

The Epiphany of the Lord

January 8, 2012

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG!

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. As you might know, God revealed himself to the Jews through the Scriptures, and to the Gentiles through nature. Since the Magi were Gentiles, Matthew shows them receiving a revelation through astrology. The story highlights the paradox of how the Jews who have the Scriptures reject Jesus, while Gentiles come and, with the help of the Scriptures, find and adore him. For Matthew the story of the Magi becomes an anticipation of the fate of the Good News of salvation, a fate that Matthew knew in the aftermath of the resurrection.

There is little 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 the Savior of the Gentiles too. The Second Reading expresses the theological meaning of the feast: God invites Jew and Gentile alike to share on an equal footing the benefits of the salvation brought by Christ. This feast shows that election by God is not a privilege for some but hope for all.

I want to thank once again Mrs. Sylvia Tureaud and her family for donating the beautiful figure of the Black Wiseman for our crib. As you might surmise, we need a few more figures to make our crib complete, such as two more wisemen, another shepherd and perhaps a cow and donkey. If you would like to donate, any amount is welcome and your name will be engraved on a plaque that will be attached to the figure. If you are interested, please contact Jo Ann in the rectory offices for more information.

Time marches on and we have two important events for you to mark on the calendar: one is our annual Revival which will take place January, 13, 14, and 15, 2012 and the other is our Zydeco Dance which will take place on February 18, 2012. Please plan on attending these important events that will support our parish and school! Blessings on all of you as we begin a New Year!!

REVIVAL

Dr. Martin Luther King Day

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 13, 14 & 15 @ 7pm nightly

Father Charles “Chuck” Andrus, SSJ

Retain *HOPE* and fulfill the *DREAM!*

Music by: St. Agatha Choir, St. Brigid Choir, Holy Name Brighter Day Jr. Choir,
Chris Nuño, Reverence, Transfiguration Gospel Choir.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.

SCHOOL NEWS

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, 2012. 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 1:30 PM. A **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat: this is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **CATCH THE FIRE! Responding to God's Touch.** To make your reservation please call Greg Warner 323.974.7405, 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon 323.296.1501.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Religious Education Class
12:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting
2:00 PM BINGO -hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

7:30 PM Bible Study

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

7:00 PM Knights Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

6:00 PTO Meeting
6:00 PM Religious Education Class-PCRm
6:30 PM CCL-SJRm
6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall
7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-Church

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

10:00 AM Ushers Meeting-hall

REVIVAL - FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:2-13, Mt 2:1-12
Monday Is 42:1-7, Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-20, Mk 1:29-39
Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45
Friday 1 Sm 8:4-22a, Mk 2:1-12
Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-10a, Mk 2:13-17
Sunday 1 Sm 3:3b-19, Ps 40:2-10, Jn 1:35-42

ALTAR SERVERS ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, January 14

5:15pm Carl Clay, Nia Robertson, Chris Robertson

Sunday, January 15

8:00am Delisa Madere, Derek Madere,
Caycee Chapman, Noelle London
10:00am Keisha Manning, Gilberto Gonzales,
Martin Hill, Maurice Burnett
12:15pm Emilio Ramirez, Zakiya Pleasant,
Hadiya Pleasant, Logan Bush

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS!

Bingo is Sunday, January 8th at 2pm in the hall.

Join the school as we celebrate **Dr. Martin Luther King Day** with our parade on Friday January 13, 2012.

USHERS

All ushers are requested to attend an important meeting on Saturday, January 14th at 10:00 AM in the Parish Hall. All ushers should attend this meeting in order to know what is expected of you as an usher. For more information you may call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

PRAYER BREAKFAST

African American Catholic Center for Evangelization 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Prayer Breakfast is on Monday, January 16, 2012 from 8AM to 11 AM. The event will take place at St. Mary's Academy, 701 Grace Avenue in Inglewood, 90301. The keynote speaker will be Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J. Tickets are available in the rectory.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

Zydeco Dance

featuring T-Lou and His Super Hot Zydeco Band...
Tickets on sale for \$30.00 Advance \$35.00 at Door.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

5:15 p.m. +Veronica Mason

Sunday, January 8

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Int. of Raymond Molina, Jr.
12:15 p.m. Int. of Robert Johns

Monday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Int. of Stanley Prudeaux

Tuesday, January 10

8:00 a.m. Int. for our Revival's Success

Wednesday, January 11

8:00 a.m. Int. of Fr. Charles "Chuck" Andrus

Thursday, January 12

8:00 a.m. Int. of the Revival Team

Friday, January 13

8:00 a.m. Int. for our Revival's Success

Saturday, January 14

5:15 p.m. Int. of Stanley Prudeaux

Sunday, January 15

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, January 2, 2011
\$5,330.03 Sacrificial Gift
490.39 Building Fund
280.22 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, January 1, 2012
\$6,629.26 Sacrificial Gift
672.24 Building Fund
385.85 "We Care"