

Dear Parishioners,

Because he clings to me, I will deliver him. (Psalm 91:14)

Do you remember falling in love? The whole world seemed new, and you felt as if you were walking on air – all because someone had stolen your heart.

As exhilarating as that feeling is, it's just the beginning of a love story. As your relationship progresses, you learn that love isn't just a warm feeling. It also involves responsibility and hard work. In every relationship, situations come up in which you have to choose to protect and develop your love – and that often means a degree of self-sacrifice. It may mean turning down a promotion because it would take away more time with your family than would be healthy. It may mean caring for an aging parent or spouse who has become dependent on you for everything. It's in times like these that you are called to embrace a fuller meaning of love: selflessness.

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus enters the desert, where he is tempted by Satan. While each temptation is different, they all have the same goal of luring Jesus away from his commitment to love us "to the end" (John 13:1). Jesus chooses love.

This is a fitting topic for the feast day of St. Valentine. In the third century, the emperor Claudius II banned all marriages in Rome so that he could have more unattached men for his army. Valentine, a bishop, defied the emperor's order and married couples in secret. He was ultimately arrested, beaten, and beheaded. Valentine could have chosen self-preservation, but he sacrificed his life for love instead.

Today, consider the way that Jesus and many heroes of the faith have chosen love over personal gain or preservation. Think about the way their decisions have caused a ripple effect on the world. Then ask the Lord to show you how you can take the next step toward choosing love.

"Lord, help me remember to make my relationships a priority. Teach me how to love as you did, Jesus – fully and from the heart."

~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Important Message

Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Stewardship Thought:

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

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

Sacred Heart Retreat

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it's almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We'd love to have you with us.

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

Tuesday, February 16 "Sacraments of Holy Orders & Marriage" at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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| 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 |

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday February 13 | 5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners |
| Sunday February 14 | 8:00 AM Intention of Deacon Greg Patterson |
| | 10:00 AM Soul of Alvin King |
| | 12:15 PM Soul of Barbara Starks |
| Monday February 15 | 8:00 AM Intention of Dr. Cornelius James and Margie Atkins |
| Friday February 19 | 8:00 AM Intention of Maurice Simon |
| Saturday February 20 | 5:15 PM Intention of Sidney Poiter and Brian Mutetikka |
| Sunday February 21 | 8:00 AM Soul of Tom Franklin |
| | 10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners |
| | 12:15 PM Soul of William Patterson |



WEEKLY OFFERING

February 7, 2016

\$5,780.50 Tithe and Offering
275.00 Building Fund
31.00 "We Care"

The school offering for the month of January was \$1,659.25.
The children are grateful. Thank you.

Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL FISH FRY RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1000.00

2nd Prize: \$500.00

3rd Prize: 250.00

Drawing: Friday, March 18, 2016

8:30 PM in the Parish Hall

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5-9 PM beginning February 12.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Mabel Walton and Frank Rhodes
who celebrated their birthday

FEBRUARY 10

from your family and friends...



MOVIE SHOWING

Please join Fr. Mike McCullough, the Reserve Cops of St. Michael and the Bible Study Group in a special screening of the Movie, "WAR ROOM" on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 2:00 PM in the parish hall. Light refreshments will be served following the movie. All are welcome. The movie is rated PG-13.

HOLIDAY - PRESIDENT'S DAY

Church & School Offices Closed

Monday, February 15, 2016

HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Millard Goode, Jr., Nancy Goosby, Mary Hall, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Year of Mercy Prayer



Lord Jesus Christ, Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its Anointing, so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a Year of Grace from the Lord, and your church.

With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring your good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever.