

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Pray without ceasing.
(1 Thessalonians 5:17)



Without ceasing? That sounds impossible, doesn't it? Take heart! Paul doesn't really mean we should literally pray all day long. He is talking about an attitude. He is asking us to try to be aware of God throughout our days, no matter what we are doing.

That still might seem a bit drastic, but think about the Virgin Mary. Try to picture her and what she must have been thinking a few days before Jesus was born. Like every expectant mother, she was probably alert to every movement of the child inside of her. Imagine her putting her hands on her stomach and smiling every time the baby moved—even when he kicked hard! Picture her constantly having to adjust her position when she sat, taking care when she walked, getting enough sleep, and getting her home ready to welcome her baby. Everything was focused on caring for the life growing within her.

Just as Mary was alert to the movements of the baby inside her, we can be alert to the movements of the Holy Spirit inside us. Of course, this was easier for Mary. Her entire body had changed during her pregnancy. There was no way not to be

Here is one way that you can get better at sensing God's presence throughout your day. Try to set aside a few times each day when you will stop for a moment and turn to the Lord. Perhaps you can begin your day with a moment of prayer and then try to stop every three hours and pray and then commend yourself to the Lord just before bed.

Your prayer doesn't have to be difficult either. Just say the Lord's Prayer, thank him for one blessing, and ask his forgiveness if you have any sin on your mind. Over time, you'll feel closer to the Lord. Who knows? You may even feel him moving in your heart, just as Mary felt him in her womb!

"Lord, help me to stay close to you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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 MASS

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 DAY MASS

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:

ADULT CHOIR CONCERT

Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 PM

THE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 PM

Free Dinners Christmas Day at St. Agatha

Dinner served from 11AM to 3PM in the parish hall.

Please invite those in your community who are homeless, needy, lonely or who need a spirit filled inviting place to celebrate the birthday of our Savior Jesus Christ. A hot sit down meal with giveaways, used clothing, Santa visits and gifts for the children... Address: 2610 S. Mansfield Avenue, near S. LaBrea and West Adams, 90016. For more information call 323.935.8127.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 61:1-11, Lk1:46-54, Jn 1:6-28
Monday	Jer 23: 5-8, Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	Jgs 13:2-25, Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	Sgs 2:8-14, Lk 1:39-45
Friday	1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	Mal 3:1-24, Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	2 Sm 7:1-16, Ps 89:2-29, Lk 1:26-38

MASS INTENTIONS

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
12:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Starks
Saturday December 23	
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Sunday December 24	
8:00 AM	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 AM	Soul of Yula Wilkes
5:15 PM	Soul of Angula Bates
Midnight	Intention of all Parishioners
Monday December 25	
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Weekly Offering December 10, 2017

\$8,042.36 Tithe and Offering
124.00 Building Fund
36.00 "We Care"

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. Every Catholic Woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be **Friday, January 19, 2018** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish located at 1955 West Jefferson Blvd. in Los Angeles in the Acacia Room next to church. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. For more information call your parish representative Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

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's 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!

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

Bus Trip

Join us for a trip to Colorado Belle in Laughlin, Nevada on **Saturday, January 13 to Monday, January 15, 2018.** Call 213.369.4889 to reserve your seat.

Birthday Wishes to:
DOROTHY STANLEY
99 years on December 26th

*Blessings, from your
Transfiguration Church Family!*

