

Second Sunday of Advent

8 December 13

From Our Seminarian Intern

In this week's Gospel we hear John the Baptist telling us to "Prepare the way of the Lord". He says "Make straight his paths". This time of Advent is a great opportunity for us to do just that – to prepare our hearts to receive Christ. It's a chance for us to clear the path to our hearts – to straighten out all of our crooked ways. That's why this season of Advent is such a gift – it's a gift because we are given the time to reflect on our lives, change those areas that need improving, and to recognize the many ways that God loves us. At the same time, we are filled with the eager anticipation of an expectant mother – the anticipation that Mary surely must have felt as she prepared for the birth of her son – the birth of Jesus.

Mary is also inviting us to join in her anticipation – in her preparation for Jesus. Many times this is a quiet anticipation – it is a silent preparation – like the germination of a seed being planted deep in the ground. No, we might not see the growth and the transformation that is happening, but there really is a new life growing – a new life sprouting up.

Like our Mother Mary, our parish here at the Church of the Transfiguration also has a new life growing – a shoot preparing to sprout. Our Youth Ministry Program will have its kickoff celebration on Monday December 23rd at 7:30 PM in the St. Peter Claver room. This will be an opportunity for all 7th through 12th graders here in our parish community who would like to gather in the spirit of Advent and Christmas by giving back to our community. That evening we will be drinking hot chocolate, listening to Christmas songs, and wrapping all of the gifts that have been donated for the students of our very own Transfiguration School.

The Youth Ministry is sponsoring the Giving Tree which is located here in the church near the baptismal font. All of the ornaments on the Giving Tree represent one of our students in the school. The ornaments detail the students age, grade, and gender and serve as a guide when thinking about what type of gift or toy to donate. We are all encouraged to pick up an ornament today and help make this Christmas a special one for the students of our elementary school.

The Youth Ministry will be available to collect the donations in the church hall after all Masses between now and Christmas. On Christmas Eve at the 5:15 PM Family Mass, every student of Transfiguration School will receive a gift! So let us join together with Mary our Mother and our Youth Ministry Program to prepare for the coming of God's only Son Christ Jesus!

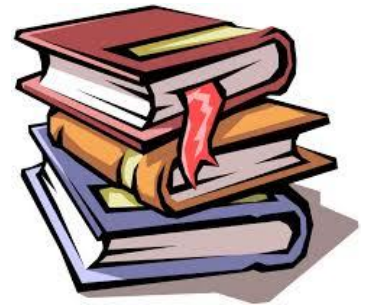
Blessings on your week!
Brother Ethan

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, Lauretta 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.

Mark
Your
Calendar...

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



**Refreshments
will be served.**

Everyone is invited!

Monday, December 9th
is the
Immaculate
Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

*(not a Holy day of
Obligation this year).*

**Daily Mass at
8:00 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.

Did you know?

Santa Safety

Here are some simple guidelines for parents, guardians, and grandparents to employ to make sure that children have a safe and happy visit with Santa's helper: When your child is with Santa's helper, consider encouraging him or her to stand next to Santa or sit on the floor between his feet rather than sitting on his lap. Let your child know that it's okay to tell Santa what he or she wants for Christmas but that he or she should also tell mom and dad because they are also Santa's helpers... Secret surprises are special but no adult should ask a child to keep secrets from the child's parents. Make sure that the Santa visit is out in the open—or make sure that parents, guardians, and grandparents are included in the interaction. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Safety for Children and Santa Helpers," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

Are You Being Called To Become A Deacon

Formation Office: Information Meeting for Men Interested in the Permanent Diaconate, Sunday January 12, 2014

The Diaconate Formation Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the Diaconate Formation Program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on Sunday January 12, 2014 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., at St. John Chrysostom located at 546 East Florence Ave., Inglewood, CA 90301. For further information, please contact Mrs. Claudia Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at 213.637.7383 or at: CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org.

*If you want to be first, make yourself servant of all.
(Mt. 20:27)*

Altar Servers Schedule December 14 & 15

5:15PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony Martinez
Sierra Black

8AM

Lisa Crockett
Cori Chapman
Rome Washington

10AM

Martin Hill
Anthony Roque
Kenya Mayers
Destiny Mayers

12:15PM

Kofi Karikari
Logan Bush
Matthew Madere
Nathan Burrell

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 7

5:15 PM Souls of Mary Ann & Hattie Ward

Sunday December 8

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 PM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Monday December 9

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Tuesday December 10

8:00 AM Intention of Brian Argusta

Wednesday December 11

8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Joseph Idomele

Thursday December 12

8:30 AM Intention of Transfiguration School

Saturday December 14

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday December 15

8:00 AM Intention of Dorothy Coignet Stanley
10:00 AM Souls of Preston, Rosa and Dante Thompson
12:15 PM Soul of Magdalene LaCour

Readings for the week

Sunday	Is 11:1-10, Ps 72:1-17, Mt 3:1-12
Monday	Gn 3:9-20, Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31, Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:39-47
Friday	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-11, Mt 17:9a,-13
Sunday	Is 35:1-10, Ps 146:6-10, Mt 11:2-11

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, December 2, 2012

\$7,492.86 Sacrificial Gift
627.07 Building Fund
358.33 "We Care"

Sunday, December 1, 2013

\$6,169.37 Sacrificial Gift
523.77 Building Fund
200.29 "We Care"

A CHRISTMAS CONCERT
Transfiguration's Gospel Choir
with Musical Ensemble and Strings
Sunday, December 22nd at 7:00 PM
Oscar Pratt, Director
Tickets: Adults \$15 - Children \$7
Refreshments in hall following concert.



Christmas Concert at St. Joan of Arc Parish
Friday, December 20th at 7:30 PM

In the church
11534 Gateway Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90064

310.479.5111

Tickets \$20 for adults; \$10 for children (12 and under).
Light Refreshments served at intermission.