



天主教顯聖容堂通訊

Church of the Transfiguration Bulletin

Website: <http://www.transfigurationnyc.org>

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: English 6:00 pm
 Sunday: Mandarin 9:00 am
 Cantonese 10:15 am
 English 11:30 am
 Mandarin 1:00 pm

Weekday Masses: Cantonese 8:00 am
 English 12:10 pm

Holy Days: Cantonese 8:00 am
 English 12:10 pm

Baptism: Parents must make an appointment with Parish priest before infant baptism.

Sundays: Confession begins at 8:15 am

Marriage Appointments:

Couples should come to the Parish office 6 months in advance to prepare for the sacrament of matrimony.

Parish Registration:

We welcome new parishioners and ask that they register at the Parish office.

Religious Instruction For Public School Children:

Sunday morning at 10:15 am

Religious Instruction for Adults:

By appointment, please contact: (212)-349-6936
 Sr. Mary Ann Scherer

Transfiguration School: (212)-962-5265 Dr. Patrick Taharally
 (212) 267-9289 Upper School

Chinese School: Saturdays & Sundays (917)-922-9140
 Ms. Beatrice Fung

Kindergarten School: (212)-431-8769 Ms. Emily Eng

AA Meeting: Tuesday at 6:00 pm

Line Dance: Wednesday at 6:30 pm

主日彌撒時間:

星期六: 下午六時(英語)
 主日: 上午九時(國語)
 上午十時十五分(粵語)
 上午十一時三十分(英語)
 下午一時正(國語)

平日彌撒時間: 上午八時(粵語)
 下午十二時十分(英語)

節日彌撒時間: 節日上午八時(粵語)
 節日下午十二時十分(英語)

領洗時間: 嬰兒領洗請與神父預約時間

告解時間: 主日上午八時十五分開始

婚禮預約時間: 六個月前向神父預定結婚日期及安排婚姻聖事

堂區教友註冊: 歡迎新教友來堂區辦事處登記

兒童要理教育: 星期日上午十一時十五分

成年慕道要理講解: 請預約 (212) 349-6936
 (中文)沈曼玲修女

顯聖容堂英文學校: (212) 962-5265 戴華理博士
 (212) 267-9289 4-8年班學校

中文學校: 星期六及星期日 馮慕蘭女士
 (917) 922-9140

幼稚園: (212) 431-8769 伍清雲女士

酗酒節制協會: 星期二晚上六時正

健康舞: 星期三晚上六時正

Pastor: Rev. Raymond Nobiletti, M.M.

Associates: Deacon Ambrose Man
 Sr. Emmanuel Shen, F.M.M.
 Sr. Mary Ann Scherer
 Ms. Paulina Cheng
 Mr. John Collis

主任司鐸: 盧樂民神父

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Church of the Transfiguration
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 21, 2013

Announcement

- 1. The 2nd Collection** for this weekend is to support the Church air conditioning.
- 2. Fr. Dae Kim, M.M.**, a newly ordained Maryknoll priest along with **Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M.** will be celebrating Mass at Transfiguration Church on Sunday, **July 28 at 11:30 a.m.** Fr. Dae Kim is Korean-American, a New Yorker from Flushing. He attended Stuyvesant High School and NYU. Please help us welcome them.
- 3. 2013-2014 RCIA Process** (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) in Chinese began last Sunday. Class schedule:
Classes in Mandarin: 11:20 am - 12:50 pm on Sundays or 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm on Fridays.
Classes in Cantonese: 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm on Sundays.
Please bring your friends and relatives to explore the Catholic Faith.
- 4. Sister Mary Ann is looking for 2 catechists to teach in the religion program for this coming year.** The 2 grades needed are Kindergarten and grade 3. Contact Sister Mary Ann.
- There will be a **French Cooking Class** next Sunday, July 28th at 4 pm in the Cafeteria. Please register in the Parish office 212-962-5157 or with Br. Andrew (andrewctsui@gmail.com).
- Welcome to our **Scavenger Hunt!!** Learn about the richness of our Catholic heritage... and have an AWESOME time while doing it! GRAND PRIZE is a 5 course French meal and a private cooking class! Join us **August 4th at 1 pm** in the auditorium for pizza, fraternity, and a FANTASTIC time for the LORD!
Sign up at the Parish Office or with Br. Andrew (andrewctsui@gmail.com). Hope to see you there!
- 7. "Family Harmony"** will open a **Parenting Education Class** (8 weeks) for our parishioners.
Date: July 28 to Sept 15 (Sundays only)
Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00pm
Place: Chinese Progressive Association
(Room #304, 83 Canal Street)
Fees: \$160 (8 classes)
Those interested, please contact Family Harmony at 347-987-4398.

