## **Everyone**

## **How someone’s poem became the greatest hymn of the Mass.**

## ***Whoever wrote the "Gloria" didn't expect this to happen.***

Every Sunday we sign the “Gloria.” It is an ancient hymn, one that started out very humbly as a personal poem that sought to praise God in imitation of the Psalms.

The initial words of the Gloria are straight from the Bible and part of an angelic hymn to God on that first Christmas night.

**Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. (Luke 2:14)**

However, after that line everything else was composed separately. Who composed it? There is no known author, but it can be traced back all the way to the third century. According to Joseph A. Jungmann in [The Mass of the Roman Rite](http://www.amazon.com/dp/0870612743/?tag=aleteia-20), “The Gloria, like the Kyrie, was not created originally for the liturgy of the Mass. It is an heirloom from the treasure of ancient Church hymns, a precious remnant of a literature now almost buried but once certainly very rich.”

Jungmann goes on to explain how the additional lines of the Gloria were part of a “literature of songs … written in the early Church in imitation of the biblical lyrics, especially the Psalms.” Furthermore, these early hymns were called psalmi idiotici, “psalms by private persons” and were not written for any particular liturgical use. Whoever wrote it was likely thinking of only one thing: praising God.

At first it was used in the East as a morning hymn in the Little Hours of the Divine Office and later translated into Latin, according to tradition, by St. Hilary of Poitiers. Similarly it was initially used as a general hymn of thanksgiving and praise used outside of the main liturgical events.

Not surprisingly, one of the first instances of its use during the Mass was at the Mass of Christmas night, and then later it was added to Sundays and feasts of martyrs. As the centuries went by this particular hymn became more and more a central part of the Mass and was obligatory on certain days by the 5th century.

The current *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*explains its vital importance.

**The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. The text of this hymn may not be replaced by any other.**

It is a glorious hymn, one where we are invited to complete the hymn of the angels and to add our voices in thanksgiving for everything that God has done for us.

Source: <https://aleteia.org/>

**Future editions will discuss the origins of the Our Father and Hail Mary. If you have a request for other topics, please send me an email.**

**ATTENTION: Ladies Guild Members**

**Next luncheon is on September 13th.**

**FIND-Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program next distribution is, Thursday, August 3rd at 9:30.**

* + **To date we have distributed 20,800 pounds of food.**
	+ **Our individual count is 24. God is helping us to reach out to those in need.**
	+ **We need volunteers to assist with this program. See Jay or Cindy, if you wish to help us.**
		- **1 hour each month on the 1st Thursday of the month at 9:30.**

### **AUGUST 6TH, 2023**

### **Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:**

**On August 6th, the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of the Transfiguration,** a momentous event in the life of Jesus Christ, recorded in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. This profound occurrence took place on Mount Tabor, where Jesus’ appearance was transformed before the eyes of His chosen disciples, Peter, James, and John. The Transfiguration is a significant event that holds deep theological symbolism, offering us a glimpse of the glory of heaven and the ultimate encounter with God Himself.

The Transfiguration stands as a remarkable revelation of Jesus’ divine nature and serves as a bridge between His earthly ministry and His heavenly glory. As Jesus prayed on the mountain, His countenance changed, and His face shone like the sun, while His garments became dazzlingly white (Matthew 17:2). This radiant transformation unveiled His true identity as the Son of God, emphasizing His dual nature as both fully human and fully divine.

### **Themes for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:**

* **The Transfiguration of Jesus:**The gospel describe the moment when Jesus is transfigured before His disciples on a mountain, revealing His divine glory and reinforcing His identity as the Son of God.
* **The Presence of Moses and Elijah:**During the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appear and speak with Jesus, representing the Law and the Prophets, and affirming Jesus’ fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies and His authority.
* **Peter’s Response and Revelation:**Peter’s reaction to the Transfiguration shows his awe and desire to commemorate the event, highlighting the disciples’ struggle to fully comprehend Jesus’ divine nature.
* **God’s Voice from the Cloud:**God’s voice affirms Jesus as His beloved Son and commands the disciples to listen to Him, underscoring Jesus’ unique role as God’s chosen Messiah and the authoritative source of divine revelation.
* **Secrecy and Timing:** Jesus instructs the disciples not to reveal the Transfiguration until after His resurrection, indicating the importance of timing and the gradual unveiling of His identity and mission.
* **Confirmation of Jesus’ Identity:**The Transfiguration serves as a significant confirmation of Jesus’ identity as the Son of God, preparing the disciples for the challenges ahead and strengthening their faith.

