

Second Sunday of Lent

February 24, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

The Gospel on this Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the name of our parish, "The Transfiguration." The First Reading tells of God's promise to Abraham that he would have numerous descendants, and that those descendants would possess the land of Canaan. As a pledge of his fidelity God made a solemn covenant with him.

Our passage describes an ancient rite of covenant or treaty making. To ratify a covenant the contracting parties cut an animal (or animals) into two and walked between the divided parts, invoking the fate of the animals on themselves should they fail to observe the terms of the contract. Since God's covenant with Abraham is unilateral, only God (symbolized by the furnace and the torch) passes between the pieces. The birds of prey symbolize the forces hostile to Israel.

This covenant led to the covenant at Sinai, and culminated in the new and everlasting covenant which Jesus sealed, his own blood on Calvary.

The chief significance of the Tabor experience was for Jesus himself, and this is what Luke emphasizes. The incident was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. It comforted Jesus to know that the road he was traveling was marked by the feet of prophets such as Moses and Elijah. The Transfiguration also benefited the apostles. It prepared them for the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus, the Messiah.

This Thursday, February 28th, marked a significant moment in the history of the Catholic Church as it is only the second time in over two-thousand years that a pontiff has resigned. As you know the Church is embroiled in turbulent times; please take a moment in your Lenten journey to pray that the Holy Spirit inspire the College of Cardinals to make a wise and prudent decision on who becomes the next Holy Father. Blessings on your Lenten Journey and don't forget to support our Annual Fish Fry on Fridays!

Father Michael Tang

Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle

Please support our **Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle** every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Bring the family for fellowship and fun.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

Let us pray for the Holy Father and His Successor...

As you know, this is the final week before our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI retires. Let us pray for the Holy Father that he may have peace with his decision during his final time with us. Remember that God is the One who is ultimately in charge. The Church will continue as it has for almost 2,000 years under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Please offer a special prayer for Pope Benedict as well as for the College of Cardinals.

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 April 5, 6 & 7, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Mrs. Barbara Liggins, District Captain.

The Week Ahead

Sunday February 24

2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Sunday

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

Monday February 25

7:00 PM Bible Study-*hall*

Wednesday February 27

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday February 28

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 1

9:30 AM Daily Mass w/School Children

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 2

9:00 AM -12:00 PM Leadership Training-*hall*

Sunday March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

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

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration School students will participate in the **Academic Decathlon at the Sports Arena – Saturday, March 2, 2013**. Call the school office if you would like to purchase tickets at \$10.00 each.

Stations of the Cross

Friday, February 22, 2013 - Church

New Student Testing

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM - School

Black History Program/Oratorical Event

Monday, March 4 at 9:30 AM - Church

Congratulations to: Alumni, Thea Chimillio, student at St. Mary's Academy, who received the National Science Award from the United States Achievement Academy Scholarship Foundation.

Paper donation: Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Sunday

This **Sunday, February 24** our Parish is having a **Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Stores**. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

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.

FYI:

Information is available concerning **Scholarships for college students and Twelfth Grade Students for College**. Call Jo Ann in the rectory to obtain a copy.

SAVE THE DATES



Transfiguration Casino Night

APRIL 20, 2013

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

(Child care will be provided)

Carnival

May 31-June 1, 2013



Saturday

5:15 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

February 23

Soul of Clay Lockett

February 24

Souls of Tom Franklin and Mignon Barr

Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Intention of all Parishioners

March 1

Soul of Robert Dehaipé & Josiane Sadi

March 2

Intention of all Parishioners

March 3

Soul of Mignon Barr

Soul of Bernadine Adams

Souls of the Kershaw Family

Readings for the week

Sunday

Gn 15:5-18, Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14, Lk 9:28b-36

Monday

Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday

Is 1:10, 16-20, Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday

Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

Thursday

Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

Friday

Gn 37:3-28, Mt 21:33-46

Saturday

Mi 7:14-20, Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday

Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-11, Lk 13:1-9

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, February 19, 2012

\$4,585.95 Sacrificial Gift

339.53 Building Fund

194.02 "We Care"

Sunday, February 17, 2013

\$5,533.49 Sacrificial Gift

316.76 Building Fund

190.00 "We Care"



PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, 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, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Loretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureauud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, and Lilla Williams.