

# The Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

The feast of the Baptism of Jesus, which we celebrate this weekend, reminds us of our own baptism. Even though Jesus was without sin, he joined sinners and was baptized by John the Baptist in the Jordan River. As many of us know, John the Baptist was clearly a prophet. Since the spirit of prophecy had long been absent from Israel, John's appearance raised expectations. The question arose: Could he be the Messiah? John denied that he was the Messiah, but declared that the Messiah was at hand. Thus, he prepared the way for Jesus.

Baptism was a defining moment in the life of Jesus – it marked the beginning of his public mission. The Gospel writer Luke always presents Jesus praying before making major decisions. It's no surprise that we find him praying during his baptism. In response to his prayer, the Holy Spirit descends on him in bodily form at the beginning of his mission, just as it will come in visible form on the apostles at Pentecost at the beginning of their mission. At his baptism, God the Father puts his seal of approval on Jesus and on the mission he is about to begin.

At the time of our own baptism, each one of us made promises to God to reject sin and believe in Christ Jesus our Savior. As you know, following our Lord is difficult and challenging today. As we continue into the New Year, ask God for the grace to become everything God wants you to be. Remember and re-commit to your baptismal promises.

Have a great week!

*Father Michael Tang*

### RESPECT LIFE MASS

The annual Archdiocesan Respect Life Mass will take place on Saturday, January 19th at 6:00 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady. A candle will be lit for each life lost to abortion that day in the County of Los Angeles. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Discounted parking of \$5.00 per car will be in effect for the event. Also, a special Youth Rally will begin on the Cathedral Plaza at 3:00 PM. Further information can be found at the Cathedral website at [www.olacathedral.org](http://www.olacathedral.org).

### Altar Servers Schedule for January 19 & 20

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Irwin Lagarde	Amanda Johnson	Brendan Wilkerson	Tyler Smith
Arianna Foster	Lisa Crockett	Maurice Burnett	Logan Bush
Matthew Madere	Johnathan Johnson	Chris Robertson	Deija Rideaux

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SCHOOL & PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING

Transfiguration Church Hall

### BISHOP EDWARD CLARK

WILL PRESENT THE ARCHDIOCESE VISION  
FOR THE SCHOOL.

**MONDAY NIGHT  
FEBRUARY 4, 2013  
AT 7:00 PM.**

**EVERYONE IS INVITED!**

### REVIVAL 2013 POSTPONE

After careful consideration and evaluation Transfiguration Pastoral Staff has decided to postpone our Annual Revival traditionally held during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. As attendance from members of our parish has been sparse the last several years, the staff feels we need to rethink the format and timing of the revival which is essentially a parish mission. With the re-inauguration of President Obama, the MLK weekend is a harried time for all of us. As many of you know the parade is on Saturday, January 19, the MLK Prayer Breakfast is on Monday, January 21 at 8:00 AM, as well as the Memorial Mass at the Cathedral at 5:00 PM. More details will be forthcoming this year for a **Revival Day** which will feature youth from nearby parishes.

### The Week Ahead

#### Monday January 14

7:00 PM Bible Study

#### Wednesday January 16

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:00 PM Confirmation/Youth Night

6:30 P CCL

#### Thursday January 17

5:30 PM Safeguard the Children Mtg.

#### Saturday January 19

Martin Luther King Parade

#### Sunday January 20

School Open House & Breakfast

2:00 PM School Tour & Testing

## School News

The school is participating in the **Pennies for Patients Drive** from January 14 to January 22, 2013, please come by the school office to make your donation or you can donate on line at [www.schoolandyouth.org](http://www.schoolandyouth.org).

Join us and celebrate our **annual school walk** to commemorate Martin Luther King on Friday, January 18, 2013 @ 9:30 AM.

**Our 8<sup>th</sup> graders** will be taking the high school placement tests this month. Please keep them in your prayers. Remember, these are our future leaders of tomorrow.

**Our School** is very proud of the wonderful programs going on! Please join us for **Catholic School's Week Starting Sunday, January 27** and pick up a packet of our school programs to share with your friends and neighbor. That day we will have an **Open House and Sunday Brunch from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.**

**Book Fair** Tuesday, January 27 to February 1, 2013.

**Special thank you** goes to Mr. Carl Smith for your paper donation to the school. We appreciate you!

**Paper donation:** Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

## SAVE THE DATES

### VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS

at Transfiguration in the hall

**Thursday, January 24 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

Recertification is required every four years. This session is for people who have already taken the beginning 3-hour training.

### MEN'S RETREAT

January 18, 19, and 20, 2013 will be held at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. Contact Greg Warner or Maurice Simon.

### PRAYER BREAKFAST &

### PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION PARTY!

### LIVE TV of the Presidential Inauguration

### Ceremony on 30' movie screen.

The AACCFE's Annual MLK Prayer Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at St. Mary's Academy - 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM. **Our dynamic Keynote Speaker is Dr. C. Vanessa White who will speak on the theme: "Reconciling Wisdom, Justice and Love."** Dr. White is an Assistant Professor at Chicago Theological Union in Chicago and Director of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program.

### ZYDECO DANCE AT TRANSFIGURATION

**Saturday, February 9, 2013**

featuring T-Lou and His Super Hot Zydeco Band.

Tickets on sale today for \$30.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>January 12</b> Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 13</b> Soul of Stanman Robottom
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Samuel Richardson, Jr. and Sr.
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Ruby Barber
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>January 19</b> Soul of Cynthia Lockett
<b>Sunday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>January 20</b> Intention of all Parishioners

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 42:1-4, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-22
<b>Monday</b>	Heb 1:1-6, Mk 1:14-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heb 2:5-12, Mk 1:21b-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 2:14-18, Mk 1:29-39
<b>Thursday</b>	Heb 3:7-14, Mk 1:40-45
<b>Friday</b>	Heb 4:1-11, Mk 2:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 4:12-16, Mk 2:13-17
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 62:1-5, Ps 96:1-10, Jn 2:1-11

## Sacrificial Gifts

### Sunday, January 1, 2012

\$6,629.26 Sacrificial Gift  
672.24 Building Fund  
385.85 "We Care"

### Sunday, January 6, 2013

\$6,329.59 Sacrificial Gift  
526.73 Building Fund  
300.99 "We Care"

### JR. KNIGHTS BAKE POTATO SALE

**Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**

after all Masses in the hall.

**ST. VINCENT DEPAUL** needs your help with donations of blankets for those who are homeless. Please place your blankets in the box at the patio exit. If you have any questions, call Gerry Richardson at 310.671.2569.

**ACCW DISTRICT MEETING** will take place Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at St. Eugene Catholic Church at 9:30 AM. Deacon Douglas Johnson will be the speaker.

### PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldeord Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, and Lilla Williams.