8. The Transfiguration Church 19th Annual Assumption Procession will be held on Sunday, August 11, 2013. Please invite your friends and family to sing and pray in honor of Our Lady. We are still looking for people to help sponsor this event.

9. Those interested in being **Knights of Our Lady** at the 19th Annual Assumption Procession should register with **Chen Qing at 917-892-7001 or Chen Xiu Jian at 917-622-1788.** Interested in being a Banner Carrier, please register with **Lin Tian Qin at 718-578-9993 or Chen Qing Qing at 917-238-4177.**

10. We welcome children 6 years old and above to be **Angels** at the 19th Annual Assumption Procession. Those interested, please register with **Mrs. Man at 646-344-2941 or Dong Lin Zhi at 646-286-8599.**

11. Assumption Novena Prayer - Please pray with us everyday beginning, August 7th until August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption. Novena prayer cards will be available in the back of Church early of August.

12. Fr. Nobiletti is visiting his family on the west coast. He will be back in the parish on July 25, 2013.

13. Yan Oi Society Altar Servers and Youth will meet this Sunday at 105 Mosco Street after the 9:00 am Mass.

14. Yan Oi Society Officers Meeting will take place next Sunday at 105 Mosco Street after the 9:00 am Mass.

Please Pray for the Sick:

Bi Xiang Ke	Christina Cheung
Shi Mei Jiao	Dale Duval
Louisa Ho	Lucia Hall
Cai Zi Ying	Flora Ho

Please Pray for the Deceased:

Lai Chun Chen	Stanley Tsui
Chun Po Tam	

Financial Stewardship

Collection for last Sunday: \$1,640-
June 2013 Collection via ParishPay:
\$ 7,002-(Monthly)

Thank you for your continue support!

Gifts of Altar Bread & Wine

this week were donated by
Shi Yi Qing in Thanksgiving.

Weekly Activities

- 1. Eucharistic Adoration:**
Fridays between the 8:00 a.m. & 12:10 p.m. Masses.
- 2. The Legion of Mary:** Saturdays at 5:00 pm.
- 3. The Church is open** for prayer between 2:00 & 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays.
- 4. Children's Choir** will meet again in September.
- 5. Adult Choir Practice** at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. Wednesday practice is 6:00 p.m.



Bible Sharing Groups

- 1. "Sunday Readings" in Cantonese** for adult parishioners takes place every Thursday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at 105 Mosco Street.
- 2. Mandarin Bible Sharing Group** meets every 3rd Sunday of the month from 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 105 Mosco Street on the 5th floor.
- 3. The Living Word Sharing Group (Cantonese)** meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 105 Mosco Street.
- 4. Living Water & Bible Sharing Group (Mandarin)** - meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 105 Mosco Street.
- 5. Re-evangelization of Our Faith in Cantonese** - meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 2:00pm-4:00 pm in the auditorium.

紐約華埠顯聖容堂週訊
常年期第十六主日
二零一三年七月二十一日

1. 本主日的第二次奉獻是為支助聖堂夏季冷氣費用。

2. 新晉鐸的瑪利諾神父 Fr. Dae Kim, M.M.將聯同瑪利諾神父Fr. Rodrigo Ulloa, M.M.下週主日, 7/28將共同主持上午11:30彌撒聖祭。Kim神父是來自法拉盛的韓裔美國人, 畢業於史蒂文高中(Stuyvesant)及紐約大學(NYU)。我們歡迎及期待他的到訪。

