

Greetings.

We are so glad that you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We hope that you will enjoy the service and be encouraged by your worship experience.

In the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived. (Matthew 2:1)

Experience tells us that if you wake up expecting that you're going to have a bad day, then you'll most likely have a bad day. But if you wake up looking forward to the day, there's a good chance your day will turn out well. It's a simple illustration of how our attitudes can affect our behaviors, which then affect the way we deal with all kinds of situations.

Today's Gospel gives us a striking example of how powerful our predispositions can be. First, we meet King Herod, who is "greatly troubled" by news of Jesus' birth (Matthew 2:3). Then, we meet the magi, who are "overjoyed" by the exact same event (2:10). Both grasp that a new king has been born, and both are eager to see him – but for different reasons. Herod, insecure about his grasp on power, sees Jesus as a threat and uses deception to try to destroy him. The magi, seekers of wisdom, are excited by the news and hurry to offer royal gifts to the child.

We all can point to ways that fear, envy, or some other negative emotion has colored the way we approach a situation. Instead of remembering that Jesus is always seeking to do us good, we think that he has forgotten us or, worse, that he is punishing us. But if we can face each situation with an open heart, ready to find God's presence, fear and doubt will begin to melt away. We'll find Jesus in unexpected, unlikely places – just as the magi found almighty God in the modest home of Mary and Joseph.

So when you are in a moment of fear or doubt, pause, and ask the Holy Spirit to help you find God's presence. Ask him to help you take on a more open, trusting attitude. As you do, you'll discover the kind of joy and even awe that the magi felt.

"Holy Spirit, direct my attitude today. Help me to sense your guidance, and fill my heart with your joy."

~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew. Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12
Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6, Mt 4:12-35
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4, Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Ps 29:1-10, Lk 3:15-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 2

5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Samuels

Sunday January 3

8:00 AM Soul of Karen Lee

10:00 AM Intention of Robert Johns

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Monday January 4

8:00 AM Soul of Anthony Middleton

Tuesday January 5

8:00 AM Intention of Briana Katz



WEEKLY OFFERING

December 27, 2015

\$6,189.00 Tithe and Offering

225.00 Building Fund

1.00 "We Care"

CHRISTMAS OFFERING DECEMBER 25, 2015

\$5,851.00 Tithe and Offering

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

Epiphany of Our Lord

"...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (EPHESIANS 3:6)

Today we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

Transfiguration's Ushers **MANDATORY** Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the hall. If you are an Usher here at Transfiguration you are asked to please attend this very important meeting.

Men, Mark your Calendars

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.

2016 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Hold my hand in weakness Lord God, you are my strength. Hold my hand in my weakness and teach my heart to fly. With you, there's nothing to fear, nothing to worry about. Hold me tight in your embrace, so that I can be stronger than the challenges in my life. Amen.



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, 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, Vydred 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.