

# Third Sunday of Lent

March 3, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." These words were addressed by Jesus to his contemporaries and they are addressed to us in our liturgies this weekend.

The First Reading tells how God appeared to Moses in the burning bush and revealed his name as Yahweh which means ("I am the Existing One"). God has heard the cries of his oppressed people, and sends Moses to free them. It is a turning point in the Old Testament. It leads to the Exodus and beyond.

In the Gospel, we see how Jesus rejected the popular belief that accidents that befall people are inflicted by God as a punishment for sin. Still, sin calls for repentance. And Jesus tells the Jews that they will lose the promises unless they repent. The barren fig tree symbolizes the barren state of Israel. But God is patient. There is still time to repent, though that time is getting short.

The role of Moses prefigures that of Jesus. Through Moses God saved his people, Israel, from slavery in Egypt. We are the new people of God, saved through the waters of baptism from the slavery of sin, and now en route under the leadership of Jesus to the promised land of everlasting life. We too, are fed with food from heaven that is the Eucharist.

In the Letter to the Romans Paul says that in spite of all God had done for them, most of the Israelites were not pleasing to God. Christians must not think that just because they have received the sacraments they are automatically saved.

Last Wednesday, history was made as the Pope made his final appearance. Cardinals from around the world are gathering to begin a Papal Conclave where they will choose the next Pope. Let us support their efforts by praying that the Holy Spirit will guide them to choose a dynamic and inspired Pope who will renew and heal our Church and carry it forth in the years to come!

Blessings on your week!

*Father Michael Tang*

### Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle

Please support our Annual Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM.

Bring the family for fellowship and fun.

### Stations of the Cross

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

## Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The application deadline is March 8, 2013. 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 the office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday March 3

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

*School Breakfast after Mass*

10:00 AM School Family Mass

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

2:00 PM Bingo

### Monday March 4

7:00 PM Bible Study-*hall*

### Tuesday March 5

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name Church

### Wednesday March 6

11:00 AM Mass of Anointing

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

6:30 PM CCL

### Thursday March 7

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### Friday March 8

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### Saturday March 9

1:00 PM-5:00 PM Seniors Meeting-*hall*

### Sunday March 10

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

12 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting-*PCRm*

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



**SUNDAY, MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Daylight Saving**  
**Time begins:**

**Set clocks forward 1 hour**

## School News

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

### SAVE THE DATES

Come join **Transfiguration School Families** this Sunday for our Breakfast from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM today.

#### Bingo

Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 PM - hall

#### New Student Testing

Sunday, March 3 at 2:00 PM - School

#### Black History Program/Oratorical Event

Monday, March 4 at 9:30 AM - Church

#### Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 8 at 9:30 AM - Church

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

A special thank you goes out to **Ms. Kathy Allen** for donating paper.

A special thank you goes out to **Mr. Carl Smith** for donating USB memory cards for each classroom and a fax machine to the school office!

## Mass Intentions

#### Saturday

5:15 PM

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

#### Monday

8:00 a.m.

#### Saturday

5:15 p.m.

#### Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

#### March 2

Intention of all Parishioners

#### March 3

Soul of Mignon Barr

Soul of Bernadine Adams

Souls of the Kershaw Family

#### March 4

Soul of Shirley Whittaker

#### March 9

Intention of the Associates of the Sisters  
of the Blessed Sacrament

#### March 10

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Dorothy Campbell

Soul of Ferdinand Leon

## Readings for the week

#### Sunday

Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-4, 6-8,11, Lk 13:1-9

#### Monday

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

#### Tuesday

Dn 3:25-43, Mt 18:21-35

#### 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

Jos 5:9-12, Ps 34:2-7, Lk 15:1-32

## Parish Up-Coming Events

#### Mass of Anointing

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Wednesday, March 6 at 11:00 AM**. A light luncheon will follow in the hall.

#### 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.

## Sacrificial Gifts

#### Sunday, February 19, 2012

\$4,585.95 Sacrificial Gift

339.53 Building Fund

194.02 "We Care"

#### Sunday, February 17, 2013

\$3,989.03 Sacrificial Gift

351.89 Building Fund

201.08 "We Care"

The **school collection** for the month of February was \$1,756.25. Thank you for your generosity.

## SAVE THE DATES



### Transfiguration Casino Night

**APRIL 20, 2013**

7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

(Child care will be provided)

### Carnival

**May 31-June 1, 2013**



## 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 Whyne, and Lilla Williams.