morning Mass you are welcome at 8:00am for prayer of the Holy Rosary.
- AED's are located at the entrance to the church to the right of the stairs under the choir loft and also in the hall near the front door.
- We are looking for ministers, lectors and servers for our Sunday 7:30am, 9am, 11:15 am and our Saturday 5pm Masses. If you would like to help serve during Mass, please contact the office for more information.
- **Stations of the Cross**— Please join us in the church every Friday at 6pm during Lent for our Stations of the Cross.



Easter Eggs Needed:

We are collecting pre-filled Easter Eggs. This is for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt held after the 9am Mass on Easter Sunday. We are in need of a lot of eggs for all the children in our parish. Please bring them by the office or leave them in the church after mass.

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl

The 2026 Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Rice Bowl program marks the 51st year of this Lenten initiative, beginning on **Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026**. This faith-in-action program invites Catholics to practice prayer, fasting, and almsgiving while supporting global relief and development efforts.

Families are encouraged to place a Rice Bowl in their home or workplace to collect donations that will help families in more than 100 countries and in our local communities.

These bowls are given out to our Religious Education Students. They are also placed in the entrance of the church. They should be returned on Easter Sunday to Dee Ketchum the Religious Education Director.

God bless you all.

Guidelines for Fast and Abstinence

Abstinence: a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14yrs of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and each Friday during Lent. Parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast are led to appreciate and authentic sense of penance.

Fast and Abstinence: in addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by every Catholic between ages of 18-60yrs old. On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be eaten but should not equal a full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids are allowed. Days of Fast and Abstinence are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious conditions they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their conditions.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 28
5:00pm

†Joe Collison *req. by: Arlene Collison*
Health of Jude Wong
req. by: Genevieve & Art

Sunday, March 1
7:30am

†Felipe Velazquez *req. by: Family*

9:00am

†Mike O Connell *req. by: Lil Casillas*

†Adeline Rianda
req. by: Mark Rianda & Family

11:15am

†Yuen Mahwan *req. by: Wong Family*

Monday, March 2
8:30am

†Christopher Meisenbach

req. by: Genevieve & Art

Tuesday, March 3

No Services

Wednesday, March 4

No Services

Thursday, March 5

8:30am

Health of Rohit Sharma

req. by: Dr. Sharma

Friday, March 6

8:30am

†All Souls

req. by: Tau

Coffee & Donuts

Join us this weekend after the Sunday 9am Mass for coffee and donuts.

Everyone welcome!



Religious Education Update:

Director : Dee Ketchum

1st Communion: March 4th

Confirmation: March 1st

O.C.I.A class for adults (18+) who want to complete their Sacraments of Initiation in the Catholic Faith. Sacraments include Baptism, and /or First Communion and/or Confirmation.

Retreat : March 23rd 5:30-9:00pm