### **Mass Readings for the readings for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord:**

* **First Reading** – [Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1073&rp=2018): In a heavenly court, the Ancient One, clothed in splendor, presides with countless attendants. A Son of man arrives on the clouds, receiving eternal dominion and kingship, served by all nations and languages.
* **Responsorial Psalm** – [Psalm 97](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1074&rp=2018): The earth rejoices, and the islands are glad as the LORD, exalted above all gods, reigns in justice and judgment. His glory is seen by all, and even the mountains melt before Him.
* **Second Reading** – [2 Peter 1:16-19](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1075&rp=2018): We, the apostles, witnessed Jesus’ majesty and heard God’s declaration. Trust the reliable prophetic message as a guiding light until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
* **Gospel**– [Matthew 17:1-9](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1076&rp=2018) (Year A) or [Mark 9:2-10](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1077&rp=2018) (Year B) or [Luke 9:28b-36](https://young-catholics.com/scripture-reading/?en=1078&rp=2018) (Year C): Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain where He is transfigured before them, shining like the sun, with His clothes becoming white as light. Moses and Elijah appear, speaking with Jesus. Peter suggests building three tents, but a bright cloud covers them, and a voice from heaven declares Jesus as God’s Son. Jesus instructs them not to tell anyone until He rises from the dead. This event is recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

**Themes are leaned from**[**www.young-catholics.com**](http://www.young-catholics.com/)

**AUGUST ACTIVITIES:**

* **August 3rd is the monthly (Thursday) FIND Food distribution/Community Supplemental Food Distribution Program at 9:30AM.**
* **August 8th is Jay’s birthday. Please wish him an early “happy birthday” when you see him at Mass on Sunday.**
* **August 9th is the next Bingo night at Sacred Heart 6 to 9 PM in the Salta Center.**
* **August 12th is the next the K of C drive-through CRV recycle program. From 7:30AM to 11:30AM. Parking lot behind Salta Center.**
* **August: No Ladies Guild monthly luncheon.**

**THE POPE’S INTENTION FOR AUGUST: For World Youth Day:
We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.**

**The Christ of the Desert “Bulletin” now appears on**[**www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com**](http://www.sacredheartpalmdesert.com/)**website. Open up the site and click on “church”, look down on the bottom left for Christ of the Desert. Open up this site for the “bulletin” and other information about our community.**

**WEEKLY MASS UPDATE:**

**July 30th  – Mass we had 102 people. Capacity is 185. We are averaging about 100 at each Sunday Mass. Up from 75 last summer.**

**July 28th – Healing Mass (at 12:30) we had 48 people. We are averaging about 50 at each Friday Mass. Up from 35 last summer.**

 **CELEBRATION SECTION:**

**There will be an information providing sheet on the table near the Chapel exit/entrance area.**

**You can always email the information to me as well.**

**You can sign up for any month NOW. I will keep a record of your special month and enter it when that month arrives.**

**WHO HAS A DATE IN AUGUST & YOU WANT ME TO ADD TO THE NOTICES BELOW????**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAY SECTION:**

**Jay Mueller has a birthday on August 8th.**

**Diane Silvas has a birthday on August 12th.**

**Sister Phyllis has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Charlie Ara has a birthday on August 27th.**

**Jean LaBaugh has a birthday on August 28th.**

**Jack Gurr has a birthday on August 28th**

**Sister Geneva has a birthday on August 29th.**

**AUGUST: BIRTHDAYS IN HEAVEN:**

**No names submitted.**

**AUGUST: HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SECTION:**

**Dave & Connie Bannon – August 17th**

**Bob & Joanne Dellovo – August 20th**

**Paul & Kathy Oliaro – August 23rd**

**AUGUST: REMEMBERING WEDDING ANNIVERSAY SECTION:**

**Robert & Enedina Sutton would have celebrated their 56thwedding anniversary on August 6th However, we did celebrate our 50th.**

