

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 13, 2011

From the desk of Fr. Michael Tang!

The season of Lent recalls the forty days Jesus spent in the desert, during which time he was tempted by the devil. It is not surprising that on this First Sunday of Lent, that the theme is temptation. In the First Reading we have the story of the tempting of Adam and Eve, and in the Gospel the story of the tempting of Jesus. These are two sophisticated stories, and are not meant to be taken literally.

Jesus is the new Adam, who by his obedience restores for us the gifts lost by the disobedience of the first Adam (see Second Reading). He is also the new Israel. Like the first Israel he too was tested in the desert. But whereas the first Israel was found wanting, Jesus remained faithful to God.

This First Sunday of Lent is also Together in Mission Commitment Sunday here at Transfiguration; thank you to all for supporting this annual Archdiocesan Appeal; remember the important thing is not the amount you contribute, but your participation.

The season of Lent brings with it two annual traditions here in our parish; Friday night Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM and our wonderful Fish Fry. Please join us and plan to make an evening out of it. God bless you as we begin the holy season and let's remember that spiritual change or conversion always comes from within.

VIRTUS Certification

All parish/staff, volunteers or other paid personnel who work in any capacity with or around children will be required to be fingerprinted and **MUST** attend the VIRTUS *Protecting God's Children Awareness Session for Adults*.

Tuesday, March 22 from 6 pm until 9 pm is the 3 hour VIRTUS Certification session. Those who have been fingerprinted and need to take this initial class, training is in the hall. Contact the school or rectory offices for more information and to sign up for these classes.



SAVE THE DATE

ST. JOSEPH DAY MASS

Hosted by Jefferson Council

Saturday, March 26, 2011

10:00 AM 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.

SPIRITUAL SAFARI

Join Deacon Greg and Fr. Joseph Idomele on an exciting spiritual Safari to Kenya, September 19, 2011. Cost includes airfare, hotels, all meals, tours, free stop over in London, and all taxes. For more information contact Deacon Greg in the rectory at 323.291.1136 or email at dcn431@aol.com.

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE

Please make change on your March calendar.

St. Joseph Day Celebration

Saturday, March 26th begins with

Mass at 10:00 AM

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 18, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Amanda Johnson	Gilberto Gonzales
Spencer Fuller	Anthony Roque
Maurice Burnett	Jonathan Johnson
Brendan Wilkerson	

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 19 and 20, 2011

5:15 PM

Devon Wilson
Irwin Lagarde
Rhapsody Washington

8:00 AM

Kalaya Morack
Amanda Johnson
Samatha Joseph
Jonathan Johnson
Andrea McKinley

10:00 AM

Matthew Young
Carl Clay
Gilberto Gonzales
Keisha Manning
Latoya Chimilio
Thea Chimilio

12:15 PM

Emilio Ramirez
Nicholas Godfrey
Arianna Foster
Caycee Chapman

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 12

5:15 p.m. +Stanley DeCuir

Sunday, March 13

8:00 p.m. +Anthony Williams

10:00 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

12:15 p.m. +Ferdinand Leon

Tuesday, March 15

8:00 a.m. +Velma Moseley

Thursday, March 17

8:00 a.m. +Loretta Joseph

Saturday, March 19

5:15 p.m. +Wendell & Shelley Walters

Sunday, March 20

8:00 p.m. +Jordan Manning

10:00 p.m. +Daniel Raggette

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-17, Mt 4:1-11

Monday Lv 19:1-18, Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C: 12-25, Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

Saturday 2 Sm 7:4-16, Lk 2:41-51a

Sunday Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-22, Mt 17:1-9

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 6

\$7,333.20 Sacrificial Gift

610.98 Building Fund

349.13 "We Care"



THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

1st Sunday of Lent

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

11:30 AM Ladies Auxiliary

Jr. Knights Meeting after 12:15 PM Mass

1:30 PM Baptism Class

MONDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 PM Bible Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

1:30 PM Bereavement Meeting-*hall*

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

Religious Education Congress

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

5:00-9 PM Fish Fry-*hall*

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM Alanon Meeting-*PCRm*

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

10:00 AM Cherrywood-*hall*

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-*PCRm*

SCHOOL NEWS

PARISH/SCHOOL-WIDE 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. All proceeds will help to pay off the school debt to the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

ELECTRONICS

We will have another E-Waste pick-up. The school is collecting electronics - monitors, televisions, keyboards, chords and old cell phones. If you have any of these items, please drop them off at the school office Monday thru Friday 7:00 AM ~ 4:00 PM. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our school participated in "Notre Dame Academy's Songfest/Spelling Bee/Science Fair" The competition was open to 7th graders in the Archdiocese. In the Spelling Bee, Jewell Matthews and Ishmael Ester completed to the 6th [out of 10] rounds. In the Songfest, Amanda Johnson received Honorable Mention. In the Science Fair, Delisa Madere received First Place. We are so proud of our students!!!

Many of our 8th grade students have received their high school acceptance letters – please keep them in your prayers as they make their decisions.

SPRING CONCERT

Our school-wide Spring Concert is Thursday, March 24th at 9:30AM in the Church!! Parents, parishioners and alumni are invited to attend.

NEW STUDENT TESTING is Thursday, April 7th at 3:30 PM.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women's monthly meeting will be held on Friday, March 18, 2011 at 9:30 AM until 1:30 PM. Fr. Humberto Bernabe will be the speaker at Ascension Catholic Church, 517 W. 112th Street, Los Angeles. All are welcome to attend.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Sr. Juliet Berber, Angelique Black, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Marie Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Jr., Lula Carmon, Ida Cathcart, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Myrna Cook, James Cooper, Yukti Dhandia, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupre, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Nato Flores, Edith Foster, Sr. Sharon Francis, Teresa Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Ruby Gaines, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Gwen Kirk, Irwin Lagarde, Wendell Legarde, Pauline Lopez, Ashlynn Lott, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Doreen Mayers, Monique Van Noy, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Daisy Pratt, Carol Price, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Velma Shaw, Reanna Semien. Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Michael Stokes, Corelia Theophile, Ruby Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Keith Wansell, Lubertha Weathers, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.