

Palm Sunday

March 24, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk



This weekend we begin Holy Week, which commemorates the week in which Christ died. Luke's account of the Passion narrative resembles that of Mark but has its own emphasis. The devil who departed from Jesus after the temptations returns now, entering Judas and demanding to sift Peter. Throughout his Gospel, Luke portrays Jesus as the merciful and forgiving Savior of humankind; in death he forgives his executioners, and on the cross he brings salvation to a criminal.

Typical of Luke is his special attention to women in a society where they were downgraded. His story is that of a disciple who relives the drama of his Master. Personal attachment to Jesus is expressed by the repeated affirmations of his innocence. He develops the personal relationships between Jesus and the various characters in the tragedy--especially Judas and Peter.

To understand the Passion message, we have to keep in mind the other half of Luke's two-volume work--the Acts of the Apostles. The Jesus who is accused by the chief priests before the Roman governor prepares the way for Paul being brought before the same cast of adversaries. The innocent Jesus who dies asking forgiveness for his enemies and commending his soul to God the Father prepares the way for the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who will die voicing similar sentiments.

All of you are encouraged to enter into the Passion of Christ by attending the Easter Triduum liturgies. These liturgies are easy to remember as both Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday begin at 7 PM. The Good Friday liturgy, which will be led by Fr. Mike McCullough, starts at 1:30 PM and Friday Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM. Easter Sunday Masses are at our regular times, 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 12:15 PM. Please remember that we will be having an Easter Egg Hunt for our children in the Rectory Courtyard at 11:30 AM on Easter Sunday. All children under age 10 are invited and encouraged to participate!



During the HOLY WEEK Services at the *Gloria* bells will ring. You are invited to bring bells from home to the

Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

The Week Ahead

Sunday March 24

PALM SUNDAY

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

Monday March 25

7:00 PM Bible Study--hall

Tuesday March 26

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus



Thursday March 27

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday March 28

GOOD FRIDAY

Holy Land Collection

1:30 PM Lord's Passion

3:00-6:30 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 29

HOLY SATURDAY

7:00 PM Vigil of Easter

Sunday March 31

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

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

School News

Celebrating 75 Years
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

Save the date:

Cesar Chavez Celebration - Church
 Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 9:30 AM

School Closed for Easter Break
 March 29 return Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Thank You: We would like to thank all the parents who donated water and sodas to our Annual Fish Fry – you helped to make the event a success.

Paper donation: Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

St. Vincent DePaul Society News:

Thank you to everyone who supported St. Vincent DePaul Bundle Sunday to help those who are in need. We especially thank the school and the children who donated many items for the homeless.

Women's Retreat:

Ladies, are you feeling tired, misunderstood, or too busy to catch your breath? Well, maybe it's time to get to a quiet space and spend time with yourself and the Lord. Sacred Heart Retreat House is the perfect place. If you think you'd like to join us this year for a Saturday get-away or for the entire weekend of April 5, 6 & 7, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Mrs. Barbara Liggins, District Captain.

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration Casino Night April 20, 2013

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Casino Night is fast approaching. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tell your co-workers. Have a night of fun while supporting our church and school. Pre-Sale tickets will be available after all masses starting the weekend of March 23. We're looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales, food and bar service, decorating, and, most especially, Virtus certified people for child care so parents can have a fun, relaxing evening knowing their children are well taken care of. If you want to volunteer, please come to the meeting on Saturday, March 23rd at 10AM in the Peter Claver Room or call Ida Wycliff at 323.497.3483.

Spread the Word...
Carnival Coming Soon
May 31 - June 1, 2013



Mass Intentions

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| Saturday | March 23 |
| 5:15 p.m. | Soul of Jeroline Richards |
| Sunday | March 24 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Soul of Lillian White |
| 10:00 a.m. | Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr. |
| 12:15 p.m. | Intention of all Parishioners |
| Monday | March 25 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Intention of Lucille Martin |
| Tuesday | March 26 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Intention of Simone Lavizzo |
| Wednesday | March 27 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Soul of Eileen Curtis |
| Sunday | March 31 |
| 8:00 a.m. | Intention of all Parishioners |
| 10:00 a.m. | Soul of Effie, Beverly & Donald Raphael |
| 12:15 p.m. | Soul of Alphonse Pichon |

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter. Envelopes are at the church exit. The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

Readings for the week

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| Sunday | Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23:56 |
| Monday | Is 42:1-7, Jn 12:1-11 |
| Tuesday | Is 49:1-6, Jn 13:21-38 |
| Wednesday | Is 50:4-9a, Mt 26:14-25 |
| Thursday | Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9, Lk 4:16-21 |
| Friday | Is 52:13-53:12, Jn 18:1-19:42 |
| Saturday | Gn 1:1-2:2, Gn 22:1-18, Ex 14:15-15:1, Is 55:1-11 |
| Sunday | Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-23, Lk 24:1-12 |

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 18, 2012

\$4,655.16 Sacrificial Gift
 392.72 Building Fund
 224.41 "We Care"

Sunday, March 17, 2013

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

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, and Lilla Williams.