

Dear Parishioners,

Becoming fully awake, they saw his glory. (Luke 9:32)

It had been a long day. Troubles at work, financial challenges, infuriating traffic—and now, the burdened man was driving home from work feeling tense and anxious. But then he crested a hill and saw a beautiful sunset over the valley where he lived. His heart lifted, and he remembered why he was doing it all in the first place. It was as if someone had drawn a curtain back from a window.

How easy it can be to get bogged down with our obligations! And how deeply the Holy Spirit wants to get our attention! Look at the disciples. They fell asleep while Jesus was praying. Imagine their surprise as they opened their drowsy eyes and saw him transfigured. Or look at Abraham: he and Sarah had longed for children for decades. Think of how hard it was for him to believe that he would have just one child, much less a sky full. He probably never looked at the night sky the same again.

God wants to get our attention. He wants to nudge us and readjust our focus. Maybe something special happens, and the “light goes on,” changing our perspective. Or maybe we’re trying to become more attentive to God’s presence, and he sends a blessed moment when he “pulls back the curtain,” revealing a glimpse of his glory.

You don’t have to wait for God to surprise you. You can put yourself in a position where he can open your eyes and change your perspective. Today, try to slow down a couple of times, and look for God’s presence. Maybe you can take a walk and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature. Or maybe visit a church and sit before the Blessed Sacrament. Or just close your eyes, and picture Jesus sitting next to you. No matter how you do it, know that the Lord is near you. Nothing makes him happier than when one of his children “wakes up”!

“Holy Spirit, I am sleepy. Wake me up to God’s presence.
I want to be fully in touch with you today.”

~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Please join us for a Lenten **Pilgrimage** on Saturday, March 5th where we will visit the Holy Door of Mercy at St. John Chrysostom in Inglewood and St. Joan of Arc in Los Angeles. We will depart from Transfiguration Church on Roxton Avenue at 8:00 AM and return at 1:00 PM. We are requesting a donation of \$10.00 per person for this spiritual journey to help defray the cost of the bus. If you are not able to attend, we welcome and appreciate your financial support. We are accepting donations thru **February 28th which may be given to** Liz Quinn, Father Bernard or send it to the Rectory. Sign-up sheets for this Lenten Pilgrimage are at the Sacred Heart Altar. For more information, please contact Liz Quinn at 323.295.8875, 310.251.1051 or contact Father Bernard at the Rectory.

Important Message

Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Stewardship Thought:

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.”

(GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether our home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do we show our gratitude to God for the home He has given us? Do we make a sacrifice of any kind? Do we return any of our finances to God, investing equally in our eternal home just as we invest in our earthly home?

Sacred Heart Retreat

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it’s almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We’d love to have you with us.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Gn 15:5-18, Ps 27:1-14, Lk 9:28b-36
Monday	1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	Is 1:10-20, Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-28a, Mt 21:33-46
Saturday	Mi 7:7-14-20, Lk 15:1-32
Sunday	Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-11, Lk 13:1-9

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 20

5:15 PM Intention of Sidney Poitier and Brian Mutetikka

Sunday February 21

8:00 AM Soul of Tom Franklin

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Soul of William Patterson

Monday February 22

8:00 AM Intention of Brianna Katz

Thursday February 25

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Saturday February 27

5:15 PM Soul of Charles Martin

Sunday February 28

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Hayzetta Patterson



WEEKLY OFFERING

February 14, 2016

\$6,949.39 Tithe and Offering

380.00 Building Fund

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VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

at Transfiguration in the hall.

3 hours Certification March 5, from 9AM-12Noon

1 ½ hour Recertification March 12, from 9-10:30AM

Call the Rectory for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 11:00 AM
MASS OF ANOINTING - NO 8AM MASS
at Transfiguration Church

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM
LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE
at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1000.00

2nd Prize: \$500.00

3rd Prize: \$250.00

You are asked to sell one book which is 40 tickets, total of \$40. There is no need for a **STUB TO WIN**.

All we need is your name, phone number or address.

Drawing: Friday, March 18, 2016 at 8:30 PM in the hall.

Please contact the rectory if you have any questions.

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5:00 to 9:00 PM in the parish hall.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

MOVIE SHOWING

Please join Fr. Mike McCullough, the Reserve Cops of St. Michael and the Bible Study Group in a special screening of the Movie, "WAR ROOM" on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The movie is rated PG-13.

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Millard Goode, Jr., Nancy Goosby, Mary Hall, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Year of Mercy Prayer



Lord Jesus Christ, send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its Anointing, so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a Year of Grace from the Lord, and your church.

With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring your good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever. Amen.