

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 17, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

... so that you might imitate us. (2 Thessalonians 3:9)

Have you ever heard of mirror neurons? They're those tiny little cells in our brains that fire up whenever we're around someone else. Sometimes very faintly, but other times with great force, these neurons prompt us to imitate whomever we are with. When we see someone happy or sad or angry, it's our mirror neurons that help us share in that person's feelings and thoughts. These neurons offer scientific proof to Aristotle's theory that we human beings are "the most imitative of all living creatures" (*Poetics*, IV). No wonder St. Paul told the Thessalonians that he and his companions tried to be role models! It was "so that you might imitate us," he wrote (2 Thessalonians 3:9). Paul knew that the Thessalonians had a much better chance of staying close to the Lord if they saw other people trying to do the same thing. He knew that our environment can have a very strong effect on the ways we think, the values we adopt, and the priorities we set for our lives. This doesn't mean that we are merely robots imitating everyone around us. We are still free human beings, each with our own unique personality. But it does mean that we are meant to live in community. We need the example of fellow believers to help us grow in our faith. And just as important, our brothers and sisters need the witness of our faith for their growth. The more we see holiness in action, the more encouraged we will be to keep pursuing Jesus ourselves. Of course, we know who Jesus took as his role model. "A son cannot do anything on his own," he told us, "but only what he sees his father doing" (John 5:19). Because Jesus kept his heart fixed on his heavenly Father, everything he said and did sprang from his Father's goodness and love—even his self-sacrificial death on the cross. So do your mirror neurons a favor. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus and your brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Jesus, help me to imitate you in all that I do."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Please join us for our

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Sunday, November 24, 2019

Transfiguration Parish Hall After all Masses.

New and Exciting Vendors

Jewelry, Accessories,
Clothing, Christmas Ornaments,
Baked Goods, Yummy Food,
and Much More
Holiday Sale Items...



Enjoy great music and

FREE picture taken with Santa

Something for Everyone!

COME CHECK IT OUT!

For more information, call Vickie Race 310.259.6430

Men, Mark Your Calendars

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 24, 25, and 26 2020. Join your fellow parishioners for this weekend of spiritual enrichment and growth. The Passionist retreat team offer inspirational talks on the theme, as well as time for quiet prayer, Mass, and Confession and Stations of the Cross. You may arrive as early as 3:00 PM Friday. Our retreat opens at 5:45 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 12:30 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"God is doing something New In Us... Exploring paths of deepening Faith".**

For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner your parish retreat Captain at 323.974.7405 or 310.538.2214.

You may Register online at:

materdolorosa.org/event/mens-weekend-retreat-jan-24-26-2020

Annual Christmas Brunch

Join *Transfiguration 50 Plus Club* for their Annual Christmas Brunch on Sunday December 8, 2019 from 11:30 AM until 3:00 PM. The event will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, 21333 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503. Please call Cynthia Richardson at 323.750.0723 for more details.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Mal 3:19-20a, Ps 98:5-9, Lk 21:5-19
Monday	1 Mc1:10-15, 41-63, Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	2 Mc 6:18-31, Lk19:1-10
Wednesday	2 Mc7:1, 20-31, Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	2 Mc 2:15-29, Lk 19:41-44
Friday	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59, Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	1 Mc 6:1-13, Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3, Ps 122:1-5, Lk 23:35-43

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 16
5:15 PM	Intention of Aaron and Briana Katz
Sunday	November 17
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Robert Jordan
Monday	November 18
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	November 19
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	November 20
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Thursday	November 21
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Friday	November 22
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday	November 23
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	November 24
8:00 AM	Soul of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed

Weekly Offering for November 10, 2019

\$6819.44 Tithes and Offering
124.00 Building Fund
65.00 "We Care"

Campaign for Human Development

This weekend's second offering is for the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development**. Your gift is an expression of love and solidarity with the poor and unemployed of our country. Please be as generous as possible.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Come, Learn or Renew your Catholic Faith...

Tuesday, November 19, 2019 at 7PM.

The topic will be "To Jesus through Mary"

by Dn. Mark Race at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*)
at 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles, CA.

SAVE THE DATE

Transfiguration Choir Christmas Concert

Sunday, December 15 at 5PM

This year's theme is:

"May the Blessing of the Baby Jesus flow to you".

The choir invites you to an evening of beautiful Christmas music, Gospel music and Songs of Christmas.

PCAP

13th Annual Peter Claver Awards Program Luncheon

Come out and celebrate with this year's honorees **Most Reverend Joseph V. Brennan; Reverend Kenneth Templin, S.M.; Sister Kathleen Bryant, R.S.C.; and Sister/Dr. Oralisa Martin** on Sunday, December 8, 2019, at the Proud Bird Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$65 per person if purchased before November 24, 2019 and \$75 after. Please call Peggy Goods at 225.772.7302 or email pgoods51@msn.com

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Donations of Turkeys, Dressing, Canned Yams and Green Beans are needed...

Before you deliver your donations to the rectory please call the office at 323.291.1136.

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 28 for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136. Dinners will be delivered to your home.

Did You Know?

Traveling safely over the Thanksgiving holiday

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel days of the year, with families gathering across country to celebrate together. If you are planning to drive with your children anywhere for Thanksgiving, keep these safety tips in mind. Review proper car seat rules and positioning, including forward or rear-facing weight and age requirements. Make sure your car seats are installed correctly; utilize free neighborhood checks in your area. Always model good behavior by wearing your seat belt, and make sure your children are wearing theirs. For more tips on child passenger safety, visit <https://www.nsc.org/road-safety/safety-topics/child-passenger-safety>.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Baby Amani Leffall, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.