

*Dear Parishioners,*

## They have no wine. (John 2:3)

This is one of those stories that appears only in the Gospel of John. No one is sure why John included it, but one thing is certain. It tells us about the faith of a very special woman, the Virgin Mary.

We can't assume that Mary had first received Jesus' permission before she told the servants, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). If anything, you might expect Mary to have been intimidated by her son's stern response: "How does your concern affect me?" (2:4). Jesus told her that it was not the right time for him to get involved.

But John makes it clear that Mary is special. She could actually get Jesus to change his mind. John also shows us how much Jesus loved his mother and wanted to please her. He cared about the things that were important to her, even if it meant rescuing a party before the time had come for him to manifest himself.

Mary's close relationship with Jesus is the primary reason why she is such a powerful intercessor. It's why the Church invites us to go to her with all of our needs and ask her to "pray for us sinners." You can just imagine the scene in heaven described by a popular legend: if Mary is talking to Jesus about the different prayer requests that people have entrusted to her, all the other saints have to wait until she is done before they bring their prayers to him. Mary always gets Jesus' undivided attention!

Like the ascending and descending ladder in Jacob's dream, Mary is a link between heaven and earth. She loves to take our intercessions and our petitions to Jesus. At the same time, she delights in receiving grace and blessings from heaven and planting them in our hearts.

So bring your needs to the one who is full of grace. And try your best to listen when she says, "Do whatever Jesus tells you."

**"Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us."**

*~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### WEEKLY OFFERING

January 10, 2016

\$5,685.00 Tithe and Offering  
139.00 Building Fund  
30.00 "We Care"



### Mater Dolorosa Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 22, 23, and 24, 2016. 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, 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 1:00 PM.

***A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.***

This year's Retreat theme: ***"No Greater Love"***

For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner your parish retreat Captain at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

### Sacred Heart Retreat

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it's almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We'd love to have you with us.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 62:1-5, Ps 96:1-10, Jn 2:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Sm 17:32-51, Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Sm 18:6-9, Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 1:-1-27, Mk3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	Neh 8:2-10, Ps 19:8-15, Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

## MASS INTENTIONS

### **Saturday January 16**

5:15 PM Intention of Mary Jené

### **Sunday January 17**

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Sam Richardson

12:15 PM Soul of Barbara Starks

## DID YOU KNOW?

### **Be wary of online friendships**

Today's teens may seem to be always online, with constant messaging and sharing on social media with a large audience. The internet is a great place to meet people, but these meetings come with potential dangers that can put kids and teens at risk. You don't know who you're really talking to online. Pay attention to the sites your kids on computers and mobile devices. Monitor the sites that they visit and ask questions about who they talk to and what information they provide to their online friends. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preventing Teen Victimization On- and Offline," email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org).

## VOLUNTEER NEEDED

### **High School or College Student Preferred...**

The church office is in need of a volunteer. Please call Jo Ann Levi at 323.291.1136 for more details.

## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

*"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."* (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan; helping to do His work here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it.

## MARDI GRAS PARTY 2016

St. Jerome School invites you to a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7PM to Midnight. Live Entertainment by T-Lou and His Zydeco Band. Tickets are \$30 and \$35 at the door. Food included with ticket. For more information call Gloria Bijole at 310.465.8874.

## MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles in collaboration with the Knights of Peter Claver and the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary invite all to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Mass on Monday, January 18, 2016 at 5:00 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Most Reverend Edward Clark, Auxiliary Bishop, will be the Celebrant and Homilist.

## ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us for a Buffet Dinner at our Anniversary Celebration of the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Transfiguration Council and Court 220 at the Brownstone Bistro Restaurant on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 4:30 PM. Tickets are \$50 per person. We will be honoring our Charter member *Sir Knight Gregory Warner, Sr. and Lady Gerri Richardson*. Call Lady Gloria Wilkerson at 323.778.2243 or Brother Knight Leonard Anebereg at 213.842.4807 for more information.



# HOLY YEAR OF *Mercy*

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Millard Goode, Jr., Nancy Goosby, Mary Hall, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

### *Year of Mercy Prayer*

Lord Jesus Christ,

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its Anointing, so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a Year of Grace from the Lord, and your church.

With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring your good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever.

Amen.