

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 10, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

His grace to me has not been ineffective. (1 Corinthians 15:10)

God's grace seems to be all over today's readings, doesn't it? It was grace that burned away Isaiah's sin and turned him into one of the most important prophets in Israel's history. It was grace that stopped St. Paul dead in his tracks when he was on his way to imprison Christians and turned him into one of the greatest evangelists of all time. And it was grace that brought Peter to his knees before Jesus and turned this brusque fisherman into a humble fisher of men and leader of the early Church. Clearly, God's grace was not ineffective in these men's lives! How about you? Can you point to ways that God's grace has been "not ineffective" in you? It doesn't have to be as dramatic as the conversions experienced by Peter or Paul or Isaiah. It doesn't have to be dramatic at all! Of course, it's wonderful when that happens, but God's grace more often resembles a gently flowing stream than a mighty surging ocean. For example, think about those times when you felt especially close to God during a Mass or in a time of prayer. That's grace. Or what about that twinge of conscience that led you to the confessional after a long absence? That's grace. Remember that time when you found it easier to forgive someone than you thought it would be? That too is grace. Anything that brings you closer to God or moves you further from sin is the result of God pouring his grace into your heart. Anything that makes you more loving, kind, and compassionate comes from his grace. In fact, if you were to stop and review your day, you'd probably find that his grace was all around you. Today is a new day and the beginning of a new week. Take advantage of this fresh start. Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to all the grace that God has stored up for you this week. And when you find that grace, welcome it with your heart. Let it be "not ineffective."

"Jesus, teach me to open my heart to your grace!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Black History Facts

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

1. The first black **U.S. Senator** was Hiram Revels in 1870.
2. Thurgood Marshall was the first African American appointed to the **United States Supreme Court**.
3. Scientist and mathematician Benjamin Banneker is credited with helping to design the **blueprints for Washington, D.C.**
4. Cathay Williams was the first and only known **female Buffalo Soldier** during the Civil War.
5. Dr. Michelle King was the first African American selected to lead the **nation's second largest school system (LAUSD)** in January 2016. She died last week.

Facts obtained from the library of Dn. Gregory Patterson, ASBS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	February 9 Intention of Mabel Walton and Frank Rhodes
Sunday 8:00 AM	February 10 Soul of Karen Lee
10:00 AM	Soul of Betty Flowers
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Tuesday 8:00 AM	February 12 Soul of Lorina Fernandez
Wednesday 8:00 AM	February 13 Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson
Thursday 8:00 AM	February 14 Soul of Jane Lambey
Friday 8:00 AM	February 15 Intention of Aaron and Briana Katz
Saturday 5:15 PM	February 16 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 10:00 AM	February 17 Soul of Ferdinand Foye

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 6:1-8, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 5:1-11
Monday	Gn 1:1-19, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	Gn 1:20-2:4a, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Gn 2:4b-17, Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	Gn 2:18-25, Mk 7:24-30
Friday	Gn 3:1-8, Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	Gn 3:9-24, Mk 8:1-10
Sunday	Jer 17:5-8, Ps 1:1-6, Lk 6:17-26

WEEKLY OFFERING

February 3, 2019

\$4404.00 Tithe and Offering
110.00 Building Fund
33.00 "We Care"



RCIA *Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...*

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7PM. The topic will be about the "Explanation of the Mass & Holy Eucharist" by Dn. Jim Carper at St. Bernadette, 3825 Don Felipe Drive in Los Angeles.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
to Mabel Walton and
Frank Rhodes
who celebrate their birthdays
FEBRUARY 10
from your family and friends...

Religious Education Congress

March 21 – Youth Day

March 22-24, 2019

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is:

Thirsting for Justice!

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez
or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Did you know?

Know when words are warning signs

Some predators will use comments and conversations to groom potential victims. Be on guard any time an adult is talking to a child about sex, no matter how they're presenting it (hygiene, reproduction, etc.). Physical flattery can be another red flag — predators sometimes try to make children feel good about themselves by commenting on their physical appearance. For a copy of the VIRTUS® article "When are Words Warning Signs?" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

Stewardship Thought

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send?'"

Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" (ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "*Whom shall I send?*" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."

Sacred Heart Retreat

All sisters, moms, daughters, aunts and grandmas listen up! It's almost that time of year again for the Sacred Heart Retreat in Alhambra. Treat yourself or a special lady in your life to a daily refuge or a full weekend getaway. Let's have a great turnout of Transfiguration ladies! This year's retreat will be held March 29 to 31, 2019. The theme is "In You, all find their home." For more information please call Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Reservations must be complete by March 10th.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.