

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 27, 2011

## From the desk of Fr. Michael Tang!

One theme runs through all three of this weekend's readings. It is a very important and comforting theme. One could say that it is the heart of the Good News. That theme is: we are loved in our sins.

We see this in the First Reading: in spite of the ingratitude and grumblings of the people, God doesn't write them off, but shows his love for them by providing water for them in the desert. The message is explicitly stated in the Second Reading: Paul says, "What proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners." And we see the message in action in the Gospel. Jesus' approach to this outcast Samaritan woman was ever so gentle; he didn't force himself into her life. Had Jesus done so she would have immediately closed up; but because of his non-judgmental approach, a wonderful dialogue ensued, and a marvelous exchange took place. In their conversation Jesus told her about the gift God wanted to give her – the gift he called "living water."

On a different note, I don't know how many of you know that we have been adopted by Msgr. Martini's parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help as a sister parish and sister school. I received a letter from Msgr. this week and would like to share some excerpts with you. He writes: "*It is my pleasure to let you know how grateful I am that the choir from Transfiguration School was able to join the students of OLPH School. Mr. Pratt and the children were awesome as they led the liturgical music at Mass. Then the children were welcomed into the appropriate grades to make new friends, experience another learning environment, and have lunch and recess together. It was a very successful inaugural event of what will hopefully be many exchanges between the two schools.*"

*In September of each year, OLPH holds it's annual Fiesta, which is the primary fundraiser for the parish. At its most recent meeting the Finance Council approved a disbursement of \$5,000 to our Sister School, Transfiguration. I am delighted to send you this check and know that you and Mrs. Yerima will allocate it to benefit the students."*

I know that many of you, like myself, are overwhelmed and deeply grateful for this wonderful gift, which will benefit our school children. I will write a thank you letter on behalf of our school and parish to Monsignor and the people of OLPH and if anyone else would like to join me, the address is listed below. Have a great week as we all continue on our Lenten journey.

Msgr. Dick Martini  
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
23233 Lyons Avenue  
Santa Clarita, CA 91321-2632

## 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. The winners for weekly drawing were: 1<sup>st</sup> week **Marilyn Moore** and 2<sup>nd</sup> week **Gwen Campbell**. Turn in your tickets early and you will have a chance to win \$60 cash. 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. This week's movie is "**The Last Supper**". There will be a light supper followed by this movie. Join us Mondays from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the hall.

## MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Tuesday, April 5 at 11AM**. A light luncheon will follow.

## 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, April 1, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Maurice Burnett	Spencer Fuller
Anthony Roque	Amanda Johnson
Nia Robertson	Brendan Wilkerson
Carl Clay	

## 'KEEP KIDS SAFE' DURING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

During April, Catholic school and religious education students throughout the Archdiocese will wear bright blue ribbon-shaped stickers that say "Keep Kids Safe." The Archdiocese's "Keep Kids Safe" campaign coincides with national Child Abuse Prevention Month. Children will be reviewing important child safety lessons this month. Parishes are also being encouraged to include in their liturgies this month specially prepared petitions that ask God to heal abuse victims and their families. "Keep Kids Safe" stickers maybe ordered from the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Office by emailing or calling Tim Olshefski at: [tolshefski@laarchdiocese.org](mailto:tolshefski@laarchdiocese.org) or 213.637.7508.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### MASS INTENTIONS

#### 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 Tureaud

#### Saturday, April 2

5:15 p.m. Int. of Gloria Robottom

#### Sunday, April 3

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Hayzetta Patterson

12:15 p.m. +Marjorie Guillory

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

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

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1-5-9, 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, Eph 5:8-14

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

#### Sunday, March 20, 2011

\$3,942.24 Sacrificial Gift

343.80 Building Fund

196.46 "We Care"



## THE WEEK AHEAD

### MONDAY, MARCH 28

7:00 PM Bible Study Movie & Reflection-Hall

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

### THURSDAY, MARCH 31

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, APRIL 1

9:30 AM School Mass

11:00 AM Adoration

2:00 PM Benediction

2:00 PM School Stations

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

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross-Church

7:00 PM Alanon Meeting-PCRm

### SATURDAY, APRIL 2

1-3 PM Praise Dancers Rehearsal-church

### SUNDAY, APRIL 3

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM School Family Mass

10:30 AM Religious Ed Class

12:00 PM Jr. Daughters Meeting

2:00 PM Bingo-Hall

### IT'S BINGO TIME!!

Join us **Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>** from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the hall. \$10 for 10 games, plus added bonus game and 50/50. 100% proceeds go to Transfiguration Catholic School.

### 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.

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

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

### SHOPPING RECEIPTS

Please remember to save your receipts from the Baldwin Hills Crenshaw Mall and Albertson's Square this includes the new 'Wing Stop' Restaurant by Albertson's. You can bring them over to the school office Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Thank you again for ALL of your support.

### 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**.

### A RAISIN IN THE SUN

#### An afternoon at the Theatre

Ebony Repertory Theatre Presents A Raisin in the Sun on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2:45 PM. Sponsored by "Women Moving in the Spirit" St. Bernadette Church. For ticket information call: 323.293.4877 or 323.296.7363.

### 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.