

Weekly Update from Father John Allison 2-8-18

Dear members and friends of our parish family,

On this upcoming Last Sunday after the Epiphany the apostle Paul reminds us in his Second Letter to the Corinthians (4:3-6) of “the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” This glory is manifested in the Transfiguration of Jesus that is always read on the last Sunday of the season of Epiphany, giving us a foretaste of Resurrection as we anticipate the beginning of Lent. This event also marks a shift in the ministry of Jesus as he leaves Galilee to begin his journey to Jerusalem and the Cross.

Our Gospel for the day from Mark (9:2-9) has Jesus lead Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where he is transfigured before their eyes, his clothes becoming “a dazzling white such as no one on earth could bleach them.” Appearing there and talking with Jesus are Moses and Elijah, indicating that Jesus is the one who comes to fulfill the law and the prophets. This event, coming as it does at the end of the season of Epiphany is meant to be the ultimate revelation of Jesus’ identity as the Messiah. As we begin our transition from the Season of Epiphany to Lent and prepare ourselves to journey with Jesus to Jerusalem let us give thanks for the many ways God has manifest to us His love in Christ. Please welcome Mother Kathleen who will preach and preside at the Eucharist.

Tuesday evening (Feb. 13) from 5-7 pm Church of Our Father, in partnership with St. Saviour and St. John, will host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. I hope to see you there as we mark the end of Epiphany with this festive gathering. Beginning the following morning (Feb. 14), Ash Wednesday liturgy will be available throughout the day according to the following schedule:

Church of Our Father	8am
St. Saviour	Noon
St. John	4pm
St. Mary	5pm

Finally, I want to remind you that I am away on retreat until Saturday. In my absence please contact Deacon Mary-Carol (664-8420) or Mother Kathleen (669-2029) in the event of pastoral emergency.

Faithfully,

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