

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 9, 2012

## From the Pastor's Desk

In this weekend's Gospel we hear the lonely but insistent voice of John the Baptist urging us to "prepare the way for the Lord." In the First Reading the prophet Baruch delivers a comforting message to Zion; her sorrows are ended and her children will be restored to her from exile. God will level a highway to facilitate their return, and bring about a great restoration. Even though the actual return from exile fell far short of the picture painted here, it did point the way to the messianic era.

This leads into the Gospel, where Luke introduces us to the Messiah and his herald, John the Baptist. To underline the universality of salvation, Luke sets the event within the framework of world history. In the manner of an Old Testament prophet, John undertakes to prepare the people for the coming of the Savior by calling them to repentance.

The Second Reading deals with the final coming of Christ. In his love for his fellow Christians, Paul urges them to prepare for the Second Coming by living pure and blameless lives.

A reminder: that we will have our Advent Mass of the Anointing this Wednesday, December 12 at 11:00 AM. There will be no 8:00 AM Mass on that day. The Mass will be followed by a simple lunch of chicken soup and salad in the hall. All are welcomed and encouraged to attend! Have a great week everyone!

*Father Michael Tang*

## Men's Retreat

The weekend of January 18, 19, and 20, 2013 the Retreat for the men of our parish will be held at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayers, Mass, Confession and Stations of the Cross. This year's Retreat theme: *The Gift of Mater Dolorosa, the Memoria Passionis*. There will be someone in the patio area to give you more information or contact Greg Warner, your parish retreat Captain or Maurice Simon, Co-Captain.

## 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, Laretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred 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 Whyne, and Lilla Williams.

## Altar Servers December 15 & 16

### 5:15 PM

Irwin Lagarde  
Jordan Baylis  
Jared Baylis

### 8:00 AM

Delisa Madere  
Derek Madere  
Noelle London

### 10:00 AM

Keisha Manning  
Thea Chimilio  
Latoya Chimilio  
Chris Robertson

### 12:15 PM

Logan Bush  
Kofi Karikari  
Tyler Smith  
Emilio Ramirez

## School News

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

There will be **NO BINGO** January 4, 2013. Bingo resumes in February 2013. Wishing you Happy Holidays from Transfiguration School family!

### NEW STUDENTS TESTING & GUIDED TOUR

Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

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

Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> Piano Recital grades 6-8 at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Program at 6:30 PM

Please join us as we celebrate this wonderful season.

### ELECTRONICS PICK UP

Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

The school is collecting electronics - monitors, televisions, keyboards, chords and old cell phones. If you have any of these items, please drop them off to the school before **Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### SPECIAL THANK YOU

to Ms Barbara Starks for your paper donation to the school.  
 We appreciate you!

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.

### MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, December 12 at 11:00 AM**. No 8:00 AM Mass on that day. A light luncheon will follow.

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Bernadette on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM.



### 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.

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>December 8</b> Souls of Mary Ann and Hattie Ward
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 9</b> Soul of Vera Quant
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Milton Keyes
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 10</b> Intention of Jamae Romero
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 11</b> Soul of Vera Quant
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 12</b> Soul of Stan Robottom
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 13</b> Soul of Lillian White
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 14</b> Soul of Edmund Richards
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 p.m.	<b>December 15</b> Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 a.m.	<b>December 16</b> Soul of Montie Porter
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Aleeta Walters

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Bar 5:1-9, Ps 126:1-6, Lk 3:1-6
<b>Monday</b>	Is 35:1-10, Lk 5:17-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 40:1-11, Mt 18:12-14
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zec 2:14-17, Lk 1:26-38
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 41:13-20 Mt 11:11-15
<b>Friday</b>	Is 48:17-19, Mt 11:16-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11, Mt 17:10-13
<b>Sunday</b>	Zep 3:14-18a, Is 12:2-6, Lk 3:10-18

## Sacrificial Gifts

<b>Sunday, December 4, 2011</b>	<b>Sunday, December 2, 2012</b>
\$5,491.17 Sacrificial Gift	\$7,492.86 Sacrificial Gift
463.89 Building Fund	627.07 Building Fund
265.08 "We Care"	358.33 "We Care"

The **school collection** for the month of November was \$1,865.62. Thank you for your support.

### FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS ENJOYMENT

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

### THANK YOU

The Youth Ministry would like to send a heartfelt thank you for supporting the successful Hawaiian Breakfast. All proceeds from fundraisers will support upcoming youth activities such as, a field trip to the Apple Store, and Christmas Movie night. For further Youth activities refer to your bulletin or monthly calendar.