

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 27, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend, we hear that Jesus began his ministry by making his own the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "He sent me to bring good news to the poor." The good news is that God's mercy is freely available to all who seek it.

In the Gospel, we begin the consecutive reading of Luke, which was originally joined to his other work, the Acts of the Apostles. The way the narrative is told prepares us for what happens in Acts.

When the Jews returned home after the exile in Babylon, the nation had to be rebuilt. The Persians entrusted this task to Ezra. Ezra brought back with him from Babylon the book of the law of Moses that he read to the people (First Reading). Thus he called them to re-dedicate themselves to God.

In the Gospel we see that Jesus is also proclaiming the word of God. In the synagogue at Nazareth, he makes his own a passage from Isaiah, and uses it to announce the agenda for his own ministry. Jesus is sent, not to the wealthy or the powerful, but to the poor and lowly, the oppressed and the suffering. Here we see Luke's concern for the poor and the afflicted.

Who are the poor? The poor are all the dispossessed of this world, all those who are waiting for liberation. The good news must not be limited to spiritual blessings only. But the poor are also those who live on bread alone and who never hear the Word of God.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 9th as we will have our annual Zydeco dance in the parish hall at 7:00 PM. A reminder that Lent comes early this year (Wednesday, February 13th), so use this as one opportunity to kick up your heels before embracing the rigors and disciplines of Lent. Tickets are available in the rectory and after all Masses.

Have a great week!

Father Michael Tang

2012 TAX STATEMENT!

Tax letters will be mailed next week. Thank you for your cooperation. If you have not received a statement, please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory.

COLLECTIONS THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012

Actual	\$148,878
Budget	138,600
Over Budget	\$10,278

Thank you to all our contributors for supporting Transfiguration. Please keep up the good work!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed for soliciting donations and advertising for our major fundraisers. If you are friendly, outgoing, won't take "No" for an answer, and have a few hours a week, Transfiguration needs your help. We are diligently working to get donations from businesses for our upcoming church and school fundraisers and need your help. Please contact Ida Wycliff at 323.497.3487 or via e-mail at idaew@prodigy.net and leave your name and contact information.

Thank you for any assistance you can give.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday January 27

School Open House & Breakfast
2:00 PM School Tour & Testing

Monday January 28

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

Wednesday January 30

6:00 PM Line Dancing
6:00 PM CCL

Thursday January 31

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday February 2

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Leadership Training
1:00 PM-5:00 PM Seniors Meeting

Sunday February 3

Super Bowl Sunday

10:30 AM-12 PM Religious Ed Class
Jr. Knights & Parents Mtg. *after 10 am Mass*
Jr. Daughters Mtg. *after 10 am Mass*

Celebrate Catholic's Schools Week

January 27th to February 1st

Visit our Book Fair

January 27th to February 3rd

Grades 6 thru 8 will be visiting Soka University

Wednesday, February 6th.

Our school offers **guided tours and new student testing** monthly. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Crockett in the main office for assistance 323.292.3011.

Special thank you goes to Mrs. Yasmine Nuño 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.

Did You Know?

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The Personnel Files of Accused Priests

The Archdiocese has complied with a retired federal judge's 2011 order to edit the personnel files of priests accused of sexual abuse, prior to those files being released to the public. The judge's order was the result of a process that attorneys for abuse victims and the Archdiocese agreed would be accepted by all parties involved. It is important to note that the judge's order specified the edits in part due to what he said were demonstrable positive changes the Archdiocese had already implemented to its policies and procedures in reporting abuse to authorities and in training personnel and children in abuse prevention techniques. Much of the information in the files is decades old and has already been the subject of in-depth coverage in the press and was disclosed by the Archdiocese in the 2004 Report to the People of God. There is no priest in ministry who has been found to have abused a minor.

Saturday 5:15 p.m.	January 26 Soul of Lillian White
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	January 27 Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Alfonso Meraz
12:15 p.m.	Soul of William Patterson
Monday 8:00 a.m.	January 28 Souls of Sissy Hawkins
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	January 29 Soul of Helen Boles
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	January 30 Soul of Kay Mealing
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	January 31 Intention of Alice Vogel
Saturday 5:15 p.m.	February 2 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	February 3 Soul of Harold Goosby
10:00 a.m.	Intention of Gerry Richardson
12:15 p.m.	Intention of the Colvin Family

Readings for the week

Sunday	Neh 8:2-10, Ps 19:8-15, Lk 1:1-21
Monday	Heb 9:15, 24-28, Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Heb 10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Heb 10:11-18, Mk 4:1-20
Thursday	Heb 10:19-25, Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39, Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Mal 3:1-4, Heb 2:14-18, Lk 2:22-40
Sunday	Jer 1:4-19, Ps 71:1-6, 15-17, Lk 4:21-30

Sacrificial Gifts

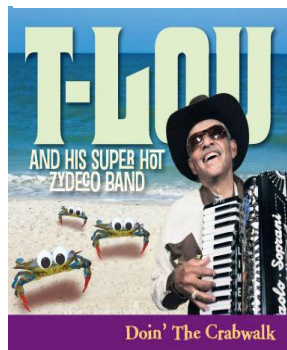
Sunday, January 22, 2012	Sunday, January 20, 2013
\$4,902.62 Sacrificial Gift	\$5038.00 Sacrificial Gift
403.06 Building Fund	181.00 Building Fund
230.32 "We Care"	213.80 "We Care"

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.

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, Loretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred 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 Whyne, and Lilla Williams.

ZYDECO DANCE AT TRANSFIGURATION



Mardi Gras Time!!!

Saturday, February 9, 2013

featuring T-Lou and

His Super Hot Zydeco Band.

Advance sale \$30 ~ \$35 at Door.

Tickets on sale in the rectory.