

The Most Holy Bold and Blood of Christ

June 10, 2012

From the desk of Fr. Michael Tang

This weekend we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi – the Body of Christ. St. Paul continually reminds us that we are the Body of Christ. When we gather here to worship at Mass, the Body of Christ becomes visible.

The theme of the covenant dominates all three readings. The reading from Exodus describes the ratification of the Sinai covenant between God and Israel. The covenant was sealed with the blood of animals. Blood is a symbol of life which belongs exclusively to God. The sprinkling of the people with blood symbolizes the fact that God is sharing God's life with them.

Jesus established a new covenant. Like the old covenant, it too was sealed with blood, except now it is not the blood of animals but his own blood. A new rite (the Eucharist) was instituted which would be a perpetual reminder of the intimate bond that now exists between God and God's people. In the Eucharist Jesus shares his life with us.

By the sacrificial death of Christ, the supreme high priest, God has entered into a new and everlasting covenant with his people.

This weekend, we say farewell to our seminarian intern, Alex Muduu. We are all sad to see him go, as he became an important and integral part of our parish community these past nine months. Personally, Alex was a tremendous help to me in so many ways. There will be a reception after each of the Masses, so you will all have a chance to say good-bye. Alex, God bless you as you continue your formation; you will always have a home here at Transfiguration and you will always have a special place in our hearts.

Speaking of farewells, it is time to say good-bye to the large ash tree in the courtyard. It turns out that the tree is a liability to the parish. When workers pruned it several weeks ago, they discovered that it was infested with termites. As you might remember, we recently treated both the rectory and church for termites.

As the tree grows, the termites simply drop onto the roof and continue their work of destruction. The school staff has also seen swarms of termites coming from the tree after it rains.

The ash tree is also expensive to maintain as it costs a thousand dollars a year to prune; we have also been warned that its roots will soon destroy our sewage system. As new life always follows death, we intend to replace the ash tree with a slower growing *Bauhinia Variegata*, (commonly known as an orchid tree). The orchid tree is a very popular **ornamental tree** in subtropical and tropical climates, grown for its beautifully scented flowers..... Blessings on your week!

Mark your calendar...

PARISH CALENDAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 26 at 6:00 PM ...

Moved to Church Chapel ~ Enter at the Roxton Door

Please be on time! All dates for organizations/ministries events must be in writing and submitted to Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. Deadline for submitting dates is Tuesday, June 12th. For more information or questions call 323.291.1136.

4th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT & AWARDS

BANQUET hosted by the Knights of Peter Claver Council #220 on Saturday, July 21, 2012. The tournament takes place at Chester Washington Golf Course, followed by an Awards Banquet at Transfiguration hall. For information call Frank Rhodes at 213.248.3600 or Maurice Simon 213.219.8010.

Deadline by July 5, 2012.

PARISH GATHERING AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

Saturday, August 11th from 9 AM until 5 PM.

FATHER'S DAY NOVENA

In the month of June, there will be a special Novena of Masses for fathers. If you wish to enroll your father, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

VERBUM DEI HIGH SCHOOL

Consider the educational alternative for boys that combines a college preparatory education with work experience and reduced tuition -**Verbum Dei High School**. Verbum Dei is the only private Catholic high school for boys in the Los Angeles area which offers a Corporate Work Study Program. This program not only exposes students to real-world corporate experience but also helps pay for a large portion of the costs of tuition. It is not too late to apply for the 2012 - 2013 school year. For more information and/or application forms, contact the Admissions Office at 323.564.6651 extension 1000.

Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, 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, Catherine Green, Lee Harrison, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Ned Kennedy, Chester Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Jerome Simon, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Damell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Stan Robottom, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Patricia Williams.

School News

JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory -NASA's)

Saturday June 9th - Sunday, June 10th

This Saturday and Sunday, JPL in Pasadena is hosting its once a year Family Open House. This event is open to the public and is free. It is a fantastic experience for those who are interested in space. The children get to meet actual scientists, see what they do, see satellites and space technology up close, get stickers and posters etc. For more information; Google JPL Open House 2012.

