

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 3, 2011

From the desk of Fr. Michael Tang!

The gospel story this weekend is a lesson on growth in faith. The climax of the story comes when the man makes a profession of faith in Jesus, 'Lord, I believe.' His journey from blindness to sight symbolizes the journey from unbelief to faith, which is a journey from darkness to light. St. Paul says, 'Once you were in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.' (Second Reading). Sadly, while the blind man opens more and more to the light, the Pharisees, who are physically sighted, become more and more spiritually blind. In giving sight to the blind man Jesus shows that he is 'light of the world.' The First Reading talks about the depth of God's seeing. While people look at appearances, God looks at the heart.

The season of Lent is rapidly coming to a close; in two weeks we will have Passion (or Palm Sunday). In these next few Sundays, our liturgies become more and more barren with less music. As a faith community we will not sing the Our Father, but simply recite it; there will also be no meditation song after communion. We are encouraged to use this time of silence as a time to meditate on the sufferings of Christ.

If you haven't had an opportunity to make the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:30, now is the time to do it as well as enjoy our Friday evening Fish Fries. For greater spiritual growth through discipline, one might also consider attending daily Mass during these last few weeks of Lent. God bless you and have a great week.

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.

Liturgical Praise Dance Rehearsals

The liturgical praise dancers will rehearse for Holy Week and Easter celebrations every Saturday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM in the church. The last rehearsal will be April 16. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Ida Wycliff at 323.497.3483.

Important Message Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Please adhere to this directive and thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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: **1st week Marilyn Moore, 2nd week Gwen Campbell, and 3rd week Deanna Fisher**. 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.

Attention Friends & Fans of Howlett Smith

In observance of the Easter Season, Howlett Smith and his Harmony Choir will be performing his Easter Cantata at the Smyrna Seventh-day Adventist Church on Saturday, April 23 at 11 AM. For those familiar with Howlett's glorious and inspirational compositions, this is an excellent opportunity to usher in the Easter celebration that we think you would enjoy and appreciate. The Smyrna church is located at 4394 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016. For more information, call 323.732.4464.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 8, 2011 at 6:30 PM

Jordan Baylis	Maurice Burnett
Brendan Wilkerson	Caycee Chapman
Spencer Fuller	Carl Clay
Anthony Roque	

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 9 and 10, 2011

5:15 PM

Michael Lazarus
George Tiznado
Brian Mutetikka

8:00 AM

Delisa Madere
Derek Madere
Matthew Madere
Christopher Goosby

10:00 AM

Brendan Wilkerson
Anthony Roque
Maurice Burnett
Kierra Burnett
Spencer Fuller

12:15 PM

Logan Bush
Zoe Sims
Emilio Ramirez
Caycee Chapman

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, April 4

8:00 a.m. +Lee Armstrong

Tuesday, April 5

8:00 a.m. +Angula Bates

Wednesday, April 6

8:00 a.m. Int. of Msgr. Richard Martini

Thursday, April 7

8:00 a.m. +Lee Armstrong

Saturday, April 9

5:15 p.m. +Elizabeth Laneer

Sunday, April 10

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

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

12:15 p.m. +Angula Bates

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Sm 16:1b-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Eph 5:8-14

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

Tuesday Ez 47:1-12, 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 27, 2011

\$4,755.56 Sacrificial Gift

383.21 Building Fund

218.98 "We Care"



THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, APRIL 4

7:00 PM Bible Study Movie & Reflection-Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 5

11:00 AM Anointing of Sick

7:00 PM RCIA Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM School Penance Service

6:00 PM Line Dancing-School

No Eucharistic Ministers Meeting (Postpone)

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 AM School Penance Service

6:00 PM Line Dancing

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 7

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 9

1:00 PM-3:00 PM Praise Dancers Rehearsal-Church

1:00 PM -5:00 PM Seniors Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

5th Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Religious Ed Class

11:30 AM Ladies Auxiliary

Jr. Knights Meeting after 12:15 PM Mass

SCHOOL NEWS

'KEEP KIDS SAFE'

DURING CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Review the Body Safety Rules that 'Keep Kids Safe'

April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month, and "Keep Kids Safe" month in the Archdiocese. This month, parents and guardians should review with their children and teens the "Five Body Safety Rules." These rules will help them to protect themselves from the harm of child sexual abuse. **Rule #1:** It's My Body – God wants me to be safe and happy. I have the right to know the body safety rules. **Rule #2:** If I have the "Uh Oh" feeling like something is wrong, then I am right! I need to ask questions. **Rule #3:** If someone makes me feel uncomfortable, I have the right to say "NO!" and "GET AWAY!" **Rule #4:** I should always tell if someone makes me feel uncomfortable or touches my private areas. I should keep telling until someone believes me. **Rule #5:** If I am abused, it is never my fault. For more information on child safety, please contact the parish office.

It's Bingo Time!!

Join us **Sunday, April 3rd** 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.

New Student Testing is Thursday, April 7th at 3:30 PM.

Please call the school office to make an appointment.

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.

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.



Happy Birthday

Sarah Johns, one of our "Diamonds", celebrated her birthday on April 1.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Sr. Juliet Berber, Angeliq Black, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard & Marie Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Jr., Ida Cathcart, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Myrna Cook, James Cooper, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupre, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Nato Flores, Edith Foster, Sr. Sharon Francis, Teresa Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Mignon Johnson-Fields, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Doreen Mayers, Monique Van Noy, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Carol Price, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Velma Shaw, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Ruby Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Keith Wansell, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.