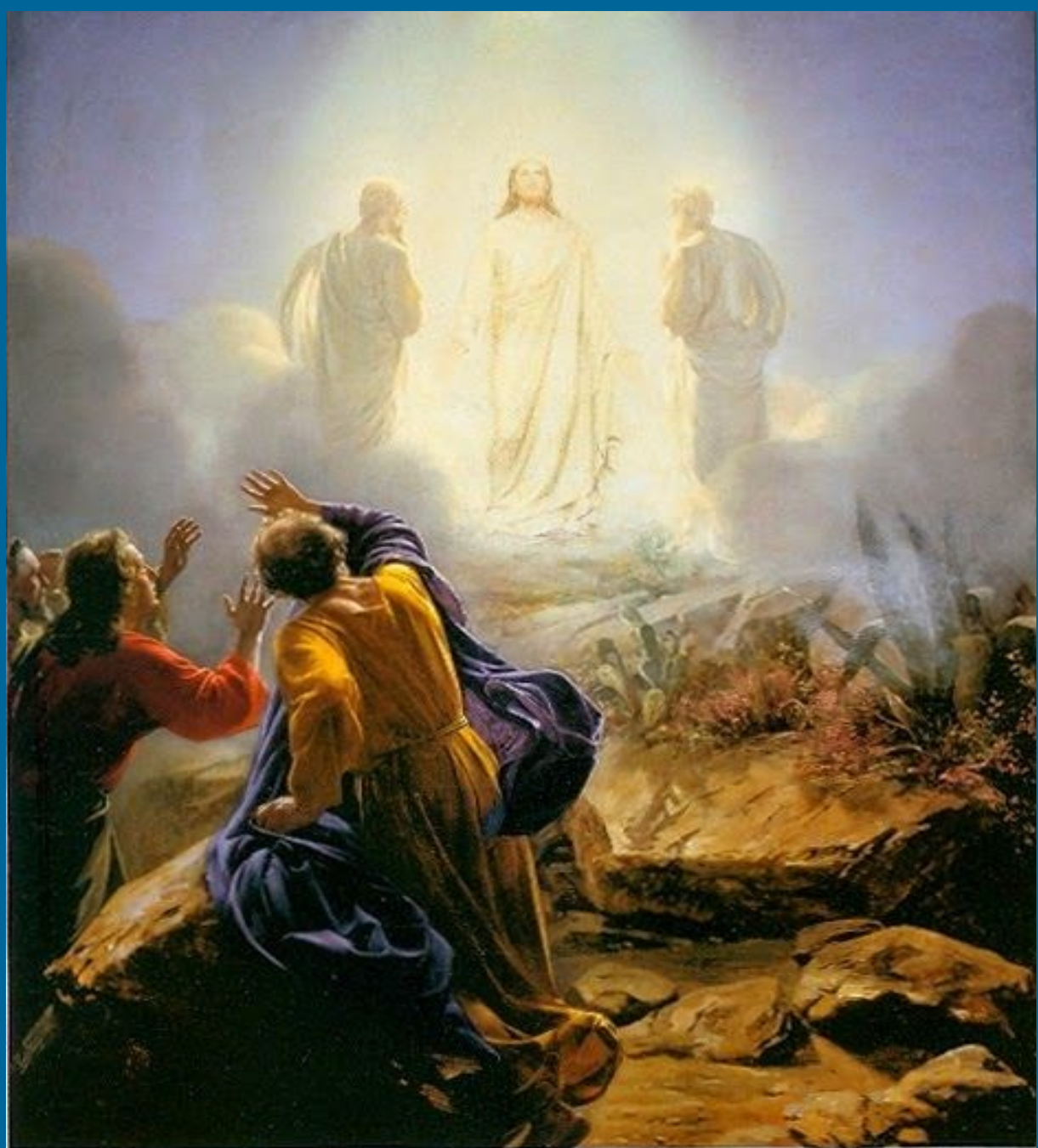


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MASS Times:

Monday thru Saturday: 8:15 a.m.
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Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m. and 12-Noon

Confessions: 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays

Baptisms and Weddings:

Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 02, 2026
Isaiah 55:1-3
Psalm 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18
Romans 8:35, 37-39
Matthew 14:13-21