**AUGUST REMEMBRANCE SECTION: “May their souls rest in peace”, Amen**

**No Names submitted.**

**Please provide Month, Date & Year & Relationship to family member being remembered.**

**“Who would you like to pray” for section:**

**Please send me your new updated petitions which will appear in green.**

**Many of you pray for special intentions at Sunday Mass. Please send me those intentions so the entire Parish can pray to the LORD with you.**

**The Parish prays for the following parishioners:**

**Marie, Peggy Jones, Jim Carlo & Carol Lee Evans.**

**THIS WE PRAY TO THE LORD!!!**

**PAVER ORDERS:**

**Pavers can still be purchased. Installation will be within 30 days of your order. I have the tools to do the install myself now. Forms are available from the Parish Office or back of the church. If you are not sure what you want to say on the paver, let me assist you!!**

**Christ of the Desert office hours: 760-346-0089**

**Office hours are from 9:30 to 1:30 Monday- Friday. Please call first to be sure Cindy is available. When Cindy is in the office, the office door is locked. Please ring the doorbell “to get her attention”.**

**REMINDER SECTION:**

**AUGUST HAS 4 SUNDAYS FOR THOSE THAT GIVE MONTHLY.**

**Please make all checks payable to “Christ of the Desert” not Sacred Heart.**

 **See instructions at end of Bulletin for ways to continue giving via your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service.**

**We have done great this past year but remember this is an ongoing ANNUAL process. Thanks for your continued generosity.**

**This information is important for our community in order to understand where are financially throughout the year.**

        **Our Monthly expenses are budgeted at $11,250 per month or $33,750 per quarter. $135,000 annually.**

**Monies collected each week reflect the Friday & Sunday Mass plus rental income from offices in the Courtyard.**

        **Total Q1,Q2,Q3 & Q4 monies collected: $14,001. 10.4 % of annual budget.**

* **Total 1st quarter collections are: $14,001.**
	+ - * **July collections: $14,001.**
			* **August collections:**
			* **September collections:**
* **Total 2nd  quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 3rd quarter collections: TBD**
* **Total 4th quarter collections: TBD**

 **SUPPORT OUR PARISHIONERS WHO HAVE SMALL BUSINESSES SECTION:**

 **If anyone else wants to advertise their business in the Bulletin, send me your information.**

**Thinking about selling your house or condo? Call Crys Mueller at 760 989 8732. I have been with BD Homes for the past 15 years.**

**Enedina Sutton, a Distributor of Nature Sunshine Products and a long time parishioner. Has Herbal Supplements, all kinds of Vitamins, ointments, essential Oils, disinfectant products and much more. I do the business from home. I can be reached at****760-345-3754****. I live in Sun City Palm Desert community.**

**Invented by NASA engineers, used on astronauts returning from space to rebuild muscle, bone and heal wounds “red light therapy” is now available. I am a new parishioner. Please call or email me: Rom Partyka 805-673-9235 or email at** **rom1942@msn.com** **for more information or to set up an appointment.**

**Need a good Catholic housekeeper? Call Elvia Pantoja at 760 698 6050. 20 years’ experience in the Indian Wells & Palm Desert area. References provided upon request.**

**ON GOING MESSAGE SECTION:**

**Please continue to consider supporting our community with the following options:**

**Mail your weekly or monthly offering to Christ of the Desert. All our regular mail goes to Sacred Heart so you would need to use that address. Make checks payable to Christ of the Desert.**

**CHRIST OF THE DESERT c/o.**

**SACRED HEART CHURCH 43-775 DEEP CANYON ROAD, PALM DESERT, CA 92260.**

**OR**

**Go to your bank on-line service, there is likely a “setting” that will say “Autopay” or some other “Bill Pay” service. You can set up an automatic payment directly from there. If you have any trouble doing this or don’t have a computer, just call your bank and they can help you.**

**Please make sure that you tell the bank to make the check payable to Christ of the Desert but send the check to Sacred Heart’s address:**

**43775 Deep Canyon Rd.  Palm Desert, CA  92260**

**Jay Mueller**

**Stay Healthy! Do good work! Keep in touch!!!**

SHC & COD Finance Council Member

SHC & COD Parish Council Member

COD Remembrance Walk Coordinator

SHC Parish Walk Coordinator

SHC East Valley Food Distribution Coordinator

SHC East Valley Outreach Program Coordinator

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