

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

He will baptize you with
the Holy Spirit.
(Mark 1:8)



The Holy Spirit—he makes all the difference. John had preached a baptism of repentance for sins, but he promised that someone “mightier” was coming—someone who would fill us with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:7). So what is that difference?

John’s baptism focused on the past, on forgiveness for sins already committed. He wanted people to put the past behind them. The Holy Spirit, however, focuses on the future. He comes to mold us and shape us, to lead us into the kingdom of heaven.

John’s baptism was for one purpose: for our pardon. But the Holy Spirit has many purposes. He reveals God’s love to us. He helps us understand Scripture. He teaches us how to live as brothers and sisters. He holds the Church together and moves us to work for the kingdom of God. And so much more.

When we are baptized into Christ, we get both blessings. Our sins are washed away, and we receive the Holy Spirit. Jesus doesn’t want us to miss out on anything! It’s all wrapped up in one gift, which we call the “seed of faith.” If we want to see these blessings unfold in our lives, we need to tend to and nurture this seed.

A simple analogy might help. The main reason most of us go on a healthy diet is to lose weight, but so much more happens when we change our eating habits. Yes, the weight drops. But our cholesterol levels also improve. Our immune system is strengthened. We feel more energetic, and we sleep better. We just wanted to lose weight, but our whole lives have been changed.

This is what happens when we care for our seed of faith. Not only do we experience God’s forgiveness, but we invite the Holy Spirit to work in every other area of our lives. We feel God’s love. We become more loving. We want to reach out to those who are hurting. We find the strength to say no to temptation. In short, we become a new creation.

“Thank you, Jesus, for the gift of the Holy Spirit! Lord, help me grow my faith.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

SAVE THE DATES

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2017

NO 8AM MASS

Mass of Anointing at 11AM followed by
a reception in the parish hall.

PLEASE NOTE:

December 24th - 4th Sunday of Advent Masses
are at 8AM and 10AM **ONLY**...

The 12:15PM Mass will be combined
with the 10AM Mass.

*(If you have any questions please contact the
rectory office at 323.291.1136.)*

Christmas Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Children’s Mass

Sunday, December 24th at 5:15 PM

Midnight Mass - Sunday, December 24th

(Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Monday, December 25th at 10:00 AM

NEW YEARS EVE MASSES

Sunday, December 31st

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:15 PM

NEW YEARS MASS DAY

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Monday, January 1, 2018 at 8:00 AM

For your enjoyment we are happy to announce:

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 PM

ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 40:1-11, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 1:1-8
Monday	Is 35:1-10, Mk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20, Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11, Mt 17:9-13
Sunday	Is 61:1-11, Lk 1:46-54, Jn 1:6-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 9

5:15 PM Soul of Milton Keys

Sunday December 10

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Marcus Hill

12:15 PM Soul of Angela Dupré

Saturday December 16

5:15 PM Soul of Edmund Richards

Sunday December 17

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Sabrina DeVane



Weekly Offering

December 3, 2017

\$6,592.41 Tithe and Offering

80.00 Building Fund

46.00 "We Care"

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Retirement fund for Religious Offering

Give thanks for religious...

Thank you for your generosity!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne 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, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

"Baby Jesus; the God of All Gods"

You are invited to a Christmas Concert featuring Transfiguration's Gospel Choir with musical ensemble and strings...Oscar Pratt as Conductor. Please join us on Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 PM. Donations: \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children. Refreshments in the hall will follow the concert.

Annual Men Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21 2018. 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 time is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"Going without knowing... pitching our Tent in Faith"** For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner your parish retreat Captains at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

You are invited to the Los Angeles Archdiocese Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, on **Monday, January 15, 2018** at 2:30 PM. This Mass is hosted by the African American Community for the city of Los Angeles. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles. The Homilist will be Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD, Retired Bishop; Diocese of Memphis, TN. The Knights of Peter Claver, Coordinating Councils & Courts, (CCC) will offer travel assistance by bus for those who may want to attend. **Pick up time will be 1:00 PM.** The location for bus pick up and return will be at designated parishes. **All are welcome to ride! The cost for passengers will be by love offering only!** Please sign up after mass or send your name and phone number to the Rectory if you would like to reserve a seat on the bus!

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Cynthia Richardson** in memory of her beloved father **MILTON KEYS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

2018 Calendars are available in the church sacristy for a donation of \$2. Thank you for your support.

Bus Trip

You are invited to the Colorado Belle in Laughlin, Nevada on Saturday, January 13 to Monday, January 15, 2018. Call 213.369.4889 to reserve your seat.