

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. (John 1:29)

We hear these words at every Mass as the Host and Chalice are raised for all to see. They are so familiar that perhaps they have lost some of their force. So let's take a closer look at this marvelous invitation.

Behold. Don't just glance. Behold. Look deeply, carefully, and prayerfully. Look with the expectation that you will discover something important. Trust that Jesus wants to reveal himself to you.

Behold, the Lamb of God. What are you beholding? God's greatest gift to the world—to you. You are beholding Jesus, the one true sacrifice sent from heaven. He is the spotless Lamb, innocent of all sin and meek and gentle of heart. He is the fulfillment of ancient Israel's Passover celebration. He has come so that you can pass over from death to life, from slavery to freedom.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away sin. Look closely. See in this Host the promise of forgiveness. See Jesus, who surrendered his body and blood on a cross for you. See Jesus, who has taken your very sin upon himself and brought it into the grave with him. See him rising again, leaving your sin behind in that grave, where it remains today, dead and buried. You are no longer bound by it. Jesus has borne it away, and you can walk away from it too—step by halting step as you continue to place your faith in him.

Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Not just your sin, but the sin of every single person on earth, past, present, and future. No one is beyond his reach. No one is devoid of hope. Everyone can know forgiveness and freedom. Even the people you are struggling to forgive. Behold him, and believe that he can bring reconciliation and healing to all people.

Behold, the Lamb of God! And receive him with joy and an open heart.

"Lord, I am not worthy. Only say the word, and my soul shall be healed."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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

Daily Scripture Readings

WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew.

Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

Sunday	Is 49: 3-6, Ps 40: 2-10, Jn 1:29-34
Monday	1 Sm 15:16-23, Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	1 Sm 16:1-13, Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	1Sm 17:32-51, Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7, Mk 3:7-12
Friday	1 Sm 24:3-21, Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18
Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1-14, Mt 4:12-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday	January 18
5:15 PM	Soul of Jose Luis Montano
Sunday	January 19
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of William Patterson
12:15 PM	Soul of Gwen Harmon

Weekly Offering for January 12, 2020

\$3133.00 Tithe and Offering
114.00 Building Fund
46.00 "We Care"

Did You Know?

Discussing dating with your teenager

If you're thinking about letting your teenager date, start by having a conversation about expectations – your teen's, and yours – talk, too, about how values are to be upheld in every relationship. These conversations will arm your child with important moral checkpoints and safety information. Consider talking about your own experiences and choices. Talk about bad choices, and their consequences.

For more conversation topics, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Talking with your Teen about Dating Safety"

at <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN REVIVAL



Sr. / Dr. Oralisa Martin, O.R.A.

Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday Nights at 7PM

March 15, 16, & 17, 2020 and

Sunday March 15th at 10AM Mass

Spread the Word!

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 20, 2020 (Youth Day)

February 21-23, 2020 (Adult Days)

Youth Day theme: "20/20 Through God's Eyes"

R.E. Congress adult days theme: "Live Mercy – Be Holy"

Held at the Anaheim Convention Center in California

Call the rectory at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Stewardship Thought

"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant
from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.

Memorial Service for Howlett Smith

The **memorial service** for Howlett Smith also known as "Smitty", former 8AM Cantor for Transfiguration, will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10AM.

2019 Tax Statement!

Tax letters will be mailed by the end of January. If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory.

This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

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, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred 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.