

# Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 February 14

## From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend's Gospel is...well just impossible. Give to those who take from you. Turn the other cheek. Pray for those who mistreat you. Love your enemies. Forgive.

What is especially hard about all this is the notable lack of exceptions. "Love your enemies, except...your parents who were pretty bad at parenting; your sibling who is greedy and taking more than a fair share of your inheritance; your business partner who cheated you; your boss who didn't promote you; your best friend who betrayed you; your ex-spouse; your spouse; your child."

As Jesus asks, what challenge is there in loving those who love you? (Actually, plenty, but we won't go there today.) Are we to love our enemies? This must be divine teaching.

Lent will begin in just ten days. If we have a hatred that's gnawing at us, perhaps it suggests our Lenten discipline. If we can't love our enemies, we can pray for the desire to love them. In addition, as that first act of love we can pray *for* them. However insincere it feels, our intention is good and our prayer will be heard. Who knows?

If we stop clutching that grudge and surrender to doing the right thing, we might be led into love even if right now it is not where we want to go. At any rate, it is something to reflect about in the next few days.

Blessings on your week!

*Fr. Michael Tang*

### THANK YOU

A special thank you to the Knights of Peter Claver Transfiguration Council #220 for their recent donation from the

**2013 Lenten Fish Fry & Raffle**  
to the church in the amount of  
**\$3,611.00.**

We appreciate and thank you for all you do to support Transfiguration Parish.

Transfiguration

### LENTE FISH FRY

**JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT:**

Transfiguration Catholic Church Parish Hall

**March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2014**

**from 5 PM to 9 PM and**

**Good Friday**

**April 18, 2014 from 12 Noon to 6 PM**

**Healthy Grilled or Fried Seafood at its Finest!**

*Featuring Bourbon Street Fish & Grill*

### Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Brian Argusta, Booker & Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Vivian Burgess, 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, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, 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, and Iris Turner.

# ATTENTION

## Parish Grounds Closed by 2:30 PM on Sundays...

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 PM	<b>February 22</b> Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 23</b> Soul of Tom Franklin
10:00 AM	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Soul of Joseph Leon, Sr.
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 24</b> Intention of James Murphy
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 25</b> Intention of Angela Dupre
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 26</b> Soul of Veronica Warner
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 27</b> Intention of Sr. Mary Michaeline Gahwolf 75 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary with Religious Order
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>February 28</b> Soul of Hayzetta Patterson
<b>Saturday</b> 5:15 PM	<b>March 1</b> Soul of Clay Lockett
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00 AM	<b>March 2</b> Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Bernadine Adams
12:15 PM	Soul of Ferdinand Leon

### Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Lv 19:1-18, Ps 103:1-13, Mt 5:38-48
<b>Monday</b>	Jas 3:13-18, Mt 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jas 4:13-17, Mk 9:38-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Jas 5:1-6, Mk 9:41-50
<b>Friday</b>	Jas 5:9-12, Mk 10:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Jas 5:13-20, Mk 10:13-16
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 49:14-15, Ps 62:2-9, Mt 6:24-34

## CONGRATULATIONS

to  
**Virgie Aguillar**  
*(our choir member for over 50 years).*

The Keeper of the Flame Award is named in honor of Daniel Rudd, the founder of the National Black Catholic Congress, and given to individuals selected by their parish. The award was established by the African American Catholic Center for Evangelization and was presented to **Virgie Aguillar** at the Black History Mass. Congratulation!

### Sacrificial Gifts

<b>Sunday, February 17, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday, February 9, 2014</b>
\$5,533.49 Sacrificial Gift	\$4,429.08 Sacrificial Gift
316.76 Building Fund	320.04 Building Fund
190.00 "We Care"	182.88 "We Care"

## Trip to Viejas Casino

Saturday, March 8, 2014  
Call to reserve a seat 213.369.4889

*Spread the word...*

### TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN REVIVAL *FEATURING OUR YOUNG ADULTS*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014 FROM 3:00 - 6:00 PM & SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014 AT 12:15 PM MASS

### FLOY HAWKINS WILL BE MINISTERING THE WORD

and CHRIS NUÑO, MINISTER OF MUSIC.

**NO 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY, MARCH 22.**

### Lenten "Movie" Study 2014

What are you doing for Lent? How about watching a movie? For Lenten reflection, Bible Study will present, "The Power of Small Choices", a 5 week journey created by author Hilary Brand. Based on the movies: Babette's Feast and The Shawshank Redemption, it explores the amazing power small choices can have. To prepare, we will show the movie Babette's Feast on Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, and The Shawshank Redemption - rated "R", on Monday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served. Then each week in Lent we focus on a different theme using clips from the movie as examples. All are invited Monday nights in the parish hall.

### SAVE THE DATE

**VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS**  
at Transfiguration in the hall.

**Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.**

Recertification is required every four years. This session is for people who have already taken the beginning 3-hour training.

### Ladies Retreat

Ladies, it's about that time again. What time? Retreat time. March 28 to 30, 2014 please take out some special time for you and the Lord at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. For more information please contact Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846.