

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

The Season of Advent focuses our attention on the coming of Christ. If we stop and think about it, we realize that we live between the two comings of Christ – his first coming in humility and weakness at Bethlehem, and his second coming in majesty and power at the end of time. St. Paul says that with each passing year, our salvation is nearer than we first believed.

The purpose of Advent helps us prepare for Christmas; as such, the Advent liturgy relives in a microcosmic way the history of Israel, viewing it through the eyes of Christian faith. It shows that all of that history was pointing and leading toward Jesus. He is the one who fulfilled the messianic prophecies.

Today's First Reading points to the first coming of Christ. It says that the Messiah will be descended from the stock of David, and wisdom, justice, and integrity will mark his reign.

The Gospel deals with the Second Coming of Christ. The early Christians believed that the Second Coming was near, and would be preceded by cosmic signs. The disciples are urged to await the Lord's coming with confidence, vigilance, and prayer.

Thanksgiving has come and gone, but we need to salute the great work of the Knights of Peter Claver who worked so hard to cook over 150 Turkey Dinners that were given away to those who could not share Thanksgiving with family or friends. We are also grateful to the many parishioner donors who brought the ingredients that made some of these meals possible.

If you can believe it, the end of the year is upon us and Christmas is around the corner. In the hustle and bustle of the season, don't forget the true reason of the feast, which is the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ! We here at Transfiguration have many ways to prepare for our Lord at Christmas. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend our **Anointing Mass** on December 12th at 11:00 AM and our **Reconciliation**, which is being hosted at St. Bernadette, on December 18th at 7:30 PM. Finally, our concerts: the **Adult Gospel Choir** on December 16th at 7:00 PM and our **School Pageant and Children's Choir** performance on December 20th at 6:30 PM.

Happy Advent everyone!!

Father Michael Tang

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, Catherine Green, Jan Harvey, Donovan Haynes, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laurretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldred 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.

Altar Servers December 8 & 9

5:15 PM

Carl Clay
Caycee Chapman
Matthew Madere

8:00 AM

Amanda Johnson
Lisa Crockett
Johnathan Johnson

10:00 AM

Brendan Wilkerson
Maurice Burnett
Spencer Fuller
Gilberto Gonzales

12:15 PM

Emilio Ramirez
Allison Brown
Alexis Brown

School News

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

Thank you to all the school families who donated canned goods for Thanksgiving. The donations were given to the Woman's Shelter (Arlington/Venice location in Los Angeles).

There will be NO BINGO on Sunday, December 2, 2012 and January 4, 2013. Wishing you Happy Holidays from Transfiguration School family! See you in February 2013.

NEW STUDENTS TESTING & GUIDED TOURS ARE:

Sunday, December 2nd & Sunday, January 27th 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.

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, December 12th KABOOM meeting
 /Community/Adult Workshop

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

Wednesday, December 19th PM Piano Recital grades 6-8 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20th Christmas Program at 6:30 PM

Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful season.

ATTENTION

After carefully reviewing our records, for the **Safeguard the Children Program** ~ many of you who are serving in a ministerial capacity have not completed the 3 hours VIRTUS training. In order to comply with the Archdiocese policy, it is mandatory that you are certified. The next 3 hours session will take place here at Transfiguration in the hall on Thursday, December 6th promptly at 7:00 PM. Thank you for your cooperation. **NO CHILD CARE AVAILABLE.**

FINGERPRINTING DATES:

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish and school/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. Dates below:

Friday, December 7th at St. Philomena, 21900 Main St., Carson. Times: 12:00pm-3:40pm & 5:20pm-7:20pm. For an appointment, call 310.835.7161.

Tuesday, December 18th at Presentation of Mary, 6406 Parmelee Ave., L.A. Times: 12:00pm-3:40pm & 5:20pm-7:20pm. For an appointment, call 323.585.0570.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 p.m.	December 1 Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 2 Soul of Timothy Baker
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Souls of Preston and Rosa Thompson
Monday 8:00 a.m.	December 3 Soul of Sharon Meyer
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	December 4 Soul of Joffa Kern
Wednesday 8:00 a.m.	December 5 Intention of Eleanor Wooten
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	December 6 Soul of Joan Peter
Friday 9:30 a.m.	December 7 Intention of Transfiguration School
Saturday 5:15 p.m.	December 8 Souls of Mary Ann and Hattie Ward
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	December 9 Soul of Vera Quant
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Milton Keyes
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-14, Lk 21:25-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10, Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Gn 3:9-20, Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9, Ps 126:1-6, Lk 3:1-6

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, November 27, 2011	Sunday, November 25, 2012
\$2,945.72 Sacrificial Gift	\$4,030.38 Sacrificial Gift
270.85 Building Fund	353.80 Building Fund
154.77 "We Care"	202.17 "We Care"

Collections through October 31, 2012

Actual	\$87,244
Budgeted	\$88,261

Amount under budget \$1017

Thank you for all of your contributions.

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS ENJOYMENT

**A Christmas Concert featuring
 TRANSFIGURATION'S GOSPEL CHOIR**

Oscar Pratt, Director

Join us **Sunday, December 16th at 7:00 PM** here in the church. Ticket donation: Adult \$10 and Children \$5. Refreshments following in the hall!

Join **Howlett Smith** at the Smyrna SDA Church, 4394 W. Washington Blvd. LA on December 9th at 4:00 PM. We hope you can experience his divine Christmas Cantata with his Harmony Choir.