

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

21 December 2014

*The Lord...will establish a house for you. (2 Samuel 7:11)*

Imagine David's surprise when God denied his request to build a temple but promised instead to build a house for David – a royal dynasty that would never end! Like David, we often think that human hands can build a house for God. We think if we spend enough time accomplishing tasks in our churches or doing enough charitable works, we can establish his kingdom on earth. We tend to forget that the Christian life has just as much to do with humbly receiving unmerited grace from a powerful and generous God. We tend to forget God's greatest desire – to build his personality, his priorities, and his passions within us. There is a wonderful story about the late Vietnamese cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan who, while still a young bishop, was arrested and imprisoned by his government. Van Thuan was so devastated at not being able to complete the projects that he had started for God that he went nights without sleeping. Then one night he heard a voice saying, "Everything you have done and desire to continue doing... are God's works, but they are not God. Choose God and not the works of God." These words changed Van Thuan's whole way of thinking. He found a new peace and strength to surmount moments in prison that were almost unbearable. In his book, *Testimony of Hope*, Cardinal Van Thuan referred to Mary as a prime example of choosing God and not the works of God. "She abandoned her projects without fully understanding the mystery that was being accomplished in her body and in her destiny." By her fiat, Mary allowed God to build within her a house for Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. May we follow her example and let God build his house within and among us.



*"Jesus, I surrender to you. Come and dwell within me, so that I may give you 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

## St. Vincent dePaul CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

December 28, 2014



## KPC Jr. Daughters



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

## Christmas TV Mass

Christmas Mass on TV will bring the joyful celebration of our Lord's Nativity into homes, healthcare settings, and other places. Please invite homebound loved ones to join in the Heart of the Nation **Catholic TV Mass on Christmas Day at 9:00 AM on KDOC channel 56**. The Christmas Scripture readings, traditional hymns, and the inspiring surroundings of an 1800's chapel will give TV Mass viewers the gift of rejoicing in the meaning and blessings of Christmas.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday December 20**  
 5:15 PM Intention of Jackeline Holeman and  
 Soul of Romona Alexander

**Sunday December 21**  
 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

**Wednesday December 24**  
 5:15 PM Soul of Angula Bates  
 12 Midnight Intention of all Parishioners

**Thursday December 25**  
 9:30 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia and  
 Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

### Readings for the week

**Sunday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12-16, Ps 89:2-5, Lk 1:26-38  
**Monday** 1 Sm 1:24-28, Lk 1:46-56  
**Tuesday** Mal 3:1-24, Lk 1:57-66  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:1-16, Lk 1:67-79  
 Is 62:1-5, Ps 89:4-29, Mt 1:1-25  
 Is 9:1-6, Ps 96:1-13, Lk 2:1-14  
**Thursday** Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1-6, Jn 1:1-18  
**Friday** Acts 6:8-59, Mt 10:17-22  
**Saturday** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:2-8  
**Sunday** Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 2:22-40

### December 14, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$6,104.62 Tithe and Offering  
 646.78 Building Fund  
 62.00 "We Care"

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
 LENA NEWELL  
 ON HER 96 BIRTHDAY**



*Blessings, from your Transfiguration Church Family!*

### Altar Servers Schedule December 20 & 21

5:15PM	SAM	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	

### Christmas Eve Children Mass December 24

**5:15 PM** Cori Chapman, Caycee Chapman, & Dillon Rickenbacker

### Christmas Eve Midnight Mass December 24

Servers must be here by 11:30 PM

Martin Hill, Alonzo Ramos, Lanigi Chinilio & Jeremiah Sykes

### 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.

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.

### *Congrats*

Congratulations to **Annalise Colvin** ~ daughter of Tony Colvin who has been accepted to Harvard University. You rock Annalise!

**Sarah Yerima** has been awarded the Rhodes scholarship for 2015. She is one of only 32 Americans chosen! She will attend Oxford University next year! Congratulations Sarah!!

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

#### 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

#### 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.

### 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.