

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 7, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Arise! Shine, for your light has come. (Isaiah 60:1)

What extravagant promises this reading contains! The prophet speaks of “splendor,” “glory,” “radiance,” and overflowing heart, and the “O.+wealth of nations.” And who first heard these glowing words? Exiled Jews who had just recently returned to a Jerusalem in ruins. Somehow, the words of the prophet didn’t quite match up with the realities on the ground. But that didn’t stop these believers from rolling up their sleeves and working to bring about the glory that had been promised to them.

Similarly, how did the Magi recognize an earth-shaking event in the humble stable with Joseph and Mary? Even the religious and political leaders of Israel missed the birth of the Messiah. So how could these pagan foreigners fall to their knees so readily, and offer such valuable treasures to this lowly child? Again, their expectations didn’t match up with what they found when they first laid eyes on the Holy Family.

Like the Magi and the returning exiles, we have been given great and precious promises not only about a heavenly kingdom, but also about God’s rule breaking into our world here and now. But how will that happen? Much of it depends on God’s timing, but a lot depends on us. Every day, God invites us to roll up our sleeves and get to work building his kingdom. Every day, he reassures us that even our smallest acts of love contain within themselves the splendor and glory of heaven.

Today’s feast tells us that the glory of God can be present in the most hidden and unlikely people and situations. It tells us that God is there in the everyday rhythms of our lives. May he give us eyes of faith to see him and trusting hearts to build the kingdom with him. The results will be spectacular!

“Thank you, Father, for the way you have traveled with us so far, and for the journey that lies ahead.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. The next gathering will be **Friday, January 19, 2018** at Holy Name of Jesus Parish located at 1955 West Jefferson Blvd., in L.A., in the Acacia Room next to church. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. For more information call your parish representative Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

Mass & Healing Service

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass & Healing Service on **Friday, January 26, 2018** with Father Jim Clarke presiding. The celebration will begin with Praise and Worship at 6:30 PM and Mass at 7:00 PM. Please call 323.293.4877 for more information.

Join LA’s Walk for Life!

What: OneLife LA 01.10.18
When: Saturday, January 20, 2018
Time: 12 noon
Where: The walk will begin at La Placita/Olvera Street ending at LA Historic Park.

Join us to celebrate the beauty and dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. Followed by a family friendly day of inspiring speakers, live music, food trucks and much more! Visit onelifela.org for the most up to date information.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 60:1-6, Ps 72:1-13, Mt 2:1-12
Monday	Is 42:1-7, Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-20, Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-22, Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9: 1-19, Mk 2:13-17
Sunday	1 Sm 3:3-19, Ps 40:2-10, Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 6
5:15 PM	Soul of Malcolm Richards
Sunday	January 7
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Tom Lark
12:15 PM	Soul of Bernard Brule



WEEKLY OFFERING December 31, 2017

\$4,638.00 Tithe and Offering
342.00 Building Fund
110.00 "We Care"

**Sunday, January 7, 2018 after all Masses
CHICKEN & WAFFLE BREAKFAST**
hosted by Transfiguration School in the parish hall.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisly Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriquez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Annual Men's Retreat

Transfiguration Annual Retreat for men will be held at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center on the weekend of January 19, 20, and 21, 2018. 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 6:15 PM with a buffet supper and closes Sunday after lunch about 1:00 PM. **A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is required to reserve your weekend Retreat, this time is reserved for you.** This year's Retreat theme: **"Going without knowing... pitching our Tent in Faith"** For more information or to make your reservation please call Greg Warner at 323.974.7405/ 310.538.2214 or Maurice Simon at 323.296.1501.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

The African American Catholic Center for Evangelization celebrates the 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, January 13th** from 8AM until 11AM at the Proud Bird Restaurant. Bishop Terry Steib, SVD Retired Bishop, diocese of Memphis, TN will be our Keynote Speaker. Barbara King, Notre Dame Academy Alum and Fisk University Alum 2017 will be the Mistress of Ceremony. For tickets please call AACCFE at 323.777.2016 or the rectory.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Mass

You are invited to the Los Angeles Archdiocese Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. **Memorial Mass** at Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, on **Monday, January 15, 2018** at 2:30 PM. This Mass is hosted by the African American Community for the city of Los Angeles. The Celebrant will be Most Reverend José Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles. The Homilist will be Most Reverend J. Terry Steib, SVD, Retired Bishop; Diocese of Memphis, TN. The Knights of Peter Claver, Coordinating Councils & Courts, (CCC) will offer travel assistance by bus for those who may want to attend.

THE LOCATIONS FOR BUS PICK UP WILL BE AT:

St. Brigid Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

St. Eugene Catholic Church at 12:30 PM

Holy Name Catholic Church at 1:00 PM

Buses will return passengers to their parish pickup location immediately after Mass. The cost for the first 80 passengers to sign-up will be by love offering only! After 80 passengers, a donation of \$10.00 is requested. **All are welcome to ride!** Sign up will be after mass or call Sharon Agnew at 310.538.2214 or 323.974.7405 to reserve your seat.

COFFEE & DONUTS RETURNS SUNDAY, JANUARY 14th

Transfiguration Hospitality Ministry will return next Sunday, for Coffee and Donuts in the hall after all masses.

Come fellowship with us!

