

Third Sunday of Advent

15 December 13

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel on this weekend of the Third Sunday of Advent we see Jesus at work enabling the blind to see, the deaf to hear, the lame to walk. It is a marvelous display of compassion for suffering humanity. In fact, all three readings this weekend have comforting words. In the first reading, Isaiah says: "Courage, do not be afraid." In the second reading, St. James says: "Be patient, do not lose heart." And in the Gospel we have the lovely words of Jesus to his cousin, John: "Happy the person who does not lose faith in me."

Christmas is ten days away from this Sunday, and there is much that you can do to prepare your heart for the coming of the Christ Child. Of course, we have our Giving Tree for the students in our school. I'm hoping that all of the stars of the tree will be taken by the end of Masses on Sunday. Those who wish can also supply additional toys for the children who attend the Family Mass on Christmas Eve who aren't enrolled in Transfiguration School. Simply bring the toys to the rectory or to Mass; we will know that they are for general distribution, as they won't have a star attached.

Another way you can prepare yourself to receive the Christ Child anew is by attending our Advent Reconciliation Service that is on Tuesday evening, December 17th here at Transfiguration. The service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and there will be many priests from different parishes here to hear confessions.

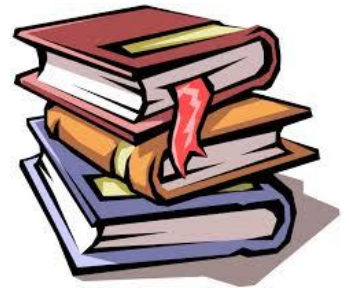
Finally, there are two concert programs scheduled for your enjoyment: the school Christmas Program is on Thursday, December 19th at 6:30 p.m. and the Choir's Christmas Concert is on Sunday, December 22 at 7:00 p.m. here in the church. You will need to purchase a ticket for the latter concert which features a string ensemble directed by Tania Fleisher, a part-time professor in the Department of Music at Loyola Marymount University.

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!

SCHOOL PAPER DONATION

Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
at Transfiguration Church on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 7:30 PM.**

MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, December 18 at 11:00 AM.**

A light luncheon will follow.

**Transfiguration
School
Christmas Concert**
Thursday, December 19th
at 6:30 PM in the church.

Everyone is invited!



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.



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, Laretta 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, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, and Lubertha Weathers.

Did you know?

Helpful tips for outdoor fun during the holidays

During the increasing cold weather during the holidays, make sure children's underclothing, gloves, and shoes stay dry. Cutting down your own tree for the holiday may start a wonderful family tradition. However, use eye protection and use extreme caution when cutting the tree, particularly when a chainsaw is used with children around. Make sure that helmets and other appropriate protection is provided, properly fitted, and used with bicycles, roller blades, and skateboards. For copy of the VIRTUS® article "A quick review of critical holiday safety issues," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Altar Servers Schedule December 21 & 22

5:15PM

Jordan Baylis
Jared Baylis
Marc Anthony Martinez
Ruben Martinez

8AM

Cori Chapman
Delisa Madere
Caycee Chapman

10AM

Martin Hill
Lanigi Chimilio
Kenya Mayers
Destiny Mayers

12:15PM

Kofi Karikari
Logan Bush
Tyler Smith

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 14

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM Intention of Dorothy Coignet Stanley
10:00 AM Souls of Preston, Rosa and Dante Thompson
12:15 PM Soul of Magdalene LaCour

Monday December 16

8:00 AM Soul of Michael Stokes

Tuesday December 17

8:00 AM Intention of Lelia Thomas

Wednesday December 18

11:00 AM Intention of those who are Sick & Suffering

Thursday December 19

8:30 AM Soul of Michael Stokes

Friday December 20

8:00 AM Soul for Ralph Keith

Saturday December 21

5:15 PM Souls of Manfred Rawles

Sunday December 22

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of James Martin, Sr.
12:15 PM Intention of Evelyn Williams

Readings for the week

Sunday	Is 35:1-6, Ps 146:6-10, Mt 11:2-11
Monday	Nm 24:2-17a, Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday	Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
Thursday	Jgs 13:2-25a, Lk 1:5-25
Friday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
Sunday	Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Mt 1:18-24

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, December 9, 2012

\$5,675.41 Sacrificial Gift
443.15 Building Fund
253.23 "We Care"

Sunday, December 8, 2013

6,154.85 Sacrificial Gift
470.59 Building Fund
268.93 "We Care"

Birthday Wishes to:



Dorothy Coignet Stanley
95 years on December 15th
&
Michele Starks, December 12th
from your family and parish community.

Thank you from St. Vincent DePaul

St. Vincent DePaul Society would like to thank everyone who supported Bundle Sunday for their Thrift Stores. May God continue blessing to you, so that, you may be a blessing to others.