

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15 January 2017

*Dear Parishioners,*

Behold, the Lamb of God. (John 1:29)

Every Sunday, just before we receive the Eucharist, the priest invites us to “Behold the Lamb of God; behold him who takes away the sin of the world.” He invites us to fix our eyes, our hearts, and our whole selves on Jesus. He invites us to say, “This Jesus died for every sin that has been committed or will be committed—he died for every sin that I or anyone else will commit.”

Have you ever seen a story on television about a child who walked into the street and was tragically killed by a speeding car? If so, the story probably left you feeling sad for the child and his family, even though you don’t even know them. But everything would be dramatically different if it were your child who was killed by that speeding car. Instead of feeling sad, you would feel crushed. The pain would stretch on for weeks, months, even years. You might never be able to forget the tragedy.

This is a good way for us to grasp what it means to “Behold Jesus.” Beholding Jesus is not just a good thing to do. It’s not a routine. It’s not just a fleeting moment on Sunday morning in the middle of your busy life. Beholding Jesus involves embracing what Jesus has done for us. It involves remembering what your life would be like without him.

Twice in today’s Gospel, John says, “I did not know him” (John 1:31, 33). Still, John was able to recognize Jesus when he arrived. That’s why he said, “Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God” (1:34). The Holy Spirit revealed Jesus to him in a dramatic and deep way, and it changed his life.

A similar thing can happen to us at Mass today. Jesus wants to open our eyes at the “breaking of the bread” so that we might know him more deeply (Luke 24:35). So when you receive Communion today, make it a point to behold Jesus. Then ask him to reveal himself to you.

“Jesus, you are the Lamb of God. Come, Lord, and open my eyes!”

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

*“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” ISAIAH 49:5*

You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do.

Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others.

Don’t let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 49:3-6, Ps 40:2-10, Jn 1:29-34
Monday	Heb 5:1-10, Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Heb 6:10-20, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Heb 7: 1:17, Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Heb 7:25-8:6, Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Heb 8:6-13, Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Heb 9:2-14, Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1-14, Mt 4:12-23

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday January 14

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday January 15

8:00 AM Intention of Mary Jené  
10:00 AM Soul of Sam Richardson  
12:15 PM Soul of William Patterson

### Saturday January 21

5:15 PM Soul of Lillian White

### Sunday January 22

8:00 AM Soul of Anthony Middleton  
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilica & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.  
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

## WEEKLY OFFERING for JANUARY 8, 2017

\$8,247.00 Tithe and Offering  
655.00 Building Fund  
31.00 We Care"

## Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Ragette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young

## COFFEE & DONUTS after all Masses in the hall!



### Mass at the Cathedral

On Monday, **January 16, 2017 at 2:30 PM** in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, Most Reverend José Gomez will be the celebrant and homilist for the Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass. Very Reverend Michael Thompson S.S.J. will concelebrate. Transfiguration's Choir has been invited to sing at the Cathedral for this Mass.

### Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 20, 21 and 22, 2017. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, and Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM. Friday. Our retreat opens at 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:30 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"The Crucified One Is No Stranger"**. For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

### Thank you

Dear Parishioners of Transfiguration,  
The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 220 want to express our appreciation for your generosity in support of the **Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner**. Those who either could not be with loved ones or who could not cook were thrilled when they received their Dinner, and expressed their heartfelt gratitude to be amongst a community that cares about them. We sincerely appreciate your generosity for all the personal gifts you gave which enabled us to reach our goal of serving others during this time of Thanksgiving. Council 220 prepared 91 meals this year.

Thank you very much,

~Greg Warner, Grand Knight

### Ushers Meeting Postponed to: Saturday, February 11, 2017 at 10 AM in the hall.

If you are an Usher here at Transfiguration Deacon Mark is requesting that you please attend this meeting.