

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 January 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

God is so good. Many will look and say how can we say that on this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time cycle (b)? We are in the midst of another surge in a pandemic that seems will never end. Last week on January 20th, we had another earthquake. This week we had torrential two days of torrential rains. We are catching Hell!

The COVID-19 virus has severely impacted our city, state, country, and world. In our great country almost 430,000 fellow citizens have perished. Families decimated. Our economy is in peril. All of our country's evils Racism, sexism, classism, etc. are exacerbated by this disease that does not discriminate. Many are facing difficult choices that good outcomes are still not guaranteed.

Believers can say: "God is good.", because we understand fully that; "In times like these, we need a Savior!" We also know the fact that the great news on this day we are once again reminded that; "We got One!" We must look closely and see this fact, because we also understand that the devil is trying to deceive us.

Unfortunately, a significant number of our sisters and brothers are allowing the devil to trick us. We see all the disasters around us and give up or we help to cause the issues against humanity. Our Evangelical brothers and sisters will ignore race baiting, misogynistic behavior, and all sorts of malfeasance under the guise of a proclamation of the promise of federal judges. Many will see and participate in obviously racist acts and vilify those who stand up for our call to protect all life. They denounce a slogan like "defund the police" in order to ignore the killing of unarmed black men and women by the bad apples that are called to "protect and serve." Many have already forgotten the call of George Floyd last May. Almost everyone seems like they have forgotten that Eric Garner's same plea from July 2014, "I can't breathe!" We cannot lose focus on the fact; "God is good!" Even in the midst of these heinous racist acts, people are still becoming "woke"! God is good!

He gives us the ability to boldly proclaim this while simultaneously cry out that; "Black lives matters!" Why? Because we see in employment, healthcare, civil rights, education, etc., we act like Black lives don't matter. In the midst of the struggle we see it truly becoming a multicultural movement.

God is good! By our Baptism we witness to that fact. Our coming together physically on the mountain top experience either in our cars or in a seat in front of the altar is a sign of this. Praying with us via livestream demonstrates in a real way the spiritual connectedness that also reminds us of God's benevolence.

Here at the Church of the Transfiguration, we continue to proclaim that God is good, because the Creator is! We are focused on the fact that God demonstrates this in a myriad of ways. Yes, there was an earthquake, but it was only a 3.3 on the Richter scale. While the earthquake was occurring, relief from the government was being sworn in. We did have torrential rains but we needed the moisture and it could've been worse. We continue to stand up and proclaim joyfully that God is good. Another great consequence of our actions doing this is; "When the praises go up, the blessings come down!"

Let's get ready for our Blessings!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor

Transfiguration School Corner

Dear Parishioners of the Church of the Transfiguration,

I would like to take a moment to thank you for your continued generosity and support of Transfiguration School. Your support has made it possible for us to continue to provide a quality Catholic education to many families during these challenging times. We miss seeing all of you at First Sunday Mass and we are looking forward to the day when we are able to gather again together as a family.

Blessings in Christ,

Mrs. Evelyn Rickenbacker, M.A.
Principal of Transfiguration School

Upcoming News

Starting January 31st we will begin Catholic Schools Week! This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." During this week we will celebrate our church, students, parents, teachers, community, nation and our clergy. Please continue to pray for our community of faith.

Registration for 2021-2022

We are currently accepting applications for new students for preschool through seventh grade for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in enrolling or receiving more information about our school, please contact the main office: 323.292.3011 or email: info@transfigurationla.org

Did you know?

Do you know what to do if someone is choking?

Choking is one of the leading causes of accidental death, but many people do not know what to do if someone is choking near them. If a person is coughing, grabbing his or her throat, or passed out with no explanation, he/she could be choking. Utilizing abdominal thrusts, also known as the Heimlich maneuver, could prevent suffocation. Parents should be knowledgeable as to how to perform this maneuver, and if possible, should attend a CPR training course so they are prepared, in the event that a child or adult is choking.

For more information, visit <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Stewardship Thought

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." - 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

Weekly Offering for January 24, 2021

\$2,434.64 Tithe and Offering

2020 Tax Statement!

Tax letters have been mailed. If you have not received a statement, please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vydred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, and Alice Williams.