

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 24, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself. (Luke 23:37)

Power, influence, authority, leadership—that's what we usually think of when we hear the word "king." Certainly, with his soldiers and guards, a king would be able to save himself from danger. But as we celebrate the solemnity of Christ the King today, our readings show us a different kind of king, someone who challenges our core assumptions about power and leadership. When Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925, he was responding to a culture he felt was rejecting Jesus and his ways. At a time when Hitler, Mussolini, and Stalin were rising to power, Pius XI wanted to draw the world's attention back to Jesus, the only One who could bring lasting peace. It was not the "peace" of a totalitarian ruler exercising power to eliminate opposition. It was the peace of a king who chose not to save himself but instead offered himself for our sake to reconcile us to God. This is the peace that he won for us as he poured out his very life's blood on Calvary (Colossians 1:20). That's why our Gospel today presents Jesus as a king who reigns from the cross. He freely emptied himself even though, as our second reading reminds us, "in him all the fullness was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1:19). He refused to come down from the cross because his mission was to save us, not to conquer us. He did not rise to the bait of the soldiers who goaded him to save himself (Luke 23:37). He chose instead to focus his attention on the thief crucified beside him who pleaded for mercy (23:43). Jesus turns our concept of kingship on its head. Power made strong by humility and self-emptying. Influence and authority exercised through self-sacrifice and mercy. Leadership displayed in service. Let's embrace Jesus and his kingdom today. Let's pray that it be more fully established in us and through us in our world.

"Lord, thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven!"

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	2 Sm 5:1-3, Ps 122:1-5, Lk 23:35-43
Monday	Dn 1:1-20, Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday	Dn 2:31-45, Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday	Dn 5:1-28, Lk 21:12-19
Thursday	Sir 50:22-24, Lk 17:11-19
Friday	Dn 7:2-14, Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Sunday	Is 2:1-5, Ps 122:1-9, Mt 24:37-44

Mass Intentions

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
12:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Monday	November 25
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	November 26
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	November 27
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Thursday	November 28
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Friday	November 29
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday	November 30
5:15 PM	Soul of Wilfreda Moreira
Sunday	December 1
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for November 17, 2019

\$3456.42 Tithe and Offering
140.00 Building Fund
43.00 "We Care"

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Come, Learn or Renew your Catholic Faith...
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 7PM.

The topic will be "History of the Catholic Church"
by Fr. Keke Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*)
at 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles, CA.

Rosary Procession

Join us for the **Rosary Procession** in honor of the Blessed Mother on Saturday, November 30th at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass.

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.

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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.

Stewardship Thought

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." COLLOSSIANS 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

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.