

# First Sunday of Advent

November 28, 2021

## *"Still Transforming and Making Black Catholic History"*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,



What a time? What a time? We come together on this First Sunday of Advent cycle (c). Happy New Year! A new liturgical year has begun. Many of us still euphoric from last week. Last year Liturgical season cycle (b) ended with a bang! On the feast of Christ the King, last Sunday, we concluded a weekend of events with the Mass of Installation for a new Pastor.

Friday, November 19, 2021, Mark Broyard & Roger Smith brought their award winning play, "Creole Mafia" to the campus of the Church of the Transfiguration. They put on the production under a tent on by the "lower school" in a dinner theatre context. They donated their time, talent, and treasure along with parish family members to create a wonderful evening to start the installation weekend. All proceeds from the event will go to creating 4-5 full scholarships for children to attend Transfiguration school. Mr. Broyard & Mr. Smith are alum of the school. They embody the qualities that are instilled in those who matriculate through our great elementary institution. Educational excellence and exemplary service to God's people most in need are at the core of what we share with those placed in our care.

On Saturday morning, we came together as a Faith-family along with others from the community under the direction of Ms. LaVonne Anderson from "2 Be Determined", an event planning company to take Jesus to the streets. The event was called "Homeless Connect!" The Church of the Transfiguration came to Leimert Park with volunteers from the school and the parish to share God's compassion in the form of hot food donated by a local restaurant, clothing, non-perishable food, toiletries, Mental Health service referrals, haircuts, COVID-19 testing, etc. I was extremely proud of our school children and parents who came and worked to assist our sisters and brothers in need and/or are homeless! Leimert Park witnessed the fact that the Church of the Transfiguration is alive and a part of the fabric of this community still. Our theme for Black Catholic came alive that day; "Still Transforming and Making Black Catholic History!" Leimert Park was transformed into a place of restoration and peace for our sisters and brothers in need. In the evening that same day a small remnant came to give praise to God for allowing us to serve the special ones to Christ. We had a praise and worship service in the Church. Our very own Church of the Transfiguration Tabernacle Gospel Choir under the direction of Mr. Oscar Pratt I, Saint Martin dePorres Gospel Choir under the direction of Mrs. Tanya Taylor-Dorsey and the Pratt Quartet gave glory, honor and praise in Thanksgiving for blessing us as we participated in our sisters and brothers well-being while making history!

Sunday morning at the 10 am Mass our most avid supporter Bishop Edward Clark presided for the Liturgy of the Word and the Installation service portion of the Mass. It is customary that once the pastor is installed, then he presides over the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Fr. Oscar Pratt II was our homilist. In his sermon he basically collated the entire installation weekend with his call for us to practice the principle of Ujima (Collective Work & Responsibility) For all intensive purpose, it was a high Mass complete with visiting clergy. Deacon Troy Smith our Deacon of the Word really proclaimed the Gospel. Deacon Raymond Lamb, Sr. from the Co-Cathedral in Honolulu was the Deacon of the Eucharist. Deacon Lamb also presided over a Communion service last Wednesday morning after a scheduling mix up. The Mass was beautiful and challenging simultaneously. We have a lot of work to do as we strive to build on the great tradition and history that we are left. The weekend culminated with a luncheon under the tent. Mrs. Payne, lead politicians, the Most Supreme Lady LeBlanc, Ambassador Watson, and others as they presented me with proclamations from city, state, and the country and gifts. It was very humbling. Every penny raised from the luncheon will be used to paint the outside of the Church.

Thanksgiving Day, we joined the nation as we came together as a Faith-family to offer praise to God for the wisdom to give thanks. Recognizing as we give thanks, we give praise, and "when the praises go up! The blessings come down." God is sooo good. We have come this far by faith! As we begin this First Week of Advent our theme will be "Waiting for the Change!" One more day we officially celebrate Black Catholic History Month under our theme: "*Still Transforming and Making Black Catholic History!*" Transformation is change. May we embrace this Advent opportunity with the two fold character of the season to rejoice in our waiting, so that we can be ready to make that change!

Advent Blessings,  
Fr. Bozeman, Pastor

## Weekly Offering for November 21, 2021

\$6,646.21 Tithe and Offering

### Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Helen Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, 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, Vylfred 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.

### Stewardship

*"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation for the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await His second coming. What will you do differently this Advent season to grow in friendship and love with Jesus? How will you live stewardship? How will you inspire others to do the same? Start by sharing your God story with others, especially those closest to you. Invite and accompany them on their faith journey this Advent.

### Mark Your Calendar!

Transfiguration Council and Court 220 would like to thank all who supported our last "Fish and Chips" fundraiser. On Saturday December 4, 2021 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm Council and Court will have another Fish & Chips Fundraiser at Transfiguration on 4001 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. All orders will be taken and picked up under the Canopy on the parking lot next to Parish Hall. Court 220 will be providing their delicious desserts as always. Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed! Please Wear your Face Mask! All proceeds benefit the Maurice S. Simon Scholarship Fund!

### Jr Daughters

The Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary Transfiguration Court 220 Jr Daughters are hosting a holiday fundraiser. Please support our Jr Daughters by purchasing an appetizer to compliment your pre-dinner menu for your family holiday gatherings. The Jr Daughters will be in the patio area on Sunday, December 5, 2021, after each Mass with pre-order forms as well as a display sample of the charcuterie board of meats, cheeses, fruits and cookies (nuts are optional) for \$25. Pick-up is Sunday, December 12, 2021, 9:00am-12:00pm. Thank you for your continued support of our Jr Daughters. Contact Info: Lady Gloria Bijole, (310) 465-8874.

### Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar were donated by Joy Joseph in loving memory of her husband **NORMAN JOSEPH**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

### Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Jer 33:14-16, Ps 25:4-14, Lk 21:25-36
Monday	Is 2:1-5, Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Rom 10:9-18, Mt 4:18-22
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a, Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6, Mt 7:21-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24, Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-26, Mt 9:35-10:8
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9, Ps 126:1-6, Lk 3:1-6

## SAVE THE DATE

### Transfiguration Tabernacle Gospel Choir Christmas Concert

*Sunday, December 19 at 5PM*

This year's theme is:

*"Go tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born"*

The choir invites you to an evening of beautiful Christmas music, Gospel music and Songs of Christmas.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue. To navigate to the church:

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

For more information about the event or the street closure, visit [www.ciclavia.org](http://www.ciclavia.org)

### Transfiguration Church access map:

