

**ST. PAUL'S
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St. Paul's Shield

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Liturgy of the Word 8:00am
Holy Eucharist Service is at 10:00am
every Sunday in person,
live stream on Facebook.*



**Back to School Blessing
On Sunday August 4, St. Paul's
will have a "Back to School"
blessing for everyone
involved with school -
students, teachers, etc.**

Come join us each Sunday at 10:00am.

Mahjong Group

**Come join the fun at St. Paul's with the
Mahjong group in our parish hall.**

On Monday night 6:00 pm

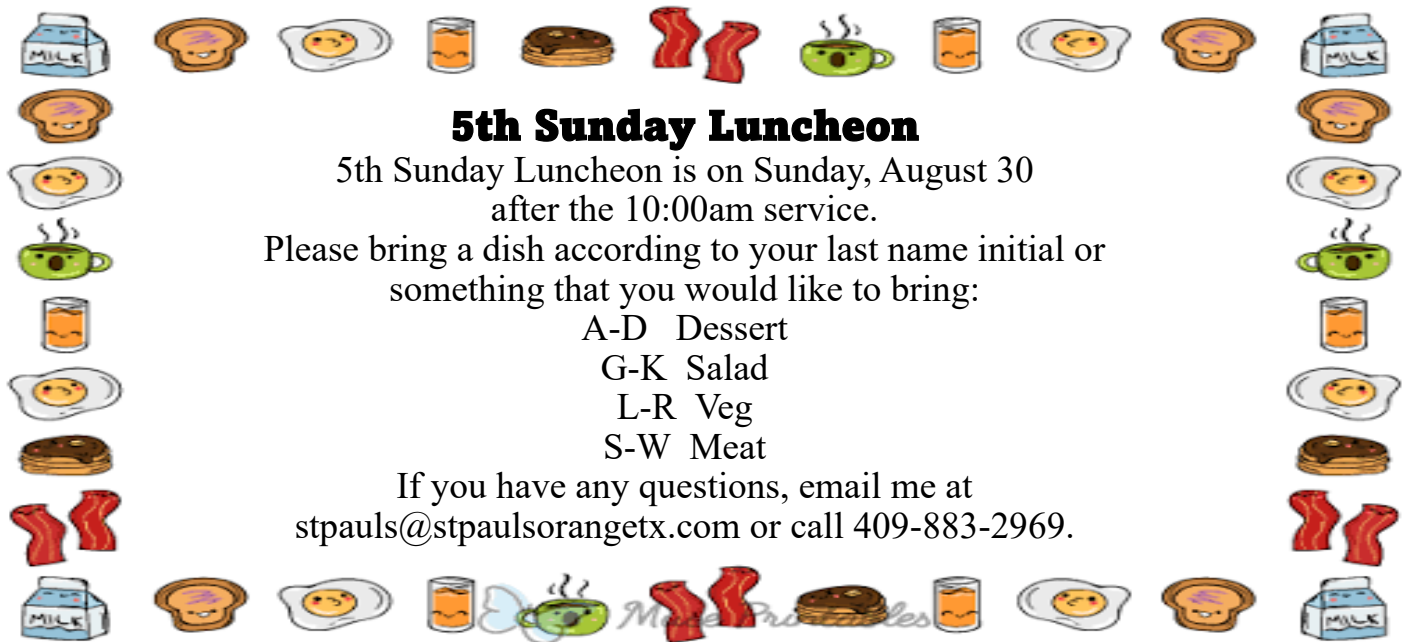
Wednesday Day at 9:30am.

\$5 donation.

**If you have any questions, email
the office at**

**stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or
409-883-2969.**





5th Sunday Luncheon

5th Sunday Luncheon is on Sunday, August 30
after the 10:00am service.

Please bring a dish according to your last name initial or
something that you would like to bring:

A-D Dessert
G-K Salad
L-R Veg
S-W Meat

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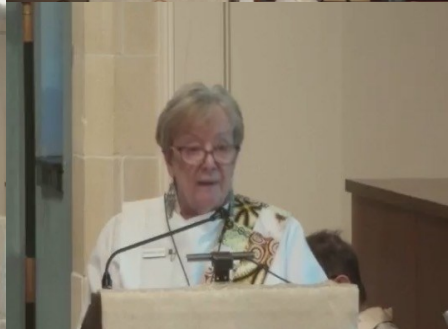
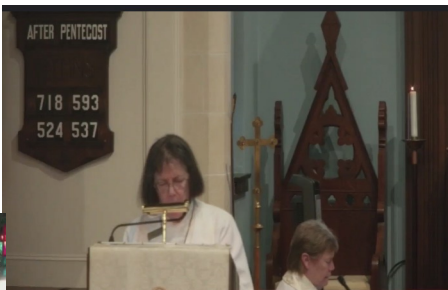
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July 4th Celebration and Ice Cream Contest



