

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 20, 2011

## From the desk of Fr. Michael Tang!

Each year on the second Sunday of Lent the Church puts before us the transfiguration of Jesus. Like the story of Jesus' baptism, the transfiguration is an epiphany story. Both stories are manifestations of Jesus as he is, or as he will be. In both there is a voice, and the voice says the same words. A mountain is a place of divine manifestation. The cloud is a sign of the presence of God. Moses and Elijah stand for the Law and the Prophets.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. Was it a vision? Was it a profound religious experience? There has been a tendency to see the Transfiguration simple as a stage in the education of the apostles. But its first and chief significance was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken.

But of course it also benefited the apostles. And it's this that Matthew emphasizes. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.

In the First Reading we see the obedience of Abraham, an obedience that brought blessings to many. It also points to the obedience of Jesus, (an obedience which took him to death on a cross), and to the blessings that would flow to the world as a result.

This week in the Gospel reading we hear about the namesake of our parish; and it's an appropriate time to celebrate our past and look to our future in spite of the many challenges we face. Many might have a difficult time understanding what the Transfiguration looked like; perhaps the beautiful painting in our sanctuary might help our imaginations. Lent is a perfect time to support our parish by enjoying our fish fries each and every Friday from 5 to 9 p.m. In your prayers, this week please remember the people of Japan and as always, God bless you all!

## 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, Vyldred 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.



## 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 to 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

## MOVIE AND REFLECTION

Monday evenings during Lent, the Bible Study group invites everyone for Movie and Reflection. There will be soup and refreshment, followed by a movie. This week's movie is -**Judas: Traitor or Friend**. Join us Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the hall.

## 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.

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

### FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 25, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Jonathan Johnson

Nicholas Godfrey

Maurice Burnett

Brendan Wilkerson

Jordan Baylis

Anthony Roque

## ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 26 and 27, 2011

### 5:15 PM

Zakiya Pleasant

Hadiya Pleasant

Michael Newanda

Jordan Baylis

Jared Baylis

### 8:00 AM

Allison Brown

Alexis Brown

Samantha Joseph

Delisa Madere

Matthew Madere

Andrea Mckinley

### 10:00 AM

Brendan Wilkerson

Anthony Roque

Carl Clay

Gilberto Gonzales

Spencer Fuller

### 12:15 PM

Emilio Ramirez

Logan Bush

Chris Robertson

Nia Robertson

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 19

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

### Sunday, March 20

8:00 a.m. +Jordan Manning

10:00 a.m. +Daniel Raggette

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

### Monday, March 21

8:00 a.m. +Boniface Molina

### Tuesday, March 22

8:00 a.m. +Ferdinand Domingue

### Wednesday, March 23

8:00 a.m. +Ursula Kay Murphy

### Thursday, March 24

8:00 a.m. +Samuel Foye, Sr.

### Friday, March 25

8:00 a.m. +Zenobia DeJean

### Saturday, March 26

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

### Sunday, March 27

8:00 a.m. +Blanch Moll

10:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. Int. of David Tureau

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

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

**Friday** Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38

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

**Sunday** Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-9, Jn 4:5-42

## SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

\$4,567.27 Sacrificial Gift

380.85 Building Fund

217.63 "We Care"



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

#### Religious Education Congress

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-Church

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-PCRm

### MONDAY, MARCH 21

7:00 PM Bible Study Movie & Reflection-Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

### THURSDAY, MARCH 24

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MARCH 25

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry-Hall

6:30PM Stations of the Cross-Church

7:00 PM Alanon Meeting-PCRm

### SATURDAY, MARCH 26

St. Joseph's Day 10AM Mass & Celebration follows

### SUNDAY, MARCH 27

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Jr. Daughters International Food Court

after all Masses

10:30 AM-12:00 Noon Religious Ed Class-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 to 4:00 PM. Thank you to everyone for your donations.

### SPRING CONCERT

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

**NEW STUDENT TESTING** is Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 PM.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

### 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, 2011 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Keeping Kids Safe After School

You can help keep your children safe by knowing where they spend their time after school. Get to know the adults who show up at the various locations in the community where children gather and where they play together. Be wary of any adult who seems more interested in creating a relationship with a child than with other adults. Pay attention when an adult seems to single out a child for a relationship or for special attention. Warning signs include treats, gifts, vacations, or other special favors offered only to one specific child. For more information, please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213.637.7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213.637.7650.

### JR. DAUGHTERS INTERNATIONAL FOOD COURT

The Junior Daughters of Court 220 are hosting their International Food Court. Come and feast on the delectable cuisines of the world from the kitchens of notable cooks from our parish. The proceeds will help fund their trip to the **Junior National Convention in New Orleans**.

**ST. BERNARD HIGH SCHOOL** is accepting applications for 9<sup>th</sup> Grade and Transfer Students. The placement test will be given on March 26<sup>th</sup>. For further information, please contact the office at 310.823.4651.