

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 16, 2012

## From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend there is a clear note of rejoicing in the liturgy. This Sunday is known as Gaudete Sunday, which means joy in Latin. The basis for rejoicing is the nearness of the Lord. Yes—as I said to our school children during Mass this week, the physical signs of Christmas are all around us. Despite this, we need to do the more important thing and prepare ourselves internally; with this in mind, I hope that all of you will plan to attend our Advent Reconciliation Service at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

In this First Reading this weekend, the prophet Zephaniah, writing in the seventh century BC, bids Jerusalem to rejoice because salvation is near (First Reading). God stands in her midst and will deliver her from her enemies.

The theme of joy is even more emphatic in the Second Reading. St. Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice because the Lord is near. So there is no need to worry. If the people need anything, they are to pray for it, and the peace of God will be with them!

The theme of the nearness of the Lord is also at the heart of the Gospel. John the Baptist tells the people what they must do in order to prepare for the Lord's coming and to escape his searching judgment. At the same time John makes it clear that his role in salvation history is to be a servant to the Lord.

It is my pleasure to announce that Santa has come early to the pre-school children of Transfiguration Elementary School. The Pre-K will receive a new playground during the month of January. This new playground is a gift of an anonymous donor and of the Shea Foundation. You might remember that the Shea Foundation partnered with the Hannon Foundation to give our school children a dance studio two years ago. In the midst of your celebrating during this holy season, please take a moment to say a prayer for all of our donors who enable us to give our students such a wonderful education! As Tiny Tim said so well in Dicken's Christmas Carol, "God bless us, every one!!"

*Father Michael Tang*



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Bernadette on

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Children Mass: Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 5:15 PM

Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM

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

*Bishop Edward Clark, Presider*

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM & 12:15 PM

**No 8:00 AM Mass on Christmas**

## NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Tuesday, January 1, 2013 at 10:00 AM

### 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

Virtus Re-Certification Class at Transfiguration

**Thursday, January 24, 2013**

from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the hall.

## Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, and Lilla Williams.

## Men's Retreat

The weekend of January 18, 19, and 20, 2013 the Retreat for the men of our parish will be held at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayers, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. This year's Retreat theme: *The Gift of Mater Dolorosa, the Memoria Passionis*. There will be someone in the patio area to give you more information or contact Greg Warner, your parish retreat Captain or Maurice Simon, Co-Captain.

## School News

*Celebrating 75 Years*  
*A Legacy of Making a Difference*  
 Serving the Community Since 1937

There will be NO BINGO January 6, 2013. Bingo resumes in February 2013. Wishing you Happy Holidays from Transfiguration School family!

### NEW STUDENTS TESTING & GUIDED TOUR

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM

We offer guided tours and new student testing monthly. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Crockett in the main office for assistance at 323.292.3011.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> Piano Recital grades 2-5 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Piano Recital grades 6-8 at 6:00 PM

Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program at 6:30 PM

Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful season.

### ELECTRONICS PICK UP

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

The school is collecting electronics - monitors, televisions, keyboards, chords and old cell phones. If you have any of these items, please drop them off to the school before Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Mrs. Marilyn Moore for your paper donation to the school.  
 We appreciate you!

A WARM THANK YOU FROM TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL!

### PAPER DONATION

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

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 15</b>
5:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 16</b>
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Montie Porter
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Aleeta Walters
<b>Monday</b>	<b>December 17</b>
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Bill Steinmetz
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>December 18</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Robert Johns
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>December 19</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Grace Idomele
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>December 20</b>
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Gwen Harmon
<b>Friday</b>	<b>December 21</b>
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Slade Campbell
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>December 22</b>
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Manfred Rawles
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>December 23</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Romalis Aguilar
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Lillian White

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12:2-6, Lk 3:10-18
<b>Monday</b>	Gn 49:2-10, Mt 1:1-17
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jer 23:5-8, Mt 1:18-25
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jgs 13:2-25a, Lk 1:5-25
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Friday</b>	Sg 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
<b>Sunday</b>	Mi 5:1-4a, Ps 80:2-19, Lk 1:39-45

## Sacrificial Gifts

<b>Sunday, December 11, 2011</b>	<b>Sunday, December 9, 2012</b>
\$4,478.37 Sacrificial Gift	\$5,675.41 Sacrificial Gift
358.36 Building Fund	443.15 Building Fund
204.78 "We Care"	253.23 "We Care"

### Did You Know? Tips for choosing safe toys for kids

Millions of toys are out there, and hundreds of new ones hit the stores each year. Toys are supposed to be fun and are an important part of any child's development. But each year, scores of kids are treated in hospital emergency departments for toy-related injuries. Here are some general guidelines to keep in mind when toy-shopping: Toys made of fabric should be labeled as "flame resistant" or "flame retardant". Stuffed toys should be washable. Painted toys should be covered with lead-free paint. Art materials should say "nontoxic". Crayons and paints should say ASTM D-4236 on the package, which means that they've been evaluated by the American Society for Testing and Materials. For more information, please visit: [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).

## Altar Servers December 22 & 23

### 5:15 PM

Irwin Lagarde  
 Carl Clay  
 Arianna Foster

### 8:00 AM

Lisa Crockett  
 Amanda Johnson  
 Samantha Johnson  
 Johnathan Johnson

### 10:00 AM

Anthony Roque  
 Brendan Wilkerson  
 Chris Robertson  
 Nia Robertson  
 Stephanie Elize

### 12:15 PM

Logan Bush  
 Emilio Ramirez  
 Kofi Karikari  
 Deija Rideaux

**DECEMBER 24 (CHILDREN MASS 5:15 PM) TO BE ASSIGNED – SEE DEACON**

**DECEMBER 24 (MIDNIGHT MASS 11:30 PM)**

Anthony Roque, Maurice Burnett, Gilberto Gonzales, Brendan Wilkerson, Spencer Fuller

**DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY TO BE ASSIGNED – SEE DEACON**