

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 21, 2021

“Still Transforming and Making Black Catholic History”

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! It is a Great day on this Thirty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B) and it is an honor to be present this weekend with the Transfiguration Church faith family.

I am Deacon Troy Smith and together with my wife, and other members of St. Raymond and St. Leo the Great (New Orleans) faith family, along with family and friends, we have traveled to your beautiful parish to join you in celebrating the installation a very important person in all of our lives, Father Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ. We thank you for allowing us to share in this great celebration.

Father Bozeman, we carry with us the love and prayers of your St. Raymond and St. Leo faith family and the New Orleans community whom for many years you served.

Ultimately, today, we celebrate The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. True Kingship is unique to God in spite of the earthly version of kings, presidents and the like. We tend to associate a “king” as a leader. However, we must recognize Jesus as The ultimate leader in our lives. Leadership can be a convoluted concept as we witness political superiority every day.

It seems that we encounter lies at every turn. We call it “spin” and even alternative Facts; but dress it up as we may, it is not truth. Jesus is truth and The Kingship of Jesus is the true definition of leadership.

There are great differences in true leadership. Politics is the earthly concept of leadership that dictates the narrative of the politician and his or her (politics); truth is based on what benefits that narrative. Compassion and mercy define The Kingship of Jesus. Pilate was focused on the earthly and political version of the truth and failed to understand that truth is absolute and not based on what fits best for our desired outcome. We bestow a type of leadership to politicians and the like by voting for them and supporting their agenda and therefore giving them authority in our lives but there is no authority or power above that of Jesus.

“For I came into the world to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Telling the truth was always a priority in raising our children. I remember the talk I had with each of them. I told them that no matter what mistakes they made, that I would be there for them and all I asked was that they told me the truth. It didn’t matter what the situation was because if they told the truth, we could get through anything. Our greatest prayer for our children was for their faith in God and to know the truth of Jesus in all they encounter. Like our children, we fall short everyday but Thank God we have The King of the Universe to get us through it and continue to transform us in spite of our earthly obstacles. Because of Jesus, The King of the Universe, “we are still transforming and making Black Catholic history.” Amen

Speak Lord, for your servant is listening

Deacon Troy Smith

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Helen Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, Cynthia Fortier, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Victor Levi, Vydred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Frank Rhodes, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Alfred Sterling, Jr., Kay Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

Meet me on the Corner... it's going up!

PASTOR'S INSTALLATION MASS 10:00 AM

Followed by Luncheon

Reverend Father Anthony M. Bozeman, S.S.J.



Weekly Offering for November 14, 2021

\$5,917.00 Tithe and Offering

Stewardship

"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"
(John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building "your" kingdom here on earth? We all know we can't take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. In stewardship, generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.

Did you know?

Honoring children's boundaries teaches important lessons about consent

As we enter into the holiday season, where many of us will spend time with extended family and friends, parents should remember to pay attention to their children's comfort levels, especially when it comes to physical affection. We want our children to be kind and considerate, so it is tempting to ask them to give hugs and kisses to family members and friends. But when children are nervous or shy, or just do not want to, it is important to honor their personal boundaries — and it teaches them a great lesson about consent over who interacts with them and their bodies. You can suggest alternatives, like high-fives or fist bumps. For more information, read "[Why you shouldn't force your kids to hug relatives.](#)"

RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, December 7 "To Jesus through Mary" by Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

Thanksgiving Day Dinner

The Knights of Peter Claver 220 will prepare their Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 25 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.

Thanksgiving Day 10:00 AM Mass

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Dn 7:13-14, Ps 93:1-5, Jn 18:33b-37
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	Dn 6:12-28, Lk 21:20-28
Friday	Dn 7:2-14, Lk 21:29-33
Saturday	Dn 7:15-27, Lk 21:34-36
Sunday	Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-14, Lk 21:25-36

Transfiguration Church Access on Sunday, 12/5/2021

CicLAvia—South LA is taking place on Sunday, December 5 from 9am to 3pm. Certain streets will be closed to cars and open for the community to bike, run, walk, skate, scoot, and play. This event is free, family-friendly, and open to the public. The CicLAvia route (see map) will be closed to car traffic from approximately 7am to 5pm that day, and there will be no parking on the route from 1am to 5pm that day. On 12/5, Martin Luther King Jr Blvd (between Central Ave and Crenshaw Blvd) will be closed to car traffic from 7am to 5pm. Cars can cross the CicLAvia route at 9 major intersections, including Arlington Ave. Transfiguration Church's parking lot will remain fully accessible via 3rd Avenue. To navigate to the church:

- From the south: Use Arlington Ave > 39th St > 3rd Ave.
- From the north: Use Obama Blvd > 3rd Ave.

For more information about the event or the street closure, visit www.ciclavia.org

Transfiguration Church access map:

