

# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

7 March 2021

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## Lenten Theme:

*“Working to be Transformed!”*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this moment of “Hope and Transformation!” It is also the Third Sunday of Lent cycle (b). Our Faith-family continues our journey following our theme: “Working to be Transformed!” In this time of trepidation and uncertainty, it might be difficult to see the call for “Hope and Transformation.” We concluded the official celebration of Black History Month on February 28, but here at Transfig, we celebrate Black History Month everyday. Why? Because God blesses us as we are making Black History everyday. Also we celebrate it not to hate but to appreciate who we are and whose we are! Remember Black history is not just for Africans in America. All races make Black History. Because of this Black history is and will always be American history, and by God’s grace Salvation history!

On March 3rd we see a great example of the universality of Black History as we commemorate the feast of Saint Katherine Drexel. This heiress born in the middle of the 19th century continues to make Black history today through all the Churches, schools, and religious congregation she founded. Saint Katherine’s philanthropy was Holy Spirit inspired and humanly taught by her father, Francis Drexel. Three days a week they would assist the poor from the back door of their home on Walnut Street in Philadelphia. Eventually, Catherine (her birth name) would adopt a personal charity of assisting the Native American community. Using her time, treasure, and talent to assist these people shows the depth of her holiness that began before consecration. On February 12, 1891, St. Katherine professed her first vows dedicating her religious life to work in the Native American and the African-American communities. Mother Katherine spent the equivalence of \$400 million in these communities to share, restore and or reinforce the Catholic message. Her austerity and selflessness is legendary. Saint Katherine Drexel’s contribution to the African-American community financially, social, and spiritually is incalculable. She truly is an African-American historical figure long past her physical deeds.

In this time of suffering through the sin of Racism a 400 year pandemic and the devastating health pandemic COVID-19, we might lose the opportunity for “hope and transformation” as we are caught up in fear and despair. The devil is a liar. We see that God continues to call people to be like Him to be selfless and blesses that spirit to accomplish great things. Christ’s sacrifice gives us the opportunity to do the same. Our small sacrifices will lead to our victory in, for, and through Him.

Church of the Transfiguration as we continue “Working to be Transformed”, let us use the inspiration of holy women and men i.e. Sts Katherine, Josephine Bahkita, Peter Claver, Perpetua & Felicity that used their time, talent, and treasure to make Black, history. We can do this by using our Lenten tools of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to answer our call to “turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” Our Lenten journey will be successful and by our witness we will continue to make Black History, American history, Catholic history, and most importantly Salvation history!

Always in Christ,  
*Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor*

## **Transfiguration School Corner**

### *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](mailto:info@transfigurationla.org)

## **Did you Know?**

### *Helping children cope with grief*

With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many children are grieving — they may have lost family members, they are cut off from their friends and their routines, and their lives have changed significantly. Parents can help children work through their strong emotions by acknowledging their feelings and encouraging children to talk about them. Talk with them honestly and simply, helping them to answer any questions they might have about why this is happening, or what will happen next. Often, showing children that they are loved unconditionally can help them handle strong feelings of loss and sadness.

For more information, please visit <https://occatholic.com/talking-about-god-and-grief-with-children/>

## **Update your registration!**

Please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory at 323.291.1136 to register or update your mailing address, phone number and email address.

## ***“Working to be Transformed!”***

### **Thursday Morning Mass**

During the Season of Lent you are invited to attend **Mass every Thursday** at 8AM. Please follow the Sunday mass guidelines for these services. This mass will also be live streamed.

## **Stewardship Thought**

*“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4*

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

## **Weekly Offering for February 28, 2021**

\$4,468.00 Tithes and Offering

## **Safe School Project: Covid-19 Community Testing at Transfiguration**

**Monday, March 8, 2021 from 9AM to 11AM  
Drive through and Walk-up.**

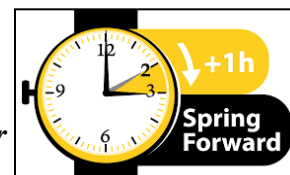
Enter at 4001 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, L.A. 90008

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Daylight Saving**

**Time begins:**

*Set clocks forward 1 hour*



## **Pray for the Sick**

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Kelli Louie, Vylfred 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, Alice Williams, and Peggy Wilson.