

# The Epiphany of the Lord

January 6, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, in other words the manifestation or revelation of Christ as savior to the entire world. The Magi (or Wisemen) were searching for Christ. When they found him, they worshipped him and offered him gifts. Millions of people have followed in the footsteps of the Magi and come to Christ; we count ourselves among those fortunate millions.

For the gospel writer Matthew, the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that he knew in the aftermath of the resurrection. God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures and to the Gentiles through nature. Hence, Matthew shows the Magi (who were Gentiles) receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox: the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come, and with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him.

There is nothing to be gained by speculating where the Magi came from and what exactly the star was. The star was only the means by which a great mystery was revealed – the revelation of Christ as Savior of the Gentiles too. The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of the feast; God invites Jew and Gentile to share on an equal footing the benefits of salvation brought by God's Son.

Many families call the feast of the Epiphany, "Little Christmas." Indeed, it is a day where the giving of small gifts is replicated. As we enter the New Year, let's remember that the best gifts we can give one another are free: a smile, a listening ear, a compassionate heart and most of all unconditional love and forgiveness.

Have a blessed week!

*Father Michael Tang*

### **Welcome!**

If you are a visitor to Transfiguration, we want you to know how welcome you are whether you have come from another part of the country, from across the world, or from another parish here in the Archdiocese. Thanks, in part, to the generosity of visitors like you, we are able to celebrate the liturgy in a fitting and beautiful way, and also we are able to give spiritual and emotional support through a variety of services to the community. Your gift is greatly appreciated; our parish family is small and we rely on the generosity of you, our visitors, to help sustain this beautiful church for the future.

## 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!**



**THE DESIGNATED SMOKING AREA  
IS IN THE PATIO...**

**ASHTRAYS ARE PROVIDED THERE  
FOR YOUR CIGARETTE BUTTS.**

Please refrain from smoking in the parking lot of the school area as the cigarette butts are a health and safety issue for our children.

### **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, Laurretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vydred 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.

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*A Legacy of Making a Difference*  
 Serving the Community Since 1937

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 6<sup>TH</sup> THE SCHOOL WILL BE SELLING DONUTS AFTER ALL MASSES.**

**Congratulations to our Principal Mechele Yerima,** she received the “Sister May Aloysia Service in Education Award” from Notre Dame Academy.

**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.** 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.

**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**

**TRANSFIGURATION USHERS MEETING**  
 Saturday, January 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM in the hall.  
 ALL USHERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND.

**KING DAY PARADE**  
 will take place Saturday, January 19, 2013.

**MEN’S RETREAT**  
 The weekend of January 18, 19, and 20, 2013 the Retreat for the men of our parish will be held at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. This year’s Retreat theme: *The Gift of Mater Dolorosa, the Memoria Passionis.* For more information, 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. Stay tuned for further details!

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>January 5</b> Soul of Stanman Robottom
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 6</b> Soul of Tom Franklin
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Slade Campbell
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 7</b> Soul of David McGaffigan
<b>Tuesday</b> 10:00 a.m.	<b>January 8</b> Soul of Lelia Harris
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>January 11</b> Intention of Father Albert Shuyaka
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>January 12</b> Intention of all Parishioners

**Readings for the week**

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:2-13, Mt 2:1-12
<b>Monday</b>	1Jn 3:22-4:6, Mt 4:12-25
<b>Tuesday</b>	1Jn 4:7-10, Mk 6:34-44
<b>Wednesday</b>	1Jn 4:11-18, Mk 6:45-52
<b>Thursday</b>	1Jn 4:19-5:4, Lk 4:14-22a
<b>Friday</b>	1Jn 5:5-13, Lk 5:12-16
<b>Saturday</b>	1Jn 5:14-21, Jn 3:22-30
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 42:1-7, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-22

**Sacrificial Gifts**

**Sunday, December 30, 2012**  
 \$4,836.99 Sacrificial Gift  
 419.37 Building Fund  
 239.64 “We Care”

**VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS**  
 at Transfiguration

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**  
 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the hall.

**ZYDECO DANCE AT TRANSFIGURATION**  
**Saturday, February 9, 2013**  
 featuring T-Lou and His Super Hot Zydeco Band.  
**Tickets on sale soon...**

**ONE LA MEETING**

Please join us at 7:00 PM Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> for a ONE LA meeting at St. Brigid’s Catholic Church, 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Western Avenue, LA. The meeting will be held in the school building. We will discuss the ONE LA forum with the mayoral candidates, the health care strategy, loan modification/foreclosure and educational issues in South Los Angeles. If you have questions, please call Yvette Roland at 213.689.7416.

*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.