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**Eighteenth Sunday Transfiguration**

**Announcements**

**Aug 15 Holy Day**  
**Assumption of Mary**  
**Mass 7:00 PM**  
**Aug 22 – 25** Fr. Tom will be in Fairbanks for meetings with Bishop Chad.  
**Aug 24 – 28** Fr. John Hinsvark here to cover masses for weekend.  
**Aug 25 – 30** Fr. Tom will be in Kotz  
**Sept 3 – Sept 8** Fr. Tom will be in Anchorage on retreat.

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**"This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased."**

**We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain.**



**Stewardship!**

**Keeping Track of your Ancestry**

**Do you keep records of your important documents?**

Accountability means record keeping. We have all sorts of ways to keep records of our licenses, wills, financial statements, taxes, properties, and a host of other documents that we need ever so often.

Yet, keeping records of marriages, children, baptisms, and other ancestry papers is also being a good steward.

- Do you have a file or cabinet to store important documents
- Do you label them or put them in folders?
- Do you have access to a computer to keep electronic files?
- Do you have a backup for electronic files?
- Do you have an ancestry tree to show who your family is?

Keeping your records safe is important and so many people say they will get organized, but never do until its too late.

Today would be a good day to take an hour to organize your files, update your will and other important papers.

Today would be a good day to write down your ancestry!

**Just Do It!**

**Why Be Catholic**

So often we are faced with the temptation to be overwhelmed by the world. Things seem to come at us all unexpectedly and in such a way as to discourage us completely, even though we know we should expect them. We get sick, the truck breaks down, a family member passes away, a coworker ridicules our faith... Of course it's going to happen. We know these things come with life; and yet when they do, somehow it seems like everything is falling apart. Why can't we just stoically take anything that comes our way?

Jesus, heartbroken at the death of his friend John the Baptist's death, going away to "a deserted place" to be alone for a while. Of all people, he certainly knew of this death, and should have taken it in stride, right? But Jesus was fully human, and experienced all we experience in feeling overwhelmed by the world.

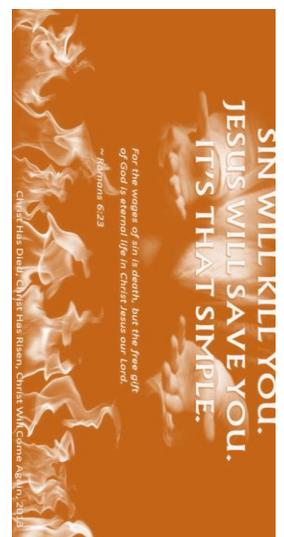
This is not the same thing as letting ourselves actually be overwhelmed. In spite of how we feel and become discouraged because the kingdom of God seemingly never comes, St. Paul reminds us is: nothing this world throws at us can defeat us because God's love is greater than our problems.

As long as we act in this love, in the end, victory is assured us.

Look again at the death of John, we see Christ acting, not in defeat, but in love. John is murdered. Jesus certainly feels the sorrow for the harsh death that any of us would. It is not wrong to grieve at our temporary separation until we too die to be joined with them in eternal life. But Christ shows us the way to avoid despair: He, immediately acting in love, severs the sick and hungry placed before Him.

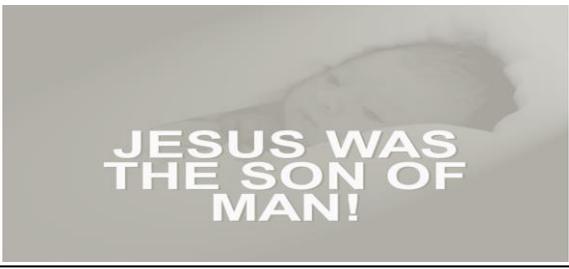
We do feel sorrow, but through Christ and the Church's wisdom, we seek the Kingdom of God, acting always in love despite any feelings to the contrary. In this love, we are assured of victory.

Fight the good fight, and love our holy Mother Church! Thank you for sharing your parish with me this summer! –Seminarian Benjamin Doudna



## Weekly Schedule:

Date	Mass Time	Place	Feast Day	Lector/Minister	Intention	Activity
Mon Aug 7	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Cagetan		Les Griffiths	
Tue Aug 8	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Dominic		Rita Macall	
Wed Aug 9	5:30 PM	Nome	Edith Stein		Jacica Simon	
Thu Aug 10	5:30 PM	Nome	St. Lawrence		Lee Simon	
Fri Aug 11	8:00 AM	Nome	St. Clare		Lee Vivian	
Sat Aug 12	5:30 PM	Nome	Jane Chantel		Han Peter	
Sun Aug 13	10:30 AM	Nome	19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday		St. Joseph	



**JESUS WAS  
THE SON OF  
MAN!**

**Son of Man means Jesus was Fully Human!  
Son of God means Jesus was Fully Divine!  
Jesus was both divine and human  
But it also means we who are human are to become  
divine like Jesus.  
We are to be transfigured into His Image!**

### Son of Man Son of God.

The most mysterious person and most controversial is Jesus. Who is He? Jesus knows Who He is. He said it often, I am the Son of Man. His Father claimed He was my Son. Scripture uses the title Son of Man some 80 times and yet, many people: Christians, Theologians, and Non- Believers, struggle with this title.