3. 2013-2014年度成人慕道過程(中文)於本主日7/14正式開課。上課時間是星期天上午11:20-下午12:50(國語); 下午2:00-3:30(粵語), 或星期二下午2:00-3:30(國語)。時間不適宜者, 請致電: 212-349-6936與沈修女聯絡。歡迎教友們介紹親戚朋友們前來探討。

4. 瑪利安修女現需2名主日學教師。一位是教學前班; 另一位是教3年班。有興趣者請聯絡瑪利安修女。

5. 我們將於下主日, 7月28日下午4時在學校飯堂舉辦一個法國菜烹飪班。有興趣者請向徐修士 (andrewtsui@gmail.com) 或堂區辦事處212-962-5157報名。

6. 堂區將於8月4日星期日舉行“小組尋寶遊戲”活動。此活動重心是使大家更能了解天主教承傳之豐富。同時可與堂區團體共渡一個愉快的週日。活動於8月4日星期日下午1時在禮堂舉行, 有Pizza招待。有興趣者, 請向徐修士 (andrewtsui@gmail.com) 或堂區辦事處報名。勝出者可獲享法國大餐(5道菜)一餐及私人教授烹飪課一堂。歡迎參加!

7. “和諧家庭協進會”親子課程

日期: 7月28日至9月15日(星期日)

時間: 2:00pm - 4:00pm

地點: 華人協進會(華埠堅尼路83號304室)

費用: \$160.00(8堂課)

報名請聯絡“和諧家庭協進會”, 電話: 347-987-4398

8. 第十九屆聖母升天遊行將於八月十一日, 星期天舉行。準備工作仍在進行中。請邀請你的親朋一同來參加此活動。

9. 聖母衛士 - 凡有意在聖母升天遊行中擔任聖母衛士者請向陳紹寶(917-667-3128)或陳秀建(917-622-1788)報名。有意擔當旗手的請向林天泰(718-578-9993)或陳倩倩(917-238-4177)報名。

10. 小天使 - 我們歡迎六歲或以上的男女兒童在聖母升天遊行中擔任小天使的任務, 有意參加者請與文太太(646-344-2941)或董林枝(646-286-8599)聯絡。

11. 聖母升天九日敬禮 - 請大家一同在8月6號至8月15號每天為聖母升天進行九日祈禱。到時教友們可以在禮堂後面索取九日敬禮的卡片。

12. 盧神父現正在西岸探訪家人, 將會在7月25日返回本堂。

13. 仁愛會輔祭員、青年組下主日午9:00彌撒後在摩士高街105號舉行會議。

14. 仁愛會職員下主日上午9:00彌撒後, 在摩士高街105號舉行。

請為病患者祈禱:

柯碧香	Christina Cheung
石美嬌	Dale Duval
Louisa Ho	Lucia Hall
蔡紫英	Flora Ho

請為亡者祈禱:

陳吳麗珍	崔漢興
譚振波	

託管財能

上週主日奉獻: \$ 1,640-
2013年6月份自動轉帳奉獻:

\$ 7,002-

謝謝您的慷慨捐助!

每週活動

1. 明供聖體-每週五上午8:00彌撒後至中午12:10彌撒前。

2. 聖母軍-每週六下午5:00。

3. 教堂-每週六下午2:00至5:00開放給各位祈禱或參觀。

4. 兒童合唱團 - 暑期暫停練唱。九月份重新開始。

5. 成人歌詠團 - 於每星期日下午2:00及星期三下午6:00練唱。

聖經分享小組

1. 成人粵語主日讀經分享-每週四上午10:00至11:30在摩士高街105號舉行。

2. 國語聖經分享-每月第三主日上午10:45至中午12:00, 在摩士高街105號五樓舉行。

3. 生活聖言分享(粵語) - 每月第一和第三主日下午1:00至2:30在摩士高街105號聚會。

4. 聖泉聖經分享(國語) - 每月第二和第四主日上午10:30至中午12:00在摩士高街105號舉行。

5. 「信仰培育小組」(粵語) - 每月第二個星期六下午2-4時在學校禮堂舉

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Pope Francis: The work of the Holy Spirit – newness, harmony, and mission - Form Webpage of FLL

In the Mass for the Feast of the Pentecost, Pope Francis reflected on three words linked to the working of the Holy Spirit: newness, harmony and mission.

