

# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This weekend in the Gospel we hear the story of the Transfiguration which is essentially an epiphany story. Epiphany stories are common in ancient writing about holy people. In these stories, the veil which separates the invisible from the visible world, and the future from the present, is removed for a moment, and the truth is revealed. This is the earliest epiphany story about Jesus, older than the voice at his baptism, and older than the manifestation of Jesus to the Magi.

It is no longer possible to say what happened on the mountain. The first and chief significance of the event was for Jesus himself. It was meant to confirm him in the course he had taken. But it also benefited the apostles, and it is this that Mark emphasizes. In the transfigured Jesus they got a glimpse of the glory of the risen Lord. Even so, they would not understand until Jesus had risen from the dead.

On the mountain Elijah and Moses appeared to them. Moses represents the law, and Elijah the prophets. Thus Jesus is seen as bringing the law and the prophets to fulfillment.

The First Reading shows the depth of Abraham's faith in God. Living among the Canaanites who practiced human sacrifice, we see his agonizing effort to do what he thought God wanted of him. Abraham's great faith was rewarded.

The Second Reading is obviously linked to the First Reading. It shows us the depth of God's love for us. God did not even spare his own Son, but gave him up for us.

As you all know, the season of Lent is an opportunity to reflect on our lives and change them for the better. Here at Transfiguration, there are many ways we can do this. The easiest would be to discipline oneself by attending daily Mass and staying afterwards to say Morning Prayer. We also have Bible Study every Monday evening, and on Fridays our Fish Fry from 5:00 to 9:00 PM, with Stations of the Cross at 6:30. Nevertheless, all of these are outward signs of piety; the real change needs to come from within. This Lent, reconcile with God, by reconciling with an estranged family member or friend; life is too short for anything else. It's never too late to become everything God wants us to be!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

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Jr. Daughters Meeting (*after 10 AM Mass*)

Jr. Knights Meeting (*after 10 AM Mass*)

### MONDAY, MARCH 5

7:00 PM Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 6

7:00 PM RCIA Holy Name of Jesus

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

6:00 PM Line Dancing-*hall*

6:30 PM CCL-*SJFm*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 8

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MARCH 9

9:30 AM School Stations

5:00 – 9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations

### SATURDAY, MARCH 10

1:00-5:00 PM Seniors Meeting

### SUNDAY, MARCH 11

3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Religious Education Class



**SUNDAY, MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Daylight Saving**  
**Time begins:**

**Set clocks forward 1 hour**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 3

5:15 p.m. +Lillian White

### Sunday, March 4

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

10:00 a.m. +Effie, Beverly, & Donald Raphael

12:15 p.m. +Lillian White

### Monday, March 5

8:00 a.m. Int. of Clyde Clayton

### Saturday, March 10

5:15 p.m. +Leon Katz, Sr.

### Sunday, March 11

8:00 a.m. +Lillian White

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

12:15 p.m. +Joseph Jeffrey

## DID YOU KNOW the road to priesthood involves a rigorous formation process?

Seminary formation involves much more than academic study. Prior to ordination, a candidate for priesthood goes through a lengthy evaluation period, including an internship during which he lives in a rectory and works with priests, staff and parishioners. During this time, the candidate is judged as to his suitability to be a priest. No one is ordained unless the staff of St. John's Seminary, including the lay faculty and formation advisers, concludes that the candidate has attained an emotional, psychological and sexual maturity appropriate for his age and for the celibate life of a priest. For more information, please visit [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org) and click on the "Vocations" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213.637.7650.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SUNDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

Family Mass at 10:00 AM. All are welcome.  
Bingo at 2:00 PM

## SUNDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>

School Open House & Testing from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

## SAVE THE DATE!

Health Fair Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

## BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the **“BOX TOP” LABEL** and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!

## 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 **March 30th to April 1st**, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at **323.291.4846 by March 9th**. We'd love to have you along!

## SACRED HEART WOMEN'S RETREAT

### “Open Wide the Doors to Christ”

Conducted by the Sacred Heart Sisters at the Sacred Heart Retreat Camp, Big Bear Lake: **April 27-29 or May 4-6**. The retreat will include communal and private prayer. Celebrations of the Eucharist and Reconciliation will highlight the retreat experience. Come and be refreshed by the love and company of our Lord Jesus Christ. Donation: \$90. For more information, call **909.866.5696**.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Gn 22:1-18, Ps 116:10-19, Mk 9:2-10  
**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday** Is 1:10-20, Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, Mt 21:33-46  
**Saturday** Mi 7:14-20, Lk 15:1-32  
**Sunday** Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19:8-11, Jn 2:13-25

# SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

## VIRTUS SESSION

Transfiguration will hold a **VIRTUS** Training session **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM the hall**. Please call the Rectory to reserve a space at 323.291.1136. The class, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3 hours.



## CELEBRATE

### ST. JOSEPH'S DAY WITH US!

Hosted by the Jefferson Council

**Saturday, March 17, 2012**

**5:15 PM Mass**

Reception follows in hall.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

## 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY AND RAFFLE

*Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary*. Please support our Annual Fish Fry and Raffle every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

## WEEKLY FISH FRY WINNER

The winner for the weekly drawing was: **1<sup>st</sup> week Pat Miller**. 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.

## LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join Bible Study during Lent as we discuss the Sunday readings. We meet Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the hall.

## MEMORIAL MASS

Our beloved **Lillian White** Memorial Mass will take place on **Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00 AM here at Transfiguration**.

## SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, February 27, 2011**

\$4,407.67 Sacrificial Gift  
385.21 Building Fund  
220.12 “We Care”

## SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, February 26, 2012**

\$4085.25 Sacrificial Gift  
359.45 Building Fund  
205.40 “We Care”

## PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.