

# Fourth Sunday of Advent

22 December 13

## From the Pastor's Desk

Lots of us like making plans. For some the best part of travel or any new venture is in the planning. Likewise, there is nothing so frustrating as the disruption of our plans for the day or weekend or our lives.

Christmastime often involves a lot of planning: decorations, presents, meals and travel or overnight guests. Just like the first Christmas, those plans may have to give way. Perhaps this is the first Christmas when our adult child does not come home. Maybe someone is sick or in the hospital. This year we might have lost a loved one and have to face the holidays without their presence in our lives.

No, we can't control most things, but there is one thing we can *learn* to control: our attitude. Victor Frankel writes in *Man's Search for Meaning*: "Everything can be taken from a person but one thing: the last of human freedoms—to choose one's attitude in any given circumstance."

Jesus taught us that we are to love those on our path today. Maybe this should be our plan, not only for Christmas but also for life. Whoever you send me, God; whatever the circumstances – these I cannot control. However, like Joseph, Mary and all the saints. I can choose to love. And it is love that was born at Christmas. Love, come and be born in us.

We are extremely grateful for all of you who made our Giving Tree such a huge success this year. The children of Transfiguration School thank all of you for your generosity in making their Christmas so special. The children who do not attend our school but who will enjoy our family mass on Christmas Eve also thank you.

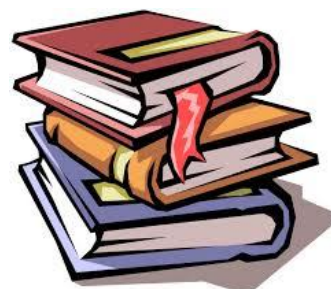
On behalf of the rectory staff, parish school faculty and staff, Father Lawrence Seyer, Father Mike McCullough, Deacon Gregory Patterson and Brother Ethan Southard, I wish each of you a joyful and blessed holy day.

Happy Christmas to all!

*Fr. Michael Tang*

Mark  
Your  
Calendar...

**SCHOOL LIBRARY  
GRAND OPENING**  
Sunday, December 22  
from 9AM to 2PM.



**Refreshments  
will be served.**

*Everyone is invited!*

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## **SCHOOL PAPER DONATION**

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

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## **2013 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

*Together in Mission*

Parish Goal:	\$27,141.30
Amount Pledged:	\$21,528.51
Amount Paid:	\$14,805.51
Under Goal:	\$12,335.79

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## **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.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday December 21

5:15 PM Soul 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

### Monday December 23

8:00 AM Soul of Michael Stokes

### Tuesday December 24

5:15 PM Soul of Angula Bates

Midnight Intention of all Parishioners

### Wednesday December 25

8:00 AM Soul of Lillian White

10:00 AM Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

### Thursday December 26

8:00 AM Soul of Michael Stokes

### Friday December 27

8:00 AM Intention of Meiling Harden

### Saturday December 28

5:15 PM Soul of Lillian White

### Sunday December 29

8:00 AM Soul of Sam Richardson

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Intention of Robert Johns

## Readings for the week

**Sunday** Is 7:10-14, Ps 24:1-6, Mt 1:18-24

**Monday** Mal 3:1-24, Lk 1:57-66

**Tuesday** 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

**Wednesday** Is 52:7-10, Ps 98:1-6, Jn 1:1-18

**Thursday** Acts 6:8-10, Mt 10:17-22

**Friday** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20:1a-8,

**Saturday** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

**Sunday** Sir 3:2-14, Ps 128:1-5, Mt 2:13-23

## A CHRISTMAS CONCERT

### Transfiguration's Gospel Choir

*with Musical Ensemble and Strings*

**Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 PM**

**Oscar Pratt, Director**

Tickets: Adults \$15 - Children \$7

*Refreshments in hall following concert.*



## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

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

Christmas Carols at 11:30 PM

Midnight Mass: Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

### CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> 8 AM & 10 AM

**No 12:15 PM Mass on Christmas**

### NEW YEARS MASS SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at 10:00 AM

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO  
LENA NEWELL  
ON HER 95 BIRTHDAY.**



*Blessing, from your  
Transfiguration Church Family*

## Sacrificial Gifts

**Sunday, December 16, 2012**

\$5,389.38 Sacrificial Gift

443.94 Building Fund

253.68 "We Care"

**Sunday, December 15, 2013**

\$4,180.83 Sacrificial Gift

364.37 Building Fund

208.21 "We Care"

## 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

### Christmas Eve December 24

**5:15PM**

Jordan Baylis

Jareed Baylis

Sierra Black

**11:30PM**

Martin Hill

Lanigi Chimilio

### Christmas Day December 25

**8AM**

Cori Chapman

Caycee Chapman

**10AM**

Destiny Mayers

Kenya Mayers