

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 6, 2022

Lenten Theme: "Suffering in Hope"

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you as we embark on "another days journey." In other words as our faith-family begins the season of reconciliation and conversion called Lent. This is the First Sunday of Lent cycle (c). Liturgically, we are called to a special type of observance on this mountain top experience called the holy sacrifice of the Mass. It is supposed to be markedly different than the official commemoration of Black History Month, which we just completed.

Our official observance of Black History Month ended with a 'brown eyed' soul brother, Fr. Frank Tinajero, SVD giving us another perspective of our history and its universal efficacious effects for all humankind! Through guest presiders: Fr. Tom Gibbons, Fr. Ajani Gibson, Fr. Claude Williams, O Praem, and Fr. Tinajero, SVD we followed our theme "in spirit and in truth"; "still making Black History". The diverse presentations and spirit of worship concretize the truth that the Church of the Transfiguration understands that Black history is American history, and most importantly salvation history!

Now we begin our annual observance of lent, as we continue to make Black history in our witness in this moment of serious contemplation and conversion. Just as we did during the official celebration of Black history, we will see our triumphs, trials, and opportunity for hope of deliverance.

Lent (Latin: *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth') is a solemn religious observance in the Christian liturgical calendar commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert, according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, before beginning his public ministry, during which he endured temptation by Satan. Lent is observed in the Anglican, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran, Methodist, Moravian, Oriental Orthodox, Reformed (including Presbyterian and Congregationalist), United Protestant and Roman Catholic Churches. Some Anabaptist, Baptist and nondenominational Christian churches also observe Lent. [Wikipedia] The Catholic Church is steeped in rich Tradition as it pertains to the Lenten season.

Lent is a period of grief that necessarily ends with a great celebration of Easter. Thus, it is known in Eastern Orthodox circles as the season of "bright sadness" (Greek: χαρμολύπη, romanized: charmolyphê). The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, simple living, and self-denial. In Lent, many Christians commit to fasting, as well as giving up certain luxuries in imitation of Jesus Christ's sacrifice during his journey into the desert for 40 days; this is known as one's Lenten sacrifice [Wikipedia]

Many Christians also add a Lenten spiritual discipline, such as reading a daily devotional or praying through a Lenten calendar, to draw themselves near to God. Often observed are the Stations of the Cross, a devotional commemoration of Christ's carrying the Cross and crucifixion. Many churches remove flowers from their altars and veil crucifixes, religious statues that show the triumphant Christ, and other elaborate religious symbols in violet fabrics in solemn observance of the event. The custom of veiling typically occurs on the weekend before Holy Week and is not meant to be observed for the full duration of Lent. [Wikipedia]

Church of the Transfiguration, God has blessed us with this, another opportunity to "repent and believe in the Gospel. May we use our Lenten tools of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, so that we will follow our theme for this season; "Suffering in Hope!" This Hope will lead to our victory come Resurrection Sunday!

Shalom,

Father Bozeman, SSJ

Weekly Offering for February 27, 2022

\$3,589.22 Tithe and Offering

Stewardship Thought

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given me." (DEUTERONOMY 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do we live our **Stewardship** by giving to God from our "first fruits" - the first and best that we have to offer, or do we give from what we have leftover? Second, do we realize that everything we have and that everything you are has been given to us by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

Did you Know?

Check your car seats

Parents are — rightly — focused on car seat safety from the minute they bring their children home from the hospital. But as children grow up, things change. They get taller, they weigh more, the family may change cars or add siblings. It is important to periodically check your car seats and make sure they are still safe for your children's current ages, weights, heights, and the vehicle they ride in.

For a quick list of starter questions, get a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Car Seat Safety" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know/.



SUNDAY, MARCH 13TH

**Daylight Saving
Time begins:**

Set clocks forward 1 hour

SAVE THE DATE

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY | APRIL 24, 2022

MONSIGNOR RICHARD M MARTINI

Celebrant 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Mass

DEDICATION

Ceremony of
Transfiguration
Hall to the...

Msgr Martini Parish Hall



MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CAROL JAMES!

We would like to congratulate Carol James, 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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-15, Lk 4:1-13
Monday	Lv 19:1-18, Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12-25, Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 15:5-18, Ps 27:1-14, Lk 9:28b-36

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL

March 17-20, 2022

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802

This year's theme is: Living Waters of Hope

Register at...<https://recongress.org/>

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, after almost 2 years our Retreat House is back! You can choose to register for a Classic retreat in a private room either April 8th – 10th or April 29th – May 1st. Register now! Signing up is easier than ever. Just go to www.sacredheartretreathouse.com. Should you have questions or need any assistance with the enrollment process, please reach out to Sonya Robertson at (323)291-4846 or Evelyn Payne at (323)291-8325.

Job Opportunity

20/20 Consulting and Management is hiring for security guards in Los Angeles. Please reach out to William King at Williamking235@gmail.com for more information.

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, Gerald Bill, Victor Bozeman, Amanda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Magnolia Cumby, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Sophia De Tiege, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, Cynthia Fortier, Noel Fouch er, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Donald Grimes, Barbara Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Christian Latigue, Mercedes LeBlanc, Victor Levi, Vydred Manor, Cassandra Mitchell, Ella Nelson, Evelyn Nunnally, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Kay Sterling, Leila Thomas, Rev. Wilbur Thomas, Bridgette Towns, Faye Trotter, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Denise White, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

Prayer Candles

available for a donation of \$4.00.

See a Sacristan after mass.