

A Mountaintop Encounter with Jesus and his Apostles

All three synoptic gospels tell the story of the transfiguration of Jesus (Matt. 17:1-13; Mark 9:3-13; Luke 9:28-36)—a sign of the importance of an event from Jesus' life for the early Christian community.

The transfiguration is a highly symbolic story. Jesus took his inner circle of apostles—Peter, James, and John—up a mountain, which in the Bible is a place of revelation, so it was clear something important was about to happen.

These three apostles then saw Jesus as part of another important trio, completed with Moses and Elijah, symbols of Israelite tradition. As if that weren't spectacular enough, they heard the voice of God uttering two phrases: "This is my beloved Son" & "Listen to him."

Unfortunately, none of the apostles' reactions showed that they understood what had just happened. First, they were half-asleep when the whole thing started—not the last time that would happen at a key moment. They were also terrified.

What the apostles didn't grasp right away was the significance of the fact that Moses and Elijah were "talking with" Jesus. This sacred conversation identified Jesus with the law and the prophets and showed how Jesus had the same authority as these two pillars of Israel's tradition. To leave no doubt, God's voice drove home the point with words heard at an earlier affirmation of Jesus' status, his baptism: "This is my son, the beloved" (Matt. 3:17).

The Gospel of Luke adds an interesting detail: Moses and Elijah had been speaking with Jesus "of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." That loaded word points back to the sometimes arduous journey of following Jesus, and that's what the transfiguration is all about.

It's wonderful to find inspiration in a shining vision of Jesus, but following is another. After the vision is over, you look up and see, as the apostles did, "Jesus only," and you realize that, to get to the further glory of eternal life, you have to follow him to the cross.

Saint Christopher Catholic Church

160 Holt Spur Drive

Jamestown, Tennessee 38556

Reverend Father Michael Sweeney, Pastor



February 24, 2018

Second Sunday of Lent

Masses: Saturday Vigil: 6:30 P.M. (CST)

Holy Days (Vigil): 6:00 P.M. (CST)

Confessions: After Mass (1st Saturday of month or as needed)

Spanish Communion Service: Sundays 8:00 A.M.(CST)

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**Liturgical Ministers for Next Week
(March 3, 2018)**

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**Readers:** R. Germann / M. Criswell / P. Dalton  
**Altar Servers:** F. Schuch / A. Stucker  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Temporarily Suspended  
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March Sacristan: Peggy Dalton
Hospitality: Linda Savastano
KoC Round Table Coordinator: George Savastano
Mass Intentions: Sarah Mahon
Webmaster: Stormy Allen
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Bulletin: Mary Germann
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**INTENTIONS**



Together, let us pray for the needs of our brothers and sisters. Remember the sick, home-bound, caregivers and recovering of our parish and all those on the St. Christopher prayer list (available to view in the narthex) in your daily prayers: Juan Herrera; Zachary Chamness, grandson of George & Linda Savastano; Cissy and Vickie, daughters of Joyce Vaughn; Pete Yahner, brother of Sarah Mahon; Don Briggs; Mary Henise; Joyce Mulligan; Bruce Bigard, brother of Allen Bigard; Mollie Ann Wenzel, daughter of a friend of Allen Bigard; Kate Cunningham; Teddie Stevenson; Leo Duchon; Mike Emmons; Mike Baldalament and for those of us who suffer in silence. Also, pray for our military personnel, especially those serving in harm's way. For these and all other unspoken needs; we pray to the Lord.

**ATTENDANCE & DONATIONS  
February 17, 2018**

Parish: \$ 280  
Building Fund: \$ 95  
Black and Indian Missions: \$ 86  
Sat. Night Service / Bilingual Service: 41 / 8  
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**MASS INTENTIONS
February 24, 2018**

For the repose of the souls of **William** and **James Murray**,
Father and brother of Peggy Dalton;
Requested by **Peggy Dalton**.
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

On Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> Father is holding an event he has titled: ***Talk with Father Michael and Ask Him Anything***. It will be at 6:00pm in the Church Hall – both children and adults are encouraged to come. Food and drinks will be served.  
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From Sharon Brayton:

The Guild of Saint Mother Teresa will meet Thursday, March 8th at 11:00 am CST in Saint Christopher Hall. Topics of discussion will include Easter Celebration and Angel House (ministry for women released from Fentress County jail). Ladies, we need your help, please prayerfully consider joining us.

"Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of who you are." ~Mother Teresa

Liturgical Ministers for Future Week(s)

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**Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> Readers:** B. Rindler / S. Mahon / W. Allen  
**Altar Servers:** D. Briggs / A. Cruz  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Temporarily Suspended