

Fourth Sunday of Lent

30 March 2014

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend's Gospel story is rich in detail, but the message is straightforward: There is none so blind as the one who will not see.

Many of you might know the Narnian Chronicles by C.S. Lewis. In the final book, *The Last Battle*, Lucy begs Aslan to help the dwarves see what they are missing. Aslan provides them a banquet of rich foods and fine wine. Yet although there is plenty, the dwarves fight one another for what they imagine to be just bits of old vegetables and dirty water from the donkey's trough. Aslan explains to Lucy, "They will not let us help them. Their prison is only in their own minds yet they are in that prison; and so afraid of being taken in that they cannot be taken out."

It's a sad way to live — that glass-half-empty sort of life. And it's heartbreaking to love someone like that and frustrating to try to help such a person, whether they are one's student or penitent. When we experience the pain of trying and failing to convince someone of the existence of beauty, goodness, kindness, joy, and love — it is then that we share in the pain of Jesus. For even Jesus was a "prophet in his own land" and could not make those he knew and loved the best see what he could see.

In the Gospel this weekend the Pharisees refuse to be taken in by the joy of a young man seeing for the first time; seeing the faces of his parents, the village where he lived, and the sun! Instead of light they prefer darkness. Instead of freedom, they prefer the prison of their own minds.

As is illustrated so well in the Narnian Chronicles, God follows God's rules and one of those rules is respect for free will. God will not give sight to those who choose blindness; light on those who choose darkness. But God is tricky. If there's just the tiniest crack in the façade, light might break through.

One of the ministries of those preparing to enter the church this Easter is the vision they have been given. Their eyes have been opened and they see differently than they saw before. They see what we might not see. By looking through their eyes, we might see a community and the gift of word and Eucharist as precious and realize that such gifts are evidence of how much we are loved by the Giver. Blessings on your Lenten Journey!

~Father Michael Tang

Transfiguration

LENTEN FISH FRY

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT:

Transfiguration Catholic Church Parish Hall
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 **\$284.00** was **Marlene Williams**.

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, 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 APRIL 5 & 6, 2014

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony Martinez

8 AM

Lisa Crockett
Rome Washington
Chris Robinson

10 AM

Martin Hill
Nia Robinson
Maurice Burnett

12:15 PM

Kofi Karikari
Gilberto Gonzales

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:15 PM

Monday

8:00 AM

Tuesday

8:00 AM

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Thursday

8:00 AM

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:15 PM

March 29

Soul of Lillian White

March 30

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Albert Vendange

Soul of Melinda Louise-Baker

March 31

Intention of James Murphy

April 1

Intention of Sarah Johns

April 2

Soul of Edna Mae Brown

April 3

Soul of Hayzetta Patterson

April 5

Soul of Angula Bates

April 6

Soul of Noel Magbanua

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Angula Bates

Readings for the week

Sunday

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

Monday

Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1a-22, Jn 7:1-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53

Sunday

Ez 37:12-14, Ps 130:1-8, Jn 11:1-45

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 24, 2013

\$9,185.68 Sacrificial Gift
756.84 Building Fund
432.48 "We Care"

Sunday, March 23, 2014

\$4,215.52 Sacrificial Gift
343.84 Building Fund
196.48 "We Care"

Save the Date:

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

Transfiguration Knights of Peter Claver, #220
Junior Knights & Junior Daughters Spring Bar B Que
at Transfiguration in the parish hall.

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.

~Do you need to be fingerprinted?

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

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 email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

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.

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 4 is: **The Choice of Determination**. All are invited Monday night from 7-9 PM in the parish hall.

School Paper Donation

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

ATTENTION: Ushers Needed...

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

House for Rent at 52nd & Van Ness

~ 2 bedrooms, large kitchen with breakfast nook. Please call 323.599.3140 for more details.