

Second Sunday of Lent

16 March 14

From the Pastor's Desk

If one of the main reasons Matthew wrote his Gospel was to show Jesus as fulfilling the Jewish Law and Prophets, the apotheosis of that premise is the story of the Transfiguration. Every theme found in the Hebrew Testament converges on this moment on a mountain when Moses and Elijah appear on either side of Jesus, bathed in light and blessed by the divine voice as he prepares to descend the mountain and proceed to Jerusalem.

Two previous events are connected to this moment. At his baptism, Jesus experienced a similar revelation as the sky opened, a dove descended and a voice said, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

Every baptized person is imprinted with the same mystery, meant to mature in us as we continue to grow into Christ. If this immense vision seems too theological or too abstract, the final scene in today's Gospel is a comfort. The apostles who accompanied Jesus up the mountain are just like us. They do not understand the vision. The light is so brilliant it casts a shadow over them. The voice from the cloud paralyzes them. God's glory is unbearable and incomprehensible. Only when an all-too-familiar and human Jesus, their friend, touches them and tells them to rise up and not be afraid, do they recover.

Isn't this the same for us? Because we are human, we can only grasp things through our human experience. Our knowledge and encounters with God come to us through our relationships, through our thoughts and feelings as they slowly take form over the years. We also need to experience human intimacy before we can understand God's friendship. Those who have been in love know in some measure the transfiguration of Jesus. Those who have struggled to accomplish a difficult goal or remained faithful under trial know something of Jesus' determination to go to Jerusalem.

The word transfiguration describes a process of change that conforms us to an underlying figure or design. Jesus is already mounting the cross when he is transfigured, as he embraces the suffering necessary to recover for humankind the true image of God lost because of sin. In the agony of crucifixion, Jesus reorders human nature to reveal the underlying glory of God. This is our awesome Lenten journey as Jesus touches each one of us today and invites us to continue with him to Jerusalem.

Please join us every Friday for our annual Lenten Fish Fry in the hall from 5 to 9 p.m. You will enjoy a fabulous meal, great company and will also be raising monies to support our school. Don't forget Stations of the Cross at 6:30 p.m.!

Blessings on your week!

~Father Michael Tang

~Do you need to be fingerprinted?

For appointment call 310.454.1328

CORPUS CHRISTI

880 Toyopa Dr., Pacific Palisades

Wednesday, March 26th

12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:20pm - 7:20pm

For appointment call 323.731.2464

ST. AGNES

2625 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles

Saturday, April 5th

10:00am - 1:40pm & 3:20pm - 5:20pm

Transfiguration

LENTE FISH FRY

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT:

Transfiguration Catholic Church Parish Hall

March 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 Aparicio, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Vivian Burgess, Joyce Barnett, 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, Judy Felton-Gardner, 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, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, 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.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 23, 2014

NO
5:15 PM
MASS

8 AM
Lisa Crockett
Cori Chapman
Rome Washington

10 AM
Martin Hill
Maurice Burnett
Chris Robinson

12:15 PM
Kofi Karikari
Carl Clay
Matthew Madere

Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 15
5:15 PM	Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday	March 16
8:00 AM	Soul of Elena Munez
10:00 AM	Soul of Daniel Raggette
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Monday	March 17
8:00 AM	Intention of James Murphy
Tuesday	March 18
8:00 AM	Intention of Sr. Mary Michaeline Gahwolf
Sunday	March 23
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of Angela Dupre

Readings for the week

Sunday	Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-22, Mt 17:1-9
Monday	Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10-20, Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, Lk 2:41-51a
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-28a, Mt 21:33-46
Saturday	Mi 7:15-20, Lk 15:1-32
Sunday	Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-9, Rom 5:1-8

Catholic Relief Services Collection
MARCH 16, 2014
Help *Jesus* in Disguise

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". Based on the movies *Babette's Feast* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, it explores the amazing power small choices can have. Each week we focus on a different theme using clips from the movies. The theme for Week 2 is: **The Choice of Limitation**. All are invited Monday night from 7-9 PM in the parish hall.

Son of God

The Office of New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles recommends to the faithful of the Archdiocese the upcoming feature film, *SON OF GOD*, the first major motion picture in 50 years to vividly bring to life the story of Jesus from his birth to his resurrection. This film can serve as an evangelization tool to help us share the message of the Gospel that we are all sons and daughters of God through Christ our Lord. Let us take this opportunity to help bring others into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to bring Christ closer into our own hearts this Lenten Season. For more information on the movie *SON OF GOD* and how to support the film, visit <http://seesonofgod.com/>.

Do you know any youth who needs service hours during their Spring Break?

Job consists of light clerical duties such as filing, making copies, etc. Call Jo Ann in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.

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.

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 10, 2013
\$5,800.69 Sacrificial Gift
436.55 Building Fund
250.26 "We Care"

Sunday, March 9, 2014
\$4,365.26 Sacrificial Gift
368.73 Building Fund
210.70 "We Care"

OFF SITE CERTIFICATION CLASS

This session is for those who have never been certified.

Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
at St. Raphael Church

924 W. 70th Street, L.A.

Latecomers will not be admitted. The session lasts 3 hours.

Please call 323.752.5965, to register.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 9 AM to 4 PM, the Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Association will host its Sixth Annual One Day Spiritual Retreat. The retreat theme "The New Evangelization and the Legal Profession" will be presented by Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Edward W. Clark. The cost for the retreat is \$65 (includes lunch.) The retreat is open to all judges, lawyers, and law students. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to email Antoinette Marino at amarino@fleitmanlaw.com, or to call Ms. Marino at 310.445.4165. While this retreat is founded upon the Catholic faith tradition, all people of all faith traditions are welcome to join us.