Is it a title? Maybe not. Maybe it is a figure. Definitely part of a vision:

*I saw coming with the clouds of heaven One like a son of man. When he reached the Ancient of Days and was presented before him, He received dominion, splendor, and kingship; all nations, peoples and tongues will serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, his kingship, one that shall not be destroyed (Dan 7:13 – 14).*

Jesus is a mysterious figure and many claim He was just that, a figure of the imagination. Yet, Christians believe that Jesus is not an imaginary figure, but that He is fully human and fully divine: He is the Incarnate Son– the Messiah!

Jesus is more than just a vision. He is a historical figure as we have many references to Him other than Scripture. Josephus a Jewish Historian who living in the late first century published a book in 93 AD and specifically mentioned Jesus as a “wise man who performed surprising deeds and was a teacher of such people as accept the truth gladly. He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks” (Josephus).

Others mentioned Jesus as historical, Tacitus too, but the debate is not if Jesus was historical, but Who was He? Was He God? Was He just Man? Scripture as we read from Daniel to Revelation proclaim He is the Son of Man. He is the human one Who reveals Himself: Jesus as fully God and Man. This is a fundamental teaching. You cannot be Christian and deny the humanity and divinity of Jesus.

But Jesus did not become human just to show off his divinity. He did not come to perform miracles, teaching and preaching about some kingdom. Jesus came to reveal who we are; not just reveal Who He is.

We are created in the image and likeness of God. We are human, but with God’s grace given through Jesus we become divine.

*He has bestowed on us the precious and very great promises, so that through them you may come to share in the divine nature, after escaping from the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire (2 Peter 1:4).*

Jesus reveals to us our ultimate purpose. We are to become divine. We are to be restored by the death and resurrection of Jesus. St. Paul tells us that we are adopted by the Father to be his sons and daughters (2 Cor 6:18).

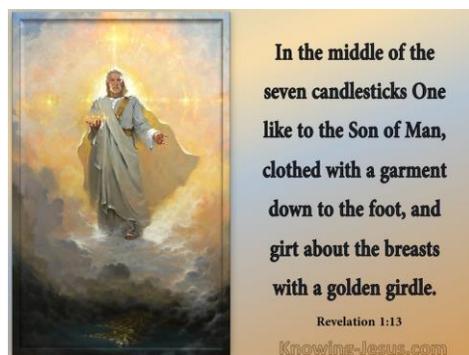
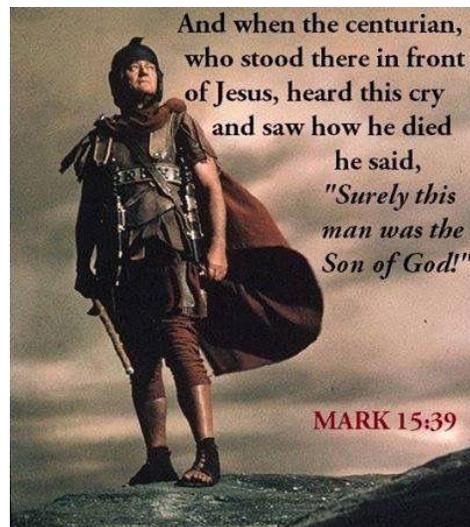
This is the heart of mystery of Jesus. Our Father wants to adopt us as his children even when we are fallen, broken, and flawed. He not only claims us as his children, but He wants to be well pleased in us. He wants to bestow divinity upon us.

In whom I am well pleased is not just a proclamation for Jesus; God our Father wants to inspire us to live in Jesus. He wants to bestow his Spirit upon us.

The heart of the Gospel Message, that is the Good News of Jesus, is that God Our Father so in love with us, that He sent his Son into the world, to be the Son of Man so we could be sons and daughters of God.

Many refuse to believe this Gospel. Many want to remain in their sin and folly, but Jesus comes to expose how senseless sin and folly are. Sin leaves us broken: dead to divine life; Grace transfigures our mortal bodies into divine beings.

We are made divine and the transfiguration of Jesus reveals what happens to us when we accept the message of Jesus. He is the Son of Man Who died on the Cross and in so doing He reveals Himself as the Son of God when He is resurrected from his death. We who die to sin and clothe ourselves in his grace at baptism will be transfigured too and become son and daughters of our Father in Heaven.



### 1. Jesus asks a perplexing question

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”*

Matt 16:13