The Liturgical Home: The Feast of the Transfiguration

By [Ashley Tumlin Wallace](#)

The Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrated on August 6th, is a momentous event in the life of Christ and the Christian tradition. It holds profound significance as it reveals a glimpse of the divine glory of Jesus Christ. The Gospels of [Matthew](#), [Mark](#), and [Luke](#) all recount the Transfiguration. In these accounts, Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, ascends a mountain. He meets with Moses and Elijah and undergoes a remarkable transformation.

Unfortunately, the Transfiguration is one of those events that often is a victim of reductionism. There's so much that occurs in such a short amount of time, so much meaning there, so much symbolism, so much beauty, so much emotion that it is difficult for us to process, so we make bulleted points.

If you look up the significance of the Transfiguration, you're often given a list:

Jesus' divine nature is revealed
The Old and New Testaments come together
It's one of five major events in the Life of Christ

The list goes on and on, and while all of these points are true, they strip the event of its miraculousness and miss the enormity of the event. The Transfiguration cannot be reduced to a bulleted list!

Jesus' Transfiguration in Scripture

The Transfiguration is a remarkable moment where the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Man converge. It is a moment where a man is not only a man but God himself, where heroes from the distant past suddenly appear, and the voice of God booms from the clouds.

In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up to a high mountain. There, he undergoes a transfiguration before them. His face shines like the sun, and his clothes become as white as light. This incredible event brings to mind Ezekiel's description of the Lord:

I saw that from what appeared to be his waist up he looked like glowing metal, as if full of fire, and that from there down he looked like fire, and brilliant light surrounded him.

[Ezekiel 1:27](#) Immediately, the disciples witness Jesus' divine nature, confirming that he is not merely a prophet or a rabbi but the very Son of God.

Moses & Elijah

Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appear, engaging in conversation with Jesus on the mountain. The significance lies in the fact that these great heroes of the faith, once thought to be dead, are now very much alive and present before Jesus. Both Moses, the lawgiver, and Elijah, the great prophet, pointed to the coming of the Messiah. Here, at this moment, they witness the fulfillment of their labors and God's faithful call. It is noteworthy that this encounter takes place on a mountain, a location where Moses and Elijah often met with God.

In [Luke 9:31](#), we learn that Moses and Elijah are talking with Jesus about his departure, which he is about to fulfill in Jerusalem. An interesting point that is often overlooked is that the Greek word for "departure" is "exodus." So, Moses, who led the Israelites out of slavery in the original "Exodus," and Elijah, the prophet who led a spiritual "exodus," leading the people of Israel away from idolatry and back to faithfulness to God, are speaking with Jesus about the ultimate "exodus." This ultimate "exodus" will deliver God's people once and for all from the slavery of sin and death through his death and resurrection—an incredible reality!

My Beloved Son

As Moses and Elijah depart from Jesus, Peter recognizes the significance of the moment and suggests putting up three tents. While he is still speaking, a bright cloud covers them all, and a voice from the cloud says, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him, I am well pleased. Listen to him!" This moment harkens back to the Old Testament, where God often spoke to people like Moses and Elijah from a cloud, indicating his divine presence. It also recalls Jesus' baptism, where a voice from the heavens says, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased" ([Matthew 3:17](#)).

The divine voice reaffirms Jesus' identity as God's Son and endorses the truth of his teachings. Jesus is not just another prophet; He speaks with the authority of God himself. This divine command echoes throughout the ages, reminding Christians to heed Christ's words and imitate his life of love, compassion, and self-sacrifice. <https://anglicancompass.com/the-liturgical-home-the-feast-of-the-transfiguration/>

St. Mary, the Virgin Feast Day

The Life of St. Mary

The life of the Virgin Mary holds a special place in Christianity. God chose her to be the vessel through which his Son, Jesus Christ, would take on flesh and enter the world as a human being. Mary's obedience and devotion to God played a crucial role in the unfolding of God's redemptive plan.

