

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 19, 2012

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG!

The main theme of this weekend's First Reading and the Gospel is that of forgiveness of sins. In 2:1-3:6 the Gospel writer Mark tells of five objections raised by the Pharisees to what Jesus does and says. We hear the first of these in the Gospel – his claim to have authority to forgive sins. The prophet Isaiah tells the people that God will give them a fresh demonstration of his love, and blot out all of their sins. This wonderful promise is fulfilled in the person Jesus, who demonstrates that he has authority on earth to forgive sins.

As most of you know, the season of Lent begins this Wednesday which is Ash Wednesday. For your convenience we will have three services that day; for those who would like to attend one on their way to work, there will be an 8:00 a.m. Mass. We will also have a Mass with the distribution of Ashes at 9:30 a.m. with our school children. Finally Deacon Greg will preside over a Liturgy of the Word, with Holy Communion and the distribution of Ashes at 6:00 p.m. Enjoy your last few days of "freedom," and when deciding what you wish to "give up" for Lent, remember that change comes from within, and change of heart or of the interior is much more important than physical denial. God's blessings on all of you this week!

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:30 AM -12:00 PM Religious Education Class
2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-*PCFM*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

HOLIDAY (President's Day)

School and Church Offices Closed

7:00 PM Bible Study-*hall*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

No School

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Services 8, 9:30 AM, 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9:30 AM School Stations

6:30 AM Stations of the Cross

5-9 PM Stations

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

1:00-3:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Meeting

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

1st Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM -12:00 PM Religious Education Class

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18

5:15 p.m. Int. of Lillian White

Sunday, February 19

8:00 a.m. +Yula Wilkes

10:00 a.m. +Slade Campbell

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Monday, February 20

8:00 a.m. +Ellyjuana Fruge

Tuesday, February 21

8:00 a.m. Int. of Baby Natalie Cabian Hernandez

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. +Barbara McNamara

Thursday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Int. of Anita Finie

Friday, February 24

8:00 a.m. Int. of Anita Finie

Saturday, February 25

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 43:18-25, Ps 41:2-14, Mk 2:1-12

Monday Jas 3:13-18, Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18, Mt 6:1-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32

Sunday Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-9, Mk 1:12-15

RECYCLING PROGRAM

We are asking every family in the parish and school to save plastic bottles, glass, and aluminum cans, (**no plastic bags, no plastic utensils and no foil paper**) and bring them to the parish to recycle. Thank you for your support.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.

SCHOOL NEWS

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

VIRTUS SESSION

A **Recertification session** is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, in downtown Los Angeles. The session, *Keeping the Promise Alive*, lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is for RE-CERTIFICATION ONLY. To RSVP call 213.680.5270.

Transfiguration will hold two **VIRTUS** Training sessions in the months ahead ~ **Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30 AM and Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM the hall.** Please call the Rectory to reserve a space 323.291.1136. The class, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3 hours.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

8:00 AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes
9:30 AM Mass & Distribution of Ashes w/school children
6:00 PM Distribution of Ashes



C E L E B R A T E
ST. JOSEPH'S DAY WITH US!
 Hosted by the Jefferson Council
Saturday, March 17, 2012
5:15 PM Mass
 Reception follows in hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

ANNUAL FISH FRY AND RAFFLE

Please support our **Annual Fish Fry and Raffle** every Friday from 5:00 until 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, February 13, 2011
 \$6,706.66 Sacrificial Gift
 545.58 Building Fund
 311.76 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, February 12, 2012
 \$4,569.55 Sacrificial Gift
 349.43 Building Fund
 199.67 "We Care"

Join us at 9:30 AM in the school yard for the **Mardi Gras** Celebration on Friday, February 17th.

There will be no school Monday, February 20th – **President's Day** and Tuesday, February 21st – Faculty In-Service.

Join Seminarian Alex and Guests for an evening sharing the Sites Sounds and culture of Uganda **Tuesday evening February 21, 6:00 PM** in the School Science Lab. Sign up in the parish hall.

Please join us for our **Black History Month Program** in the Church at 9:30 AM Tuesday February 28, 2012.

Spring See's Candy Fundraiser ends Tuesday, February 29th.

Black History Museum - Sunday February 26th - Parishioners wishing to submit items for the museum are asked to turn them in to Stephanie Moore by Friday February 24th.

African American History Community/Evening Program – Tuesday, February 28th 6:30 PM in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this special event. If you are interested in performing, contact **Stephanie Moore** at the school office.

Transfiguration School is looking for **parent volunteers** to help with the up-coming **Fish Fry** for the Lenten Season. Please **contact Mr. Simon** at the school office.

Please donate snacks and toiletries for our care packages that will go to our troops in **Afghanistan**. We have a school parent serving in Afghanistan at this time please keep him and all the soldiers in your prayers.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, are you feeling tired, misunderstood, or too busy to catch your breath? Well, maybe it's time to get to a quiet space and spend time with yourself and the Lord. Sacred Heart Retreat House is the perfect place. If you think you'd like to join us this year for a Saturday get-away or for the entire weekend of March 30th - April 1st, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 by March 9th. We'd love to have you along!

FREE INCOME TAX PREPARATION

The Voluntary Income Tax Preparation program (VITA) provides free tax preparation service to low income families with household incomes under \$50,000. For more information regarding the event dates and locations, contact Mr. Chris Bozant at 323.980.1221.

Altar Servers Schedule

Stations of the Cross February 24, 2012

Maurice Burnett
 Gilberto Gonzales
 Brendon Wilkerson

Spencer Fuller
 Chris Robertson
 Martin Hill

Altar Servers Schedule February 25 & 26, 2012

5:15 PM

Carl Clay
 Nia Robertson
 Chris Robertson

8:00 AM

Lisa Crockett
 Samantha Joseph
 Amanda Johnson
 Johnathan Johnson

10:00 AM

Martin Hill
 Alias Hilton
 Anthony Roque
 Brenden Wilkerson
 Maurice Burnett

12:15 PM

Emilio Ramirez
 Logan Bush
 Allison Brown
 Alexis Brown