Testing (for the 2012-13 school year) will be on Sunday, June 10th at 1:00 PM. Please call the school office for an appointment.

8th Grade Graduation - Saturday, June 16th at 10:00 AM.

Pre-K Graduation - Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 PM in the hall.

Kindergarten Graduation - Wednesday, June 20th at 12 noon in the hall.

School Spring Musical – June 20th at 6:30 PM in the church. The children in the dance class will also perform. All are welcome!

Happy Father's Day - to all parish and school Fathers from your Transfiguration School Family.

Congratulations to:

On June 18th Danielle Rubin will graduate with Honors from LACES. Danielle applied to 13 Universities and was accepted to all of them. She will be attending Notre Dame de Namur University in the fall majoring in Bio-Chemistry.

PLEASE NOTE:

Parking Lot Re-surfaced Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29

Transfiguration parking lot of the church will be re-surfaced from Monday, June 25 to Friday, June 29. This will include the entire lot and walk-in gate. We would like to have all cars off the lot by 6AM Monday. We thank you for understanding, especially, if it might inconvenience you in any way.

Guadalupe Celebration

The Archdiocese and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a historic event called the Guadalupe Celebration at L.A. Coliseum on Sunday, August 5, 2012. The event will be a celebration of Our Lady featuring prayer, music, and speakers. The event is free but you do need a ticket to attend. For more information and to reserve your tickets please contact Ms. Godinez after mass or call 323.292.5112 between 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 9
5:15 p.m.	Int. of all Parishioners
Sunday	June 10
8:00 a.m.	+Eula Wilkes
10:00 a.m.	Int. of Deacon Greg Patterson
12:15 p.m.	+Barbara Keys
Monday	June 11
8:00 a.m.	Int. of Dr. and Mrs. Mario M. Martini
Tuesday	June 12
8:00 a.m.	Int. of Father Joseph Idomele
Wednesday	June 13
8:00 a.m.	+David Glassey
Thursday	June 14
8:00 a.m.	Int. of Maura McAniff
Friday	June 15
8:00 a.m.	Int. of Tamara Nuño
Saturday	June 16
5:15 p.m.	Int. of Nicky Ward
Sunday	June 17
8:00 a.m.	Int. of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Int. of all Fathers
12:15 p.m.	+Andrew Leon

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ex 24:3-8, Ps 116:12-18, Mk 14:12-26
Monday	Acts 11:21b-26, 13:1-3, Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday	1 Kgs 17:7-16, Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday	1 Kgs 18:20-39, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	1 Kgs 18:41-46, Mt 5:20-26
Friday	Hos 11:1-9, Jn 19:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 19:19-21, Lk 2:41-51
Sunday	Ez 17:22-24, Ps 92:2-16, Mk 4:26-34

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, June 5, 2011
\$5,509.00 Sacrificial Gift
470.25 Building Fund
268.71 "We Care"

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Sunday, June 3, 2012
\$6,626.65 Sacrificial Gift
543.45 Building Fund
310.54 "We Care"

Peter Pence Collection

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Mass & Healing Service -Fr. Mike Barry, SSCC

You are invited to Holy Mass and a Healing Service at St. Jerome's Church Sponsored by their Charismatic Prayer Group on Friday, June 22, at 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. For more information call Murglen Muoneke at 310.654.0085.

Happy Anniversary!

On next Saturday, June 16th Father Michael Tang, will celebrate his 22nd Year of Ordination as a priest. We wish him well as he continues his call in the ministry. God Bless you!

Altar Server Schedule for June 16 & 17

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Irwin Lagarde	Delisa Madere	Anthony Roque	Emilio Ramariez
Joshua Green	Derek Madere	Brendan Wilkerson	Logan Bush
Arianna Foster	Noelle London	Spencer Fuller	Nicholas Godfrey
		Maurice Burnett	Kalaya Ramsey
			Deija Rideaux