1. Newness always makes us a bit fearful, because we feel more secure if we have everything under control, if we are the ones who build, program and plan our lives in accordance with our own ideas, our own comfort, our own preferences. This is also the case when it comes to God. Often we follow him, we accept him, but only up to a certain point. It is hard to abandon ourselves to him with complete trust, allowing the Holy Spirit to be the soul and guide of our lives in our every decision. We fear that God may force us to strike out on new paths and leave behind our all too narrow, closed and selfish horizons in order to become open to his own. Yet throughout the history of salvation, whenever God reveals himself, he brings newness and change, and demands our complete trust: Noah, mocked by all, builds an ark and is saved; Abram leaves his land with only a promise in hand; Moses stands up to the might of Pharaoh and leads his people to freedom; the apostles, huddled fearfully in the Upper Room, go forth with courage to proclaim the Gospel. This is not a question of novelty for novelty's sake, the search for something new to relieve our boredom, as is so often the case in our own day. The newness which God brings into our life is something that actually brings fulfillment, that gives true joy, true serenity, because God loves us and desires only our good. Let us ask ourselves: Are we open to "God's surprises"? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit? Do we have the courage to strike out along the new paths which God's newness sets before us, or do we resist, barricaded in transient structures which have lost their capacity for openness to what is new?

2. A second thought: the Holy Spirit would appear to create disorder in the Church, since he brings the diversity of charisma and gifts; yet all this, by his working, is a great source of wealth, for the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of unity, which does not mean uniformity, but which leads everything back to

harmony. In the Church, it is the Holy Spirit who creates harmony. Only the Spirit can awaken diversity, plurality and multiplicity, while at the same time building unity. Here too, when we are the ones who try to create diversity and close ourselves up in what makes us different and other, we bring division. When we are the ones who want to build unity in accordance with our human plans, we end up creating uniformity, standardization. But if instead we let ourselves be guided by the Spirit, richness, variety and diversity never become a source of conflict, because he impels us to experience variety within the communion of the Church. Journeying together in the Church, under the guidance of her pastors who possess a special charisma and ministry, is a sign of the working of the Holy Spirit.

3. A final point. The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ. The Holy Spirit is the soul of mission. The events that took place in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago are not something far removed from us; they are events which affect us and become a lived experience in each of us. The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures. The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles, yet he wants that gift to reach everyone. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus says: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to remain with you forever" (Jn 14:16). It is the Paraclete Spirit, the "Comforter", who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world, bringing the Gospel! The Holy Spirit make us look to the horizon and drive us to the very outskirts of existence in order to proclaim life in Jesus Christ. Let us ask ourselves: do we tend to stay closed in on ourselves, on our group, or do we let the Holy Spirit open us to mission?

Pilgrimage with Christians - Yang

Recently I was invited to a pilgrimage in Turkey with about 70 Christians. My Catholic friends reminded me that traveling with people of different faith traditions could be uneasy but I didn't let this affect my decision. Living in a multi-culture and multi-religion environment of the 21st century I have come to understand the significance of Christ's prayer before His Passion: "that all may be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you; I pray that they may all be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me" (Jn 17:21).

St. Athanasius of Alexandria (293-373) depicted the image of this oneness in Christ's outstretched arms on the cross: with one arm He might draw His ancient people and the other, the gentiles and hold both together in Himself, as He had promised: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." (Jn 12:32)

Therefore the division among the Christians is against Christ's will and hurts the precious cause of evangelization. How can we evangelize the Gospel of reconciling with God without being committed to the reconciliation among ourselves? But how to restore this unity and who should do it? Pope Francis teaches us to come out of ourselves - to reach out to others, taking the first step towards our brothers and sisters."

