

Third Sunday of Lent

23 March 2014

From the Pastor's Desk

There are those among us who are dying of thirst. By the standards of this world, they are not poor, or hopeless, or helpless, but nevertheless, they are thirsty. They are constantly seeking more, but the "more" they find doesn't quench their thirst. Some food, or drink, or drugs, or fame, or money, or power, work, or sex, or shopping — but still they are thirsty. And many try to find satisfaction with relationships.

In today's Gospel, there is a woman — alone in the afternoon drawing water from a well in the desert of Samaria. Women usually went together to the well in the early morning before the heat of the day, so we guess that this lone woman was not welcome with the others. In her conversation with Jesus, we find out why: "You have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband."

She's gutsier than the image we have of first-century women. One might guess that she has nothing to lose as we hear her question, challenge, and even argue with Jesus. And when she finds in him wisdom together with compassion, she races to the townsfolk — the very ones who have rejected her — and proclaims, "Come and see someone who told me everything I ever did."

We hear that many came to believe because of her. Was it because Jesus somehow knew of her secret past? That doesn't seem likely; everyone knew. Perhaps it was because of her joy — a joy that prompted her to be brave and even generous to the very ones who had rejected her. There is joy in being known and still loved.

Where do you go to be known? To whom do you risk showing your true self? Who will forgive our petty infractions, our selfish failures, our secret sins?

To quench their thirst some try the Christian community. There are people all over the world who are making their final preparations to enter the church at the Easter Vigil. These people, called catechumens or candidates, see something in the church that they are missing. They see something that we take for granted, perhaps that we have ceased to regard as precious.

Sometimes there are people who come to the Christian community seeking the face of Christ, hoping for that combination of wisdom and compassion so obvious to the Samaritan woman, and sadly, they don't find it. During these Lenten weeks, it's good to remind ourselves that we are the face, the hands, and the heart of Christ in this world. Take some time this week to reflect on how you bring the presence of Christ not only to our faith community here at Transfiguration, but to all those around you. Blessings on your week!

~Father Michael Tang

Transfiguration

LENTEN FISH FRY

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT:

Transfiguration Catholic Church Parish Hall

March 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

Thank you to **BOBBY DUPRÉ** for the awesome Fish Fry videos.

LENTEN FISH FRY 50/50 RAFFLE

winner of \$250.00 was Linda Johnson.

Each week you may participate in a
50/50 raffle at the fish fry.

The winner **DOES NOT** have to be present.

Drawing at 8:30 PM.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, 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, Vylfred 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 30, 2014

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony Martinez

8 AM

Cori Chapman
Delisa Madere
Caycee Chapman

10 AM

Martin Hill
Kenya Mayers
Destiny Mayers

12:15 PM

Kofi Karikari
Logan Bush
Nathan Burrell

Mass Intentions

Sunday

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:15 PM

Monday

8:00 AM

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:15 PM

March 23

Intention of all Parishioners
Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Intention of Angela Dupré

March 24

Intention of James Murphy

March 29

Soul of Lillian White

March 30

Intention of all Parishioners
Soul of Albert Vendange
Soul of Melinda Louise-Baker

Readings for the week

Sunday

Ex 17:3-7, Ps 95:1-9, Rom 5:1-8

Monday

2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Dt 4:1-9, Mt 5:17-19

Thursday

Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23

Friday

Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34

Saturday

Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1b-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 9:1-41

Mass of Anointing

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, April 2 at 11:00 AM**. A light luncheon will follow in the hall.

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 17, 2013

\$6,851.41 Sacrificial Gift
566.18 Building Fund
323.52 "We Care"

Sunday, March 16, 2014

\$4,687.82 Sacrificial Gift
349.51 Building Fund
199.72 "We Care"

ATTENTION: Ushers Needed...

Please consider becoming an Usher at Transfiguration. Your time and talent in this ministry is greatly needed. See one of the Ushers after mass for more detail on how you may be of service.

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.

~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

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 3 is: **The Choice of Imagination/Chaos**. All are invited Monday night from 7-9 PM in the parish hall.

Transfiguration Parishioners please do not have personal receptions in the hall during our fundraising events. If you wish to have a special celebration with your family or friends please contact the rectory for more information.

School Paper Donation

Thank you to **Mary Ann Mayer** for your paper donation. Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Peter Claver Room.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, and to learn more about the 2014 pamphlet, "Working together to prevent child sexual abuse," please call the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, 213.637.7227.