

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 11, 2011

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

In the Gospel this weekend, we continue our journey of salvation history as John the Baptist declares that he is not the Savior. John's task is to prepare the way for the Messiah, who is already among the people, though they do not recognize him. As John tells the people, "There stands among you one whom you know not."



In the First Reading, the writer (a post-exilic prophet) declares that he has been sent by God to usher in the age of salvation for Jerusalem and all God's people. Jesus would use this very same prophecy to announce his own ministry. As stated above, the subject of the Gospel is the same as that of last Sunday: the witness of John the Baptist to Jesus. John summons all to faith in Jesus. He declares that he himself is not the light, and tells the people that Jesus is all ready here among them. As many Jews were blind to the presence of Christ among them, so too is this our challenge. During these last two weeks before Christmas, try to find the Christ-child among those around you, especially those you avoid or disdain. This is the perfect time to do an act of charity or kindness for someone in need.

A reminder that our Advent Mass of the Anointing is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. The service will be followed by soup, salad, and fellowship in the parish hall. Our seminarian intern Alex and myself will prepare the chicken-vegetable soup for lunch that day. As you go about the hustle and bustle of these weeks, try to spend some time in reflection and remember the "reason for the season....." God bless you all!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

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*Retirement Fund for Religious*

12:00 PM Ladies Meeting

1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting

2:00 PM Msgr. Buckley Meeting

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:30 AM School Penance

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

7:00 PM Knights Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**11:00 AM Mass of Anointing & Lunch**

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, DECEMBER 15

6:30 PM School Christmas Program Church

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

7:00 PM Choir Dress Rehearsal-Church & Hall

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

10:00 AM Cherrywood Block Meeting

1:00 PM -3:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Society

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, December 10

5:15 p.m. +Manfred Rawles

### Sunday, December 11

8:00 a.m. +Wendell Lagarde, Sr.

10:00 a.m. +Cordell Bachemin

12:15 p.m. +Hattie and Mary Ann Ward

### Monday, December 12

8:00 a.m. +Vincent Kiberu

### Thursday, December 15

8:00 a.m. Int. of Fr. Michael Tang

### Saturday, December 17

5:15 p.m. +Elsie Jourdain

### Sunday, December 18

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Slade Campbell

12:15 p.m. +Milton & Barbara Keys

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 2012 REVIVAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday - January 13, 14 & 15, 2012 @7pm nightly

The Revivalist will be

**Father Charles "Chuck" Andrus, SSJ**

# SCHOOL NEWS

## MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, December 14 at 11AM**. A light luncheon will follow.

## COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

Holy Name of Jesus on Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving. Envelopes are in the pew. We will place the envelopes on the altar for prayer in Memory of, or in Honor of, your love ones.

## DECEMBER FINGERPRINTING

St. Lawrence of Brindisi - 10122 Compton Avenue in LA  
**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011**  
 12:00 PM - 3:40 PM & 5:20 PM - 7:20 PM  
*For appointment call 323.567.1439*

**Thank you** to the Knights of Peter Claver #220 for providing the Thanksgiving dinners. Thanks also to everyone who donated food. With your help, over 100 dinners were served. In addition, two families were supplied with canned goods and a turkey to prepare their own holiday dinners.

## ALTAR SERVERS ASSIGNMENTS

### Saturday, December 17

5:15pm Jared Baylis, Jordan Baylis  
 Arianna Foster, Makiya Foster

### Sunday, December 18

8:00am Amanda Johnson, Jonathan Johnson  
 Lisa Crockett, Samantha Joseph  
 10:00am Anthony Roque, Brenden Wilkerson,  
 Maurice Burnett, Gilberto Gonzales, Martin Hill  
 12:15pm Emilio Ramirez, Logan Bush, Nicholas Godfrey,  
 Zakiya Pleasant, Hadiya Pleasant

## SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

### Sunday, December 5, 2010

\$5,711.15 Sacrificial Gift  
 447.22 Building Fund  
 255.55 "We Care"

## SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

### Sunday, December 4, 2011

\$5,491.17 Sacrificial Gift  
 463.89 Building Fund  
 265.08 "We Care"

**Congratulations!** Tina Peters won the Jesse Tree that was created by Toni Williams - 4<sup>th</sup> grade student.

**Thank you to all the parishioners, alumni & friends of Transfiguration School who have supported us throughout the years!!** We are excited about our increased enrollment and are well aware of the challenges we face ahead!! Our Fantabulous Pre-School has been issued the approval (for a License) for an increase of 17 students to 42!!

**Thank you to all parishioners and friends of Transfiguration School who attended our Christmas Party!! Our Christmas Program (free)** will take place on **Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the Church**. The PTO will be sponsoring a dinner/fundraiser before the program - Spaghetti, salad, roll & drink **only \$6.00 from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm**. After the event, the school will have **cookies, hot chocolate & juice (free) in the Parish Hall!**

**Thank you to all parishioners and school families** who have supported our School fund raisers- Christmas Gift Wrap & Cookie Dough. So we have made \$9,368.71 for Christmas Gift Wrap and \$7,726.40 for Cookie Dough. The PTO made 2,156.82 for the Harvest Festival.

## Employment Opportunities @ Transfiguration school:

**Computer Tech** w/some experience to work 4 hours per day.

**Pre-school teacher** with at least 15 units of Early Childhood Education credits.

**Extended Care/Early Morning 6:15 - 8:00 am.**

If you are interested, please call the school office 323.292.3011 and speak to Mrs. Crockett.

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Retired religious need your support. By 2019, it is projected that retired religious will outnumber wage-earning religious by nearly four to one. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps ensure that elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests receive the care they so richly deserve, now and in the future.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Is 61:1-11, Lk 1:46-54, Jn 1:6-28  
**Monday** Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday** Zep 3:1-13, Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday** Is 45:6b-25, Lk 7:18b-23  
**Thursday** Is 54:1-10, Lk 7:24-30  
**Friday** Is 56:1-8, Jn 5:33-36  
**Saturday** Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17  
**Sunday** 2 Sm 7:1-16, Ph 89:2-29, Lk 1:26-38

## 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, 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, Vyldeed Manor, Doreen Mayers, Johnny Moll, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, 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 Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.