Thus I signed up for this pilgrimage of "Following St. Paul's Footsteps", designed to visit the sites on the routes of St. Paul's first and second missionary journeys in Turkey from 47 to 50 A.D. I learned a lot during the 15 days in terms of ecumenism. I was inspired by my fellow Christians' strong faith and evangelical zeal. Whenever we arrived at a site, we would read the Bible and pray together in front of the onlookers. We were not ashamed of Jesus; we were not ashamed of the Gospel. I also found some evangelical teachings resonate with that of the Church Magisterium, such as on the Trinitarian God and the human, divine natures of Jesus.

However there were times when differences did surface which obviously resulted from the century-old prejudices, indifference and lack of knowledge that have clouded the truth in our faith. However this also posted an opportunity for re-evangelization among the Christians which I would regard as a "Catholic moment" that takes place when chaos and turmoil start to test one's faith, knowledge,

courage and the capacity of heart. But I also realized that the thorough Church teaching has sufficiently prepared her children for this.

On the 4-hour ferry to the Patmos Island where St. John wrote the Revelation, I was humbled and privileged to introduce to my fellow pilgrims the Church teaching on the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, her Immaculate Conception and Assumption. "We all love Jesus," I said, "But it seems that we Catholics love more -- we love His whole family: Joseph, Mary, saints and angels."

Being the only Catholic on the pilgrimage I didn't make any enemies, but acquired many friends who are happy to see that the Catholics are not only theologically sound but also living a healthy, optimistic life of faith. With Jesus praying for us we can rebuild and restore the oneness in love and unity as long as we truly embrace His commands: "Love God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself"(Lk 10:27). As our Pastor Fr. Ray pointed out in Sunday's homily, how many times we overlooked the second command of the Great Commandments: love your neighbors! Taking the good Samaritan as our role model, we shall open ourselves to the Lord to let Him create a clean, loving heart towards our Christian brothers and sisters. We wouldn't grumble even if being prejudiced against, because the living presence of Christ in our ecumenical outreach is worth all the struggles and strife.

Please visit our EV Web page:

1. Go to church web site at www.transfigurationnyc.org
2. Click 'Evangelization Group' under the pull down menu 'Parish Life'.



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教宗: 聖神的工作 - 更新、和諧和使命 - 轉載生命恩泉網頁

教宗在五旬節主日的彌撒講道中用以下三方面反省聖神的工作：更新、和諧和使命。

1. 新的事物總是令我們有些擔心，如果我們能控制一切，我們根據我們的喜好和意念，去建立、策劃一切，我們會比較有安全感。我們跟隨天主，接受天主，只去到一個程度。我們很難把自己以完全的信賴交托給天主，讓聖神指引我們生活中的每一個決定。我們害怕天主強迫我們走新的路，要我們放棄我們狹窄、封閉的視野而對祂開放。但在救恩史中，天主每逢顯示給人，就要他們改變，完全的相信祂：諾厄要建方舟，被人恥笑；亞巴郎要因為一個承諾而離開自己的地方；梅瑟抵抗法郎領自己的民族出埃及；宗徒們由害怕到勇敢的傳福音。這不是為求新而求新，或去找尋新的東西令我們不沉悶。天主的更新帶給我們生命真正的喜樂，真正的平安，因為天主愛我們，只想我們好。讓我們問自己，我們害怕天主的驚喜嗎？

2. 聖神因為帶來多元化的神恩，有時看來為教會製造混亂；但祂是合一的神，不等於單調和一元的，而把一切領到和諧。在教會，聖神製造和諧。只有聖神能在激起多樣化的神恩，而又帶來團結。當人們嘗試製造多元價值，帶來的是分裂。當我們根據人的計劃去製造團結，帶來的卻是有如被複製般的劃一。但如果我們讓聖神帶領，大家的不同卻不會變成紛爭，因為祂令我們在教會的共融體驗大家的不同。在充滿神恩的牧者的帶領下與教會一同走在旅途上，是聖神在工作的標記。

3. 最後，一些神學家說我們的靈魂就像一艘帆船，聖神就是風，令它向前，那陣陣的風是聖神的恩賜。沒有祂的推動和恩寵，我們不能前進。五旬節聖神降臨是一個開始。聖神是復活基督賜給宗徒一份極大的禮物，但祂想這禮物能傳給每一個人。耶穌在福音說：「我也要求父，他必會賜給你們另一位護慰者，使他永遠與你們同在」（若望福音14:16）。聖神給我們勇氣把福音向外傳揚！讓我們問自己：我們寧願封閉自己和我們的團體，還是向聖神開放，接受這份使命？

