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**12608 MADISON AVENUE • LAKEWOOD, OH 44107**

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**PASTOR**

Rev. Theodore J. Haag, O.F.M.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:30 a.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

First Saturday of the Month: 3:15 to 3:45 p.m.

Or call the Parish Office for an appointment.

**PARISH OFFICE**

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**COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

Distributions are held from 10:00 a.m. to noon on the fourth Wednesday of the month from January to October and on the third Wednesday of the month in November and December.

**BAPTISMS**

Call the Parish Office to schedule.

**WEDDINGS**

Ordinarily, arrangements must be made six months in advance, according to diocesan policy. Consult clergy. Pre-marriage classes must be attended.

**COMMUNION CALLS**

Please call the Parish Office if you or anyone you know would like the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or Communion.

**NEW PARISHIONERS**

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**MISSION STATEMENT**

*In a spirit of oneness, we, the members of Transfiguration Parish, a Roman Catholic community, are called to serve God through his Son, Jesus Christ, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit.*

*We dedicate ourselves to the transformation of our lives and society through worship, evangelization, love of neighbor, and ministry to those in need.*

## Mass Intentions



- Saturday, November 20**  
4:00 p.m. †Dennis & †Jane Navin
- Sunday, November 21**      **Our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe**  
9:00 a.m. †Donald Mossbrugger
- Monday, November 22**  
8:30 a.m. †Buster Hudec
- Wednesday, November 24**  
8:30 a.m. †Apolonia Marcel
- Thursday, November 25**      **Thanksgiving Day**  
8:30 a.m. Deceased of the Dvoroznak & Foltin Families
- Friday, November 26**  
8:30 a.m. Michael & Joanne Bizup (50th Wedd. Anniv.)
- Saturday, November 27**  
4:00 p.m. †Steve & †Betty Zahuranec
- Sunday, November 28**      **First Sunday of Advent**  
9:00 a.m. †Bill & †Peg Petrovic



Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom did belong to this world, my attendants would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not here."—Jn 18:36

### GOSPEL MEDITATION

#### Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

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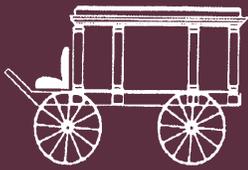
**Special Collection:** Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, one in eight people lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at [usccb.org/cchd](http://usccb.org/cchd).

 Fr. Ted and the parish staff wish all of you a very happy and safe Thanksgiving holiday. Please note that there will be a morning Mass at **8:30 a.m.** on Thurs., Nov. 25th. Also, the Parish Office will be closed on Thurs., Nov. 25th, and on Fri., Nov. 26th. The Parish Office will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Mon., Nov. 29th.

**50/50:** Only \$5 per 50/50 envelope makes you eligible for half of the money collected through the 50/50 envelopes. There is a 50/50 envelope in your packet of envelopes each month, and there are extra envelopes by the church doors. Our parish benefits from the profits.

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