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY	August 01
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of Glenn Plattner</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Florence Guest</i>
SUNDAY	August 02
8:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Fr. Tony Scannell, O.F.M., Cap.</i>
10:00 AM	<i>In Memory of Zoltan & 2 Brothers Horosny</i>
12:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Gary Beller</i>
MONDAY	August 03
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Patricia Campbell</i>
TUESDAY	August 04
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Tom Culver</i>
WEDNESDAY	August 05
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Mina Cinco</i>
THURSDAY	August 06
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Jeannette Camille Miller</i>
FRIDAY	August 07
8:15 AM	<i>For the Intentions of John & Mary Shepanski</i>
SATURDAY	August 08
8:15 AM	<i>In Memory of Sid Petersen</i>
5:00 PM	<i>In Memory of Daniel Mc Nicoll</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Sunday, 08/02	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday, 08/04	<i>St. John Vianney, Priest</i>
Wednesday, 08/05	<i>The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major</i>
Thursday, 08/06	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Friday, 08/07	<i>Sts. Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest</i>
Saturday, 08/08	<i>St. Dominic, Priest</i>

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Weekend: 07/24 - 07/26/2026

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**Pray For
The Dead**



**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord
and let Your perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of all
the faithful departed rest in peace.**

Amen

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK, especially:

Mary Lena Waldheim, Alberto Chavando, Sonia Hernandez Chavando,
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Denise Loren, Leticia Romero, Carmel Rattigan, Kathy Molloy,
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Rosemary Schreiber, Deb Marsdale, Linda Lucas,
Vickie Council, Joan Gore, William Moultrie, Rose Bann,
James Armstrong, Sr., Catherine Mwamba, Kathy Polk,
Pat Yahnke, Linda Mauleon, Sandra Mitchell, Sharon Crigler,
Samiee Nejad, Mary Bailey, Eric Duran, Tina McConnell,
Patrick McDougall, Tish Mc Daniel, Nina Barnes, Jana Rattigan,
Jezebel Todd, Lauren Britton, Jen Welch, Bob Dixon,
Tony Guadagno, John Proscetto, Dexter Gray, Annie Salazar,
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Adult Catholics who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation or who simply want to learn more about their faith may also benefit from participating in OCIA.

The first session of our Christian Initiation of Adults is Wednesday, August 26th at 7:00 p.m.,
in the Parish Center – 13360 Valleyheart Drive, Sherman Oaks 91423
For questions/information, please call the Parish Center at (818) 784-0105
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Date: **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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On the cover...

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Carl Heinrich Bloch

1834 - 1890

St. Matthew 17 and after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart; And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And, behold, there appeared unto them, Moses and Elias talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: While he yet spoke, and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said: This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were so afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid.

The celebrated Danish painter, Carl Heinrich Bloch, was born on May 23, 1834, in Copenhagen, Denmark. He was the son of merchant Joergen Peter Bloch and Ida Emilie Ulrikke Henriette Weitzmann Bloch. His parents wanted their son to enter a respectable profession - an officer in the Navy. This, however, was not what Carl wanted. His only interest was drawing and painting, and he was consumed by the idea of becoming an artist. In January 1849, Carl Bloch's parents gave-in to the pressure and allowed him to draw in his spare time in the evenings at the Royal Danish Academy of Art. In 1852, Bloch was awarded a small silver medal for one of his drawings, which was exhibited the following year at the Academy.

In 1853, Carl Bloch went on his first study-trip to Jyderup, Denmark, where his artistic progress, during this period in his life, placed him on the "correct side" within the art society. Although Carl definitely had "The European Touch," he was reckoned among "The Nationales" with Marstrand - Constantin Hansen - Roed - P.C. Skovgaard - Sonne - Dalsgaard, and Kyhn - who were all part of "The Eckersberg-Tradition."

In 1855, Carl Bloch joined the Royal Danish Academy of Art, where on August 1, 1859 he received a travel grant. Bloch used this grant to go to Holland, France, and Italy with his best friend and fellow artist, Anton Dorph. Here, Carl's love and admiration for Rembrandt further developed, and the old Master became a major driving force in Bloch's development as an artist.

Carl Bloch then headed for Rome, which served as his "home base" until 1865. Here, the works of the Old Italian masters greatly influenced him, and he produced stunning works of art during his time in Italy. Carl Bloch was a genre painter, and his Italian genre and folklore paintings created a great interest in him. His popularity grew very fast.

Of his historic motifs, two stand out as especially imposing. One is the painting depicting the dying Chancellor, Niels Kaas, calling the young Christian IV to his bedside in order to hand over to him the keys to the vault of Copenhagen Castle where the royal regalia were stored (1880). The other is the painting of the Danish King, Christian II, and his servant, imprisoned for life in the sealed tower at Soenderborg Castle. Both works are part of the collection at The National Historic Museum at Frederiksborg Castle. These masterpieces would hold their own next to the world's most celebrated paintings.

Carl Bloch also excelled through his etchings. Here, he perfected the artist's eternal pursuit of his most difficult task, the mastering of light. Another reason for Bloch to turn to the art of etching was his and Rembrandt's view of Christ as the suffering Savior. To Bloch, the art of etching was a sublime tool in showing these strong and pain-stricken emotions. The art of etching found its true Master. For more than a century, Bloch's 78 etchings have been sold out and very difficult to find. It was said of his etchings that they are filled with wonderful poetry, and it was also stated that "No other Danish artist has given us so many great etchings as Carl Bloch" (Sigurd Moeller).

Carl Bloch met his beloved wife, Alma Trepka, in Rome, where he married her in May 1868. They had a very happy and prosperous life together until her early death in January 1886. The sorrow over losing his wife weighed heavily on Bloch, and being left alone with their eight children after her death was very difficult for him.

In a New Years letter from 1866 to Bloch, H. C. Andersen wrote the following:

"What God has arched on solid rock will not be swept away!"

Another letter from Andersen declared "Through your art, you add a new step to your Jacob-ladder into immortality."

In a final ode, from a famous author to a famous artist, H.C. Andersen said "Write on the canvas; write your seal on immortality. Then you will become noble here on earth."

(Continued to the next page...)

Continuation of... **The Transfiguration** Carl Heinrich Bloch 1834 - 1890

Now, more than a hundred years after Carl Bloch's death, young artists from all over the world, attempting to illustrate the life and death of Christ, make pilgrimage to Frederiksborg Castle to study the great Master. Carl Bloch's focus on Danish historical events and stories of the Bible gave him great stature.

Carl Bloch was recognized and respected already in his own lifetime. In 1879, the Danish newspaper, "Illustreret Tidende," stated that "Bloch had a profound impact on the art in his time." In 1881, Sigurd Mueller, a leading Danish art critic, said that "A Master has stepped forward and has shown the way to help the audience understand art."

Before his early death from stomach cancer, Carl Bloch served as a professor at the Royal Academy of Art (1883) and later as Vice Director. He was also given the title of "Councilor of State," and was decorated with "The Cross of an Order of Chivalry" and "The Medal of the Dannebrogmen."

Besides Carl Bloch's religious masterpieces, many of his beautiful genre and portrait paintings are exhibited in the Frederiksborg Castle, Denmark. The 23 paintings for the King's Praying Chamber in Frederiksborg Castle Chapel made Carl Bloch the apparent choice for painting altar pieces. He painted 8 altar pieces, and considered these to be among his best. The altar pieces can be found at Holbaek, Odense, Ugerloese and Copenhagen in Denmark, as well as Loederup, Hoerup, and Landskrona in Sweden.

Through the assistance of Danish born artist Soren Edsberg, the acquisition of "Christ healing at the pool of Bethesda," (formerly owned by Indre Mission, Copenhagen, Denmark), was recently made possible for The Museum of Art, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, U.S.A.

Carl Bloch died of cancer on February 22, 1890. His death came as "an abrupt blow for Nordic art" according to an article by Sophus Michaelis. Michaelis stated that "Denmark has lost the artist that indisputably was the greatest among the living." Kyhn stated in his eulogy at Carl Bloch's funeral that "Bloch stays and lives."

A prominent Danish art critic, Karl Madsen, stated that Carl Bloch reached higher toward the great heaven of art than all other Danish art up to that date. Madsen also said "If there is an Elysium, where the giant, rich, warm, and noble artist souls meet, there Carl Bloch will sit among the noblest of them all!"

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