

First Sunday of Advent

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From the Pastor's Desk

Does your home have a burglar alarm? Do you have signs in your yard to warn potential thieves that such and such a company protects your possessions? Do you leave lights and TV on when you are away to give the impression that someone is home? Yes--we all know how to protect ourselves and our properties from a would-be thief. And in a similar way, the Gospel on this first weekend of Advent invites us to be prudent in preparing ourselves to welcome the Lord, whose coming will be as sudden and unexpected as a thief in the night.

Like householders prepared for their master's return or ready to fend off a burglar, we must keep watch. It is in this same spirit that we begin the new church year. Advent is a way of life. Waiting is a spiritual stance that keeps us alert to both risk and opportunity, poised to avert one and seize the other.

Yes--the hectic holiday season is upon us and in the midst of our hustle and bustle, we need to stop now and then to reflect on the reason for the season and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Lord.

The beautiful Advent hangings that adorn the church and sanctuary are the work of a parishioner, Sylvia Davis. Sylvia also created the handsome green banners for the season of Ordinary Time. Besides creating liturgical hangings, Sylvia is also a master quilter. In fact one of her quilts decorates the interior of the church every February for Black History Month. Thank you Sylvia for sharing your time and talent with our parish; we are blessed to have you in our family!

You might not know that the school library has been going through a transformation these last few months. We now have over 3200 titles in our collection and each one of them has been coded and recorded in a database. There is a section in the library for young children, a section on geography and fiction and non-fiction. Mark your calendars as the grand opening for the parish will be on Sunday, December 22 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

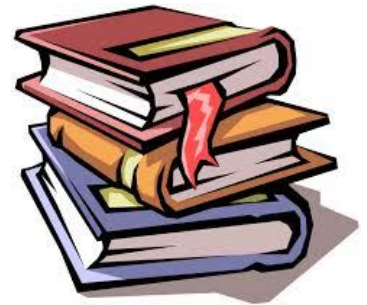
A Parish Revival is also in the works during Lent. Please stay tuned for more information!

Happy Advent everyone and blessings on your week!

Fr. Michael Tang

Mark
Your
Calendar...

**SCHOOL LIBRARY
GRAND OPENING**
Sunday, December 22
from 9AM to 2PM.



**Refreshments
will be served.**

Everyone is invited!

Monday, December 9th
is the
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

*(not a Holy day of
Obligation this year).*

**Daily Mass at
8:00 AM**

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Brian Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Meiling Lee, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, and Lubertha Weathers.

*Thank you to the Collins
family who provided
thanksgiving food for two of
our parish and school families
in loving memory of
Harry Collins, Sr.*

*May God continue to bless
your family.
Again Thank You!!!*

DID YOU KNOW?

Ensure a safe road trip this holiday

Taking the kids on a road trip to visit relatives and friends is a holiday tradition for many of us. Here are two tips that can help you get there and back as safely as possible:

1. Ensure that all occupants of any vehicle are properly secured and that there are no large or heavy items in the vehicle that may injure the occupants at any sudden stops.
2. A single parent travelling with children should ensure that permission from the other parent is readily available for authorities (this is to prevent one-parent abductions). This is especially important for air/train or cross border travel.

For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

Are You Being Called To Become A Deacon

Formation Office: Information Meeting for Men Interested in the Permanent Diaconate, Sunday January 12, 2014

The Diaconate Formation Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the Diaconate Formation Program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on Sunday January 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. John Chrysostom located at 546 East Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301. For further information, please contact Mrs. Claudia Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at 213. 637.7383 or at: CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org.

*If you want to be first, make yourself servant of all.
(Mt. 20:27)*

Altar Servers Schedule December 7 & 8

5:15PM

Jordan Baylis
Sierra Black
Jared Baylis

8AM

Cori Chapman
Delisa Madere
Derek Madere

10AM

Martin Hill
Chris Robinson
Lanigi Chimilio

12:15PM

Kofi Karikari
Logan Bush
Nathan Burrell

Mass Intentions

Saturday November 30

5:15 PM Soul of Stanman Robottom, Sr.

Sunday December 1

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele
10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of Mitchell Spellman

Monday December 2

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Tuesday December 3

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Wednesday December 4

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Thursday December 5

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Friday December 6

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Saturday December 7

5:15 PM Souls of Mary Ann & Hattie Ward

Sunday December 8

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 PM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Readings for the week

Sunday	Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-9, Mt 24:37-44
Monday	Is 4:2-6, Mt 8 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 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-17, Mt 3:1-12

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, November 25, 2012

\$4,030.38 Sacrificial Gift
353.80 Building Fund
202.17 "We Care"

Sunday, November 24, 2013

\$5,068.91 Sacrificial Gift
409.12 Building Fund
245.47 "We Care"

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Transfiguration's Gospel Choir
with Musical Ensemble and Strings
Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM
Oscar Pratt, Director
Tickets Adults \$15 - Children \$7
Refreshments in hall following concert.



Christmas Concert at St. Joan of Arc Parish
Friday, December 20th at 7:30 PM

In the church
11534 Gateway Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

310.479.5111

Tickets \$20 for adults; \$10 for children (12 and under).
Light Refreshments served at intermission.