

First Sunday of Advent

30 November 2014

During Advent We Wait With ‘A Promise in our Hearts’

Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not an empty waiting. It is a waiting with a promise in our Hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. We wait during Advent for the birth of Jesus. We wait after Easter for the coming of the Spirit, and after the Ascension of Jesus we wait for his coming again in glory. We are always waiting, but it is a waiting in the conviction that we have already seen God’s footsteps. Waiting for God is an active, alert-yes, joyful-waiting. As we wait we remember him for whom we are waiting, and as we remember him we create a community ready to welcome him when he comes.



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

November 30th – St. Andrew, the Apostle and brother of Simon Peter and a disciple of John the Baptist. Tradition holds that he preached north of the Black Sea and in Greece, and died bound to an “X-shaped” cross in the 1st century at Patras, Greece. He is a patron of Russia and Scotland; patron of the Greek Church; patron of the fishing industry; named in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer).

December 3rd – St. Francis Xavier, a priest; one of the founding Jesuits; preached in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, and Japan. With St. Therese (Lisieux) of the Child Jesus, he is the co-patron of the Apostleship of Prayer and of the foreign missions. He died in 1552 at age 46.

December 4th – St. John Damascene, a priest and doctor of the Church. He was the last of the Greek Fathers and first of the East to formulate a comprehensive synthesis of Christian dogmas; he defended the veneration of icons; composed hymns and preached many homilies in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary; especially her assumption; he dies in 749.

December 6th – St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra in Asia Minor; a model pastor noted for charity; popularized as “Santa Claus,” patron of children, bankers, pawnbrokers, sailors, perfumers, brides, unmarried women, travelers, travelers, fishermen, brewers, poets, and prisoners; also of Russia, Greece, Sicily, Lorraine, and Apulia in Italy where his relics are enshrined in Bari. He died in the 4th century.

December 7th – St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the Church. He died on Holy Saturday in 397. He was born of noble parents; classically educated; while a catechumen, he was chosen bishop of Milan and consecrated bishop on December 7th, 394. He was a compelling preacher; defender of orthodoxy against Arianism (heresy against two natures in Christ); he is the “father of chant;” wrote several liturgical hymns; baptized St. Augustine (August 28th), St. Jerome (September 30th), St. Gregory I (September 3rd); declared one of the four great donors of the Latin Church (Roman Catholic) by Pope St. Boniface VIII in 1298.

Called to Serve,
~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 29
5:15 PM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Sunday	November 30
8:00 AM	Mass of Thanksgiving
10:00 AM	Soul George Hill
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Saturday	December 6
5:15 PM	Soul of Milton Keyes
Sunday	December 7
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Anita Kennedy
12:15 PM	Soul of Anthony Middleton

Readings for the week

Sunday	Is 63:16-19, 64:2-7, Ps 80:2-19, Mk 13:33-37
Monday	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-26, Mt 9:35—10:1-8
Sunday	Is 40:1-11, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 1:1-8

November 23, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,477.50 Tithe and Offering
0 Building Fund
0 "We Care"

Together In Mission Annual Appeal 2014

Parish Goal: \$30,374.62
Amount Pledged: \$18,866.50
Amount Paid: \$16,446.50
Under Goal: \$13,928.12

Please remember your pledge commitment.

NEXT SUNDAY Transfiguration Annual Christmas Boutique November 30 from 9am-2:30pm

Free Pictures with Santa!

Hand Knits, Oil Burners, Head Wraps, Hats, Jewelry, Purses,
Inspirational Mugs/Tiles, Christmas Ornaments,
New Orleans Fleur-de-lis items,
Food: Links, Hot Dogs, Nachos, Pastries, Soda, Water,
Beignets (Benyas) and More...

School News!

December 7 ~ 1st Sunday Mass spotlighting Transfiguration
Preschool Open House and visit from Santa 11:30 AM to 1:00
PM. Bring a friend to spend time in our preschool and meet Santa
Claus! Arts and Crafts will be available. Each child in complete
school uniform will receive a special gift from Santa Claus and a
free dress pass.

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS PASTORAL REGION

ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

January 24, 2015 at 9am - 4pm
February 7, 14, & 21, 2015 at 9am - 4pm

at St. Mark Church Parish Hall, 2475 Lincoln Bl. in Venice.

Please contact our DRE Ms. Godinez if you have any questions.

Advent Day of Reflection

"Mater Dolorosa Young Adult Ministry invites all persons
between the ages of 20 through 40 to an Advent Day of
Reflection—"Embrace Jesus...Spread the Joy". The event is
December 14 beginning at 2:30 PM. Ending with Liturgy at 4:30
PM."

SAVE THE DATES

Monday, December 8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*holy day of obligation*) Masses at 8am and 7pm.
Thursday, December 11th ~ Mass of Anointing 11am followed by a reception. More details next week...

Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of **January 23, 24, and 25, 2015**. 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, and 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: **"Holy waiting... In a World that can't wait."** 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.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Nancy Goosby, Jane Grover, Jacqueline Holman, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Cynthia Richardson, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Patricia Williams.