請瀏覽我們的福傳網頁：

1. 請先前往聖堂網站：
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天主經的反思(上)

孫耀華

以下是我從天主經得來的啓示和一些反省題目：

“我們的天父”

“我們的天父”不是“我的天父”。從“我的”變做“我們的”，不單是耶穌其中一個反傳統，超時代（radical）的啓示，而且是從部落文化跳躍到世界大同的蛻變。如果能夠凡事把“我的”變成“我們的”，人同人，家同家，國同國，就有了一個共同的修和基礎。

想想：如果今日中東的兩大回教教派，以色列人和巴勒斯坦人，非州各部族，甚至各個宗教教派，能夠把“我的”利益，“我的”信仰擴大到“我們的”利益，“我們的”信仰，世界還再會有紛爭戰亂嗎？

如果各個國家能夠把頭上一片天看做全體人類的氣候，地球污染，全球暖化的效應或者可以馬上延緩。

如果夫妻能夠把“我的”感受，“我的”需要，轉變成“我們的”感受，“我們的”需要，婚姻關係一定能夠變成如魚得水，正如聖經上講的“二人成爲一體”。

當我們一稱創造者爲“父”，我們便無形中承認所有稱呼天父的人都成了主內的兄弟姊妹。無論種族、文化、階級、年紀、學問、財富、教派、性別.....等等先天或後天的不同，因爲這關係的轉變，已不再是把人隔離，甚至分化人的理由。

反省：什麼阻礙我們從“我”跳躍到“我們”這個意識？（財產？安全感？偏見？無知？家族主義？國家民族的觀念？排他的宗教觀？狹窄的個人主義？利益？）

"願祢的名爲聖"

什麼是“聖”？天主的名字是什麼？所有超越凡俗的，忘我的，利他的，崇高的，理想的，長遠的，公義的，慈悲的，真的，善良的，美麗的（音樂，藝術，詩歌），平安的，這些高貴的品質都是神聖的，都是天主的名號。我們受造物好像是盲人摸象，沒有辦法用一個名字去形容這個博大精深的天主，但我們可以從萬事萬物中，從人類和宇宙的歷史中，看到神自己向我們顯露的本質(self-revelation)。

天主的召叫(聖召)就是要我們在不同崗位上去“成聖”自己。梵二大公會議之前叫這個使命做“救自己的靈魂”。我自己很喜歡神修大師湯神父 Thomas Merton 對神聖的解釋：

Sanctity is a matter of being more human: this implies a greater capacity for concern, for suffering, for understanding, for sympathy, and also for humor, for joy, for appreciation for the good and beautiful things of life.

我嘗試翻譯如下：

成聖即是多一點人性：隨即而來的是對人對事要多一點關懷、對痛苦多一點接受、多一點體諒和多一點同情、多些幽默、多些喜樂、對世上美好的東西多一點欣賞。

這個演繹把“神聖”和“凡俗”合而爲一。成聖也不一定要拋頭顱，灑熱血，而是活出對所有生物的尊重、關懷和保育。

反省：我們如何能夠在“凡俗”的生活中活出神聖的一面？怎樣用平凡的生活來榮神益人？

"願祢的國來臨"

希望自己和其他人（1）明白和（2）接受上述超凡入世的價值就是天主的國度。

耶穌在福音多次說，天國已經臨在了。其實在二千年前我國已經有“人間天堂”這些理想。（見禮運大同篇的“天下爲公，世界大同”的理想國）天主經不過是重申宣認我們追求一個人間天堂的決心和表示我們的渴求。

期望是有點被動的。如果沒有人把天國的理想建立在我們的社群中間，天國不會自動來臨，所以唸這句時我們要勉勵自己向這個尚未成功的革命繼續努力！

反省：自由、平等、博愛，這三個法國大革命的口號，在今日各個政權落實了多少？什麼叫做屬於福音精神的政治取向？



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