

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 5, 2012

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG!

The theme of the readings this weekend is suffering and Jesus' response to it. During ancient times, the common explanation was that suffering was a punishment for sin. In the First Reading from the Book of Job, Job is a good man, but suffers greatly; in fact his suffering causes him to take a gloomy view of life.

This sets the scene from the Gospel. However, what we see in the Gospel is not Jesus' answer to the question, "why suffering?" but his response to actual suffering. Jesus heals the sick and proclaims the good news of salvation. The Gospel also shows the urgency with which he dedicated himself to preaching the Gospel, something we see exemplified also in Paul (Second Reading).

In the midst of his activity, Jesus found time to pray in quiet places. It was during these hours of solitude that he maintained and fostered the most important thing in his life – his relationship with the Father. Here lay the secret of his successful ministry.

Most of us live very busy lives; as a result we might be spiritually impoverished. As such, I offer the following meditation for you to reflect on. Blessings on your week!

A lonely place

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray.
Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said,
"When you pray, go into your room,
and pray to your Father in secret."
This means that the lonely place is not
necessarily a place far away,
Or that by "room" he means four walls
that separate us physically from others.
The room is the room of our innermost heart.
This room is with us at all times.
We should make it a place to which we can go
to find rest and spiritual recovery
when the world is too much for us.
Then we will discover that the inner room
is not empty after all, but is occupied
by the God of love who dwells in us all.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

School Collection

10:00 AM School Family Mass
10:30 AM -12:00 PM Religious Education Class
2:00 PM Bingo-hall

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

6:00 PM PTO-hall
6:00 PM Religious Education Class-PCRM
6:30 PM CCL-SJRM
6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall
7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-Church

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

1:00 – 5:00 PM Seniors-hall

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

World Marriage Day

10:30 AM -12:30 PM Religious Education Class
12:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting
1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting
2:00 PM Msgr. Buckley Committee Meeting

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	Jb 7:1-7, Ps 147:1-6, Mk 1:29-39
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-13, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-30, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:5-13, Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32, Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-34, Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Lv 13:1-46, Ps 32:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

ANNUAL BLACK HISTORY MASS

Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral

FEBRUARY 18 AT 5PM

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, Lois Gomes 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, Vyldred 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 Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

In order to comply with Safeguard the Children protocol of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, during school days Monday-Friday between 6:00 AM to 6:30 PM. Please do not enter the school area unless you have school business. If you do have official school business, please enter the school gate on Roxton Avenue during school hours and leave the school by this gate. As always, the parking lot is off limits during school and after-school hours.

For church business, ONLY USE the entrance at 2515 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. If attending daily Mass, please use the chapel entrance on Roxton Avenue. The gate through the parking lot is off limits when school is in session and after school hours during the week. Thank you for your cooperation.

FINGERPRINTING

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are **alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person**" is required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. The next fingerprint session is Saturday, February 11th at Precious Blood Parish. For an appointment call 213.389.8439.

VIRTUS Sessions

The next VIRTUS Training session is Saturday, February 11th at St. John the Evangelist RSVP at anita.robi@ca.rr.com. The session, *Protecting God's Children* starts at 9:00 AM and lasts 3 hours. A Recertification session is scheduled on 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. You must have attended the 3 hours *Protecting God's Children* program prior. Recertification is required every four years. For an appointment call 213.680.5270.

Transfiguration will hold two VIRTUS sessions in the months ahead - Saturday, March 3rd at 9:30 AM, and Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM. Please call the Rectory to reserve a space 323.291.1136.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 5

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m. +Leona Mae Roland
12:15 p.m. Int. of Jo Ann Levi

Monday, February 6

8:00 a.m. +Loubirdies Bethely

Tuesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. +Officer Randle D. Simmons

Wednesday, February 8

8:00 a.m. Int. of Mr. & Mrs. Maurice Simon

Thursday, February 9

8:00 a.m. +Leona Mae Roland

Friday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Int. of Brandi Arceneaux

Saturday, February 11

5:15 p.m. Int. of Cynthia Richardson

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you for your support of our **Catholic School's week** celebration! Parishioners donated \$230 towards the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Congrats to Toni Williams 4th grade, who won the **iPod Touch**.

Transfiguration School is having a **Book Fair** from January 30 to February 10, come visit us in our school library.

Transfiguration school is having a **See's Candy fundraiser!** Stop by the hall today or come to the school office during the week.

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.

Join us today February 5th in the hall for **BINGO at 2:00 PM.**

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the **"BOX TOP" LABEL** and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!

2011 TAX STATEMENT!

Tax letters has been mailed out. If you have not received a statement, please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory at 323.291.1136.

ATTENTION

Readers are needed for **the Stations of the Cross** during Lent. We need our youth, young adults, diamonds and anyone else. Please see a CCL representative after each Mass. Those representatives are Deacon Greg Patterson, Sharon Eason or Ella Hartley.



Mardi Gras Time!!!

Saturday, February 18th

Doors Open at 7pm

DONATION

\$30.00 Advance /\$35.00 at Door

Proceeds benefit the
Msgr. Buckley Endowment Fund
for Transfiguration School
2515 W. Martin Luther King Bl.
Los Angeles, CA 90008

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SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, January 31, 2011

\$4,158.20 Sacrificial Gift
365.00 Building Fund
208.80 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, January 29, 2012

\$3,733.39 Sacrificial Gift
332.25 Building Fund
189.86 "We Care"