

# Third Sunday of Advent

14 December 2014

*Pray without ceasing.* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Without ceasing? At all? Obviously, Paul is not talking about praying all day long. Rather, he is calling us to faithfulness in prayer and asking us to develop a prayerful disposition for our lives. Paul knows that prayer is the best way to stay close to God, so it's worth scheduling time every day to make sure we are coming into God's presence. Think about the way you breathe. Your lungs work twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They never stop, whether you are aware of them or not. If your lungs were to fail, you would die. Likewise, if you lose your prayerfulness, you will die. If external residue, like smoke, enters your lungs, breathing becomes more difficult. Similarly, when sin comes into us, it makes prayer more difficult. That's why repentance is so valuable. It clears up the damage caused by sin and makes prayer easier. Praying without ceasing means getting into the habit of praying a few times during the day: when you wake up, when you go to Mass, before lunch and dinner, and before bed. One psalm even tells us to pray seven times a day (Psalm 119:164)! Of course, this doesn't always have to be a structured prayer time! Rather, it means trying to maintain a spirit of prayer. If we could just stop a few times during our day and turn to the Lord, we would be amazed at the difference it makes. Jesus is our best example of this. Whether he was performing a miracle, preaching a sermon, or arguing with his opponents, he kept his mind on his Father. Finally, praying without ceasing means living in a way that is consistent with our prayer. Caring for others, being just, developing our talents, doing good for other people, and helping the poor - these are all valid ways that we can continue to pray without ceasing. That doesn't seem too hard!



*"Lord help us become a praying people. May we stay close to you in all circumstances until you come in glory!"*

Called to Serve,  
~ Deacon Mark Race

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Featuring*  
**Transfiguration's Gospel Choir**  
*with Musical Ensemble and Strings*



**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM**  
**Oscar Pratt, Director**  
Tickets: Adults \$15 - Children \$7  
*Refreshments in hall following concert!*

**SCHOOL**  
**Christmas Concert**  
Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> @  
**6 PM** not 6:30PM **in the church...**



*Everyone is invited!*

**KPC Jr. Daughters**  
**INTERNATIONAL**  
**FOOD**  
**COURT**

4 ITEMS FOR \$10  
**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*After all Masses in the hall!*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 13</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Manfred Rawles
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 14</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Slade Campbell
12:15 PM	Soul of Yula Wilkes
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of Jackeline Holeman and Soul of Romona Alexander
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Wendell Lagarde
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners and Soul of George Hill
12:15 PM	Soul of Angela Dupré

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 61:1-11, Lk 1:46-54, Jn 1:6-28
<b>Monday</b>	Nm 24L2-17a, Mt 21:23-27
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zep 3:1-13, Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17
<b>Thursday</b>	Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
<b>Friday</b>	Jgs 13:2-25a, Lk 1:5-25
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sunday</b>	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12-16, Ps 89:2-5, Lk 1:26-38

## December 7, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,967.33 Tithe and Offering  
72.00 Building Fund  
65.00 "We Care"

Please remember your  
**"Together in Mission" 2014**  
Pledge commitment... Thanks to all!

## Annual Men Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of **January 23, 24, and 25, 2015**. For more information or to make reservations please call Greg Warner at 323.974.7405 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

## Altar Servers Schedule December 20 & 21

5:15PM	8AM	10AM	12:15PM
Ruben Martinez	Delisa Madere	Martin Hill	Samia Marine
Marc Anthony	Cori Chapma	Alonzo Hill	Maurice Burnett
	Kniya Addy	David Brown	Gilberto Gonzales
			Lanigi Chinilio

**St. Vincent dePaul**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**  
December 28, 2014  
**POSTPONED UNTIL 2015**

## St. Vincent dePaul Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, January 18** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick-up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

## Home-Visit the Sick

During Advent until New Year, Fr. Bernard would be happy to **home-visit the sick** with the statue of Child Jesus, to offer communion, anointing, and a special Christmas blessing to the family. Please call Fr. Bernard or the rectory to set up an appointment at 323.291.1136.

## Christmas Flower Offering

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

The **Designated Smoking Area** is in the Patio... Ashtrays are provided there for your **Cigarette Butts**. Please refrain from smoking in the parking lot of the school area as the cigarette butts are a health and safety issue for our children.

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Advent-Christmas Penance Service

Tuesday, December 16 at 7:30 PM at Holy Name of Jesus Church

### Christmas Masses

Children's Mass - Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 PM

Midnight Mass - Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

(Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM)

### Christmas Day Mass

Thursday, December 25 at 9:30 AM

### New Year's Mass Schedule

*The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

Thursday, January 1, 2015 at 10:00 AM

## 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, Vyldred 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, Dudley 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.