God's Plan for Mary

To fully appreciate Mary's role, we have to go back to the fall of Adam and Eve. In [Genesis 3](#), Adam and Eve disobey God and eat the fruit from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. When God discovers what they have done, he doesn't put them to death but instead issues a series of punishments for their sin and a curse over the serpent, who tempted them. God curses the serpent physically and then gives a startling prophecy in [Genesis 3:15](#):

"And I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

This prophecy is known as the *Protoevangelium*, which means "first gospel" or "first good news." In Christian theology, the term refers to the first proclamation or foreshadowing of the Gospel in the Bible. Christians understand this to be a prophetic announcement of the coming Messiah and his victory over sin and death. Mary is the "woman," and her "offspring," of course, is Jesus. Satan will temporarily "strike" at Christ's "heel" through the crucifixion, but Satan's head will be crushed forever through Christ's death and resurrection. Christians understand the *Protoevangelium* to be not only a prophecy about the coming of Christ but also of the significance of Mary and the role she played in the salvation of humankind and the Incarnation of the Word of God. <https://anglicancompass.com/the-liturgical-home-the-feast-of-st-mary-the-virgin/>

Happy Birthday

Breitenstein, Anne	8/04
Bruce, David	8/05
Hancock, Mr. Ray	8/07
Rotsch, Kerri	8/07
Dugas, Hannah	8/10
Reeves, Aidan	8/10
Hagen, Miss Rebecca	8/15
Michaelis, Mrs. Myra	8/15
Lane, Mrs. Peggy	8/17
Hancock, Reagan Kinley	8/19
Hughes, Ben	8/28
Jones, Sherlon	8/28
Kelley, Rachel (Harrison)	8/29
Hagen, . Kara (Rutledge)	8/30

Happy Anniversary

Gilbeaux, Troy & Valrie	8/10
Field, David & Charlene	8/14
Hancock, Ray & Ruth	8/23
Lincecum, Roger & Shana	8/25

Prayer List Info

Just a reminder that our Prayer list will change each month. I have a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Book Study

Every Sunday St. Paul's will have The Book Study with Deacon Margaret at 9:15am. Come early and get some coffee and a comfortable seat.

Art Class

Art Class will resume in September with Shirley Marshall, If you are interested in joining email the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call 409-883-2969.



Daughters of the King DOK will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00am.

If you would like to be on St. Paul's email list, birthday, or anniversary list please email the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call at 409-883-2969. Peace and Blessings to you!

Shield Information is due August 15.
Vestry Meeting is August 16 after the 10:00am service.

The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday

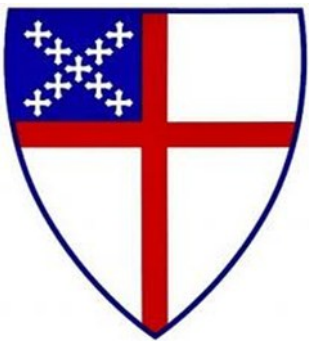
On the 1st Sunday of each month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.

If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo line. If you have any questions, please contact me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Jay Todd Cleaver, Haley & Dennis & baby Ezra Betty & Don Ball, Sr. Don Ball, Jr. Greg Ball Paula Burton Hal Bean, Anne Breitenstein, Doris Byrd, Pam Cheek, Robert Cheek Kayla Cheek, Sharon Debes, Brian Debes Dena John & Teri Duos, Elizabeth Maggie Farrington, Tim Fading,	Tom & Marsha, Ben Garcia Rev. Tori Gilliland Rev. Canon Mark R. Wood Shawna Rosemary Schoolfield Carolyn Debbie Petty Dottie Eubanks Chris Gayle Patsy, Carolyn Hessong Mimi Hollier, Delmos Hooker, Rosie Hurst, Yolanda Jackson, Allen Jones, Jerry & Sherlon Jones, John & Marie	Kaitlyn Hogg Peggy Lane, Peggy Johnson, Lori, Ruby Madeline, Ken & Debra Kenric & Andrew Justin Morvant, Sue Rathburn Walter Rotsch Molly Sartin David Silk, Easton Smith & family Ron & Margaret Sonnier, Pete & Delores Sterling, Paul Ken Slaughter, Hui Si Judy Taylor	Kendal Thomas, Nancy Walker, Alyssa Wilson Kady Michaelis, Lynette, Tom, Grace & Kate Joe Cavallero Kay Shelton Sandy Bell Reilly Shaw Van Vandervoort Jerry & Wilma Collins Kerry Gearhart Emily & Will Morphis Bruce & Roxanne McCraw Debbie Petty Kara Hagen Cimmaron Brenda Lynda Schwartz
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