

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28 February 2021

## CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

*“Still Transforming By God’s Grace.”*

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this time of introspection and repentance. This is the last weekend of the national celebration of Black History Month. Following our theme “Still Transforming by God’s Grace!” It is the Second Sunday of Lent cycle (b). We continue to follow our Lenten theme “Working to be Transformed.”

Black History Month celebrations are really scaled down secularly and liturgically this year, because of the pandemic. However, history is still being made. Our Church has, is, and will continue to be in the fore front of creating Black History. We discussed people like Crisps Attucks, the Tuskegee Airman (General Roberts), Amanda Gorman, Oscar Pratt, Ambassador Watson, etc. in the context of the Mass. Showing through their witness both in the past and present America is still being transformed by God’s grace through people of color and those working with us. Our Black history celebrations have never been to hate but to appreciate all that God is, has, and will do through a people that recognizes; “Who they are and whose they are!”

Unfortunately, as we continue to make history, we must also stay on the battlefield against the Sin of Racism! This sin tries to not only stop our ascent to be true witnesses, but attempts to negate our past, present, and future. Instead of celebrating the growth of our part of the American experiment, they try to denigrate or deny our contributions. America is not nor is it supposed to be a “melting pot!” We see the slowly eroding majority in full “fear mode” over the changing racial demographics. Vilifying races, languages, and cultures and using the psychosis of “Projection” to attempt to stop the tide of change. Using the term “cancel culture” as a rallying and “talking point” to hold on to the evils of this society. Causing division amongst poor people by claiming erroneously that if others are treated fairly, it is impinging on their rights. The Right-wing logic does not make sense. Sin doesn’t make sense! America is not a “melting pot.” It is a “Gumbo” many different parts placed in this awesome land with Christ as the rue. All these ingredients (diverse cultures & peoples) has for almost 250 years has been blessed despite our sinfulness.

The Catholic Church institution (i.e. our society) has been on both been enslaver and sometimes eradicator of the sin of Racism in all its manifestations. By God’s grace we the Church militant have been able to transform the institution through prayer and witness. Through education and perseverance the United States, the Catholic Church, and our world continues to learn about our rich contributions to make our communities, the country, and the world a better place. By God’s grace, we continue to celebrate in Church through contributions of time, talent, and treasure, so that we can live out the call for “universality!”

As we continue our Lenten journey through our prayer, fasting, and Almsgiving, may we celebrate Black History as we are “working to be transformed” into a fuller part of the Body of Christ!

Happy Lent,

*Father Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ*

### **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, Vyldred 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.

**Lenten Theme:**  
***“Working to be Transformed!”***  
**Thursday Morning Mass**

During the Season of Lent, you are invited to attend **Mass every Thursday** at 8AM. This mass will be live streamed.

**Transfiguration School**  
**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

**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

Registration is available on the website:  
transfigchurchla.com

**CONGRATULATIONS IDA!!!**

We would like to congratulate Ida Wycliff, recipient of the **Daniel Rudd Award “Keepers of the Flame”** for the dedication and commitment she has shown in the sharing of her time, talents and gifts to make a difference to our Transfiguration Faith Family.

**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.

**Stewardship Thought**

*“Here I am!” he answered.”- Genesis 22:11*

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

**Weekly Offering for February 21, 2021**

\$7,986.00 Tithe and Offering

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**Holding adults to high standards**

When you start to talk to your children about inappropriate touching and basic sexual abuse prevention safety rules, be mindful that children can easily be confused by even the best of any adult’s intentions, which underscores why all adults have a responsibility to adhere to the highest of standards in their relationships with children. Consider that another good reason to be involved in the activities your children participate in is that it allows you to get to know the adults who work regularly with them. That way, if your child brings a confusing scenario to you, you can more easily discuss the circumstances with your child and the adult involved, with the goal of working towards better behaviors. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS article “How to Talk Productively With an Adult about Inappropriate Behavior with a Child” at <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>. Access the article: “How to Talk Productively With an Adult about Inappropriate Behavior with a Child”