

Dear Parishioners,

They will see the glory of the Lord.
(Isaiah 35:2)



Do you want to see “the glory of the Lord” this Advent? Of course you do! One of the ways to find this “glory” is by activating our spiritual instincts. We were all born with these instincts, and it’s something that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to life in us every day. While we have many instincts, let’s focus on just two of them.

First, we all have *aesthetic* instincts. Aesthetic instincts help us appreciate a beautiful work of art or the majesty of a snowcapped mountain peak. During Advent, we can ask the Spirit to help us see the beauty in that dank and unwelcoming manger. Picture the manger scene, and see what happens as you dwell on the baby Jesus wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Second, we have *contemplative* instincts—instincts that come alive when we focus on a work of God. Do you remember how Mary pondered and treasured everything that happened when Jesus was born (Luke 2:19, 51)? When we ponder God’s word, perhaps in the Christmas stories in Matthew or Luke’s Gospels, our spiritual instincts will come alive, and the Holy Spirit will give us new insights into his love for us.

When you receive the Eucharist today, imagine yourself at the manger. Then pray, “Lord, show me your glory.” If you feel a sense of happiness or a desire to bow down and thank God or an impulse to reach out to someone who is hurting, take this as a sign that the Holy Spirit is enlivening your spiritual instincts.

As these instincts come to life, they will influence the way you think and act. You’ll find yourself becoming more loving, more forgiving, and more peaceful—especially in difficult times. God wants all his people to look to him and have their instincts awakened. And that includes you!

“Holy Spirit, come and bring my spiritual instincts to life. Lord,
I want to see your glory!”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Advent-Christmas Penance Service
Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:30 PM
at Transfiguration Church.

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Children’s Mass – Saturday, December 24th at 5:15 PM

Midnight Mass – Saturday, December 24th
(*Christmas Carols* at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Sunday, December 25th at 8:00 & 10:00 AM

NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Sunday, January 1, 2017 at 8:00, 10:00 AM & 12:15PM

For your enjoyment we are happy to announce:

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Thursday, December 15th at 6:00 PM

ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 PM

Stewardship Thought

“You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” JAMES 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, and Peggy Wright.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 35:1-10, Ps 146:6-10, Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-13, Mt 25:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-25, Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30
Friday	Is 56:1-8, Jn 5:33-66
Saturday	Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17
Sunday	Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Mt 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	December 10 Soul of Robert Evans
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	December 11 Soul of Lillian White Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Gloria Robottom
Tuesday 8:00 AM	December 13 Intention of Briana Katz
Saturday 5:15 PM	December 17 Intention of Robert Johns
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	December 18 Intention of Mary Jené Intention of Briana Katz Intention of all Parishioners

WEEKLY OFFERING for DECEMBER 4, 2016

\$6,593.02 Tithes and Offering
195.00 Building Fund
33.00 We Care"

Please remember your
**"Together in Mission" 2016
PLEDGE COMMITMENT**

Thanks to all!

DECEMBER 11, 2016

Retirement fund for Religious Offering

Thank you for your generosity.

2017 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.

Birthday Wishes to:
DOROTHY STANLEY
98 years on December 26th

*Blessings, from your
Transfiguration Church Family!*



Join us for COFFEE & DONUTS



In the parish hall after all Masses this Sunday

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Mabel Walton* in memory of her beloved son **ROBERT EVANS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Bus Trip

Please join us for a fundraiser to **San Manuel Casino** on Saturday, January 7, 2016. Bus loads at 7:30AM and leaves Transfiguration Roxton Side at 8AM. \$23.00 per person... Proceeds benefit the Knights of Peter Claver Council #220. Please contact Helen Augusta at 323.295.9024.

Fingerprinting

All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For more information, call us at: 213.637.7680.

"Singing Glory Be to Jesus"

You are invited to Transfiguration Choir Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 18th at 7:00 PM. The Choir and Musicians have added many new Christmas songs, both sacred and popular to our repertoire of music. Donations: \$15.00 for Adults and \$7.00 for Children and Youth. Reception in the hall will follow the concert.

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, 2017. 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 1:30 PM. A **\$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"The Crucified One Is No Stranger"**. 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.