

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 18, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

It is... an appeal to God for a clear conscience. (1 Peter 3:21)

While St. Peter is describing the Sacrament of Baptism here, he could just as easily be talking about Reconciliation. For what could possibly be a better way to experience a clean conscience than by going to Confession?

We know that when we confess our sins, we are forgiven—completely! But then comes the real challenge: keeping our consciences clear after we have received absolution. It's one thing to experience God's forgiveness, but what will change us so that we don't end up confessing the same things over and over again?

You may be surprised to find that the answer lies—again—in Confession! The sacrament doesn't just empty us of the past; it also fills us with grace for the future. That's because in Confession we meet Jesus, who came not only to pardon our sins but also to make us holy. In Confession, Jesus lifts the weight of our past sins from our shoulders so that we can go out into the world free from guilt, inspired by grace to say an even firmer no to sin than before.

Of course, we all face temptation, just as Jesus did in today's Gospel. But because Jesus triumphed in the wilderness, we can triumph as well. Jesus, the victor, is always ready to help us when we call out to him. He is right next to us, reminding us of his forgiveness and urging us to accept the grace he has stored up for us. He is here to remind us that he has overcome sin and that we can now enjoy the fruits of his victory.

So make sure you celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent. And when you do, know that the grace of this sacrament is there to cleanse you and to fill you with God's power. It is an ongoing grace that brings you closer to Jesus and strengthens you against any and all temptation.

*“Thank you, Lord, for the grace that comes with Confession!
Give me greater confidence in your mercy and love.”*

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

BIBLE STUDY LENTEN MOVIE

This year for Lent, Bible Study will present the movie, “I, Daniel Blake” on Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 PM in the hall. Daniel is a carpenter in Britain who, after suffering a heart attack, fights to collect his Employment and Support Allowance (unemployment) from a dispassionate bureaucracy. Our 5 week Lenten study of the movie begins on Monday February 26 at 7:00 PM. Study guides will be available for a donation of \$12.00. Be advised: the movie is rated **R**, due to mature language and some sensitive material. All are welcome.

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, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Jacqueline Williams, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-9, Mk 1:12-15
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	1 Pt 5:1-4, Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 22: 1-18, Ps 116:10-19, Mk 9:2-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 17
5:15 PM	Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz
Sunday	February 18
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Souls of Effie, Beverly, & Donald Raphael
12:15 PM	Soul of Elaine Martini
Monday	February 19
8:00 AM	Intention of Maurice Simon
Tuesday	February 20
8:00 AM	Soul of William Patterson
Saturday	February 24
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	February 25
8:00 AM	Intention of Ruby Chapman
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 11, 2018

\$5,710.00 Tithe and Offering
361.00 Building Fund
0 "We Care"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Joseph A. Belgarde

who celebrates his birthday

Sunday February 18th.

From your family.

AND

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Maurice Simon

who celebrates his birthday

Monday February 19th.

From your church family.

Religious Education Congress

March 15 – Youth Day

March 16 -18, 2018

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: Rise Up!

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

Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL FISH FRY RAFFLE

1st Prize: \$1000.00

2nd Prize: \$500.00

3rd Prize: \$250.00

You are asked to sell one book which is 40 tickets,
total of \$40. There is no need for a **STUB TO WIN**.
All we need is your name, phone number or address.

Drawing: Friday, March 23, 2018 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5-9PM beginning February 16.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, it's just about that time again for the Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. This year, we are delighted to celebrate the weekend of Divine Mercy - April 6th, 7th, and 8th. What a great way to continue your Easter celebration. Rooms are filling up fast! So please call Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 right away to reserve your space.

Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

invites you to a Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 9AM to 2PM at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra at the St. Joseph Campus. The cost is \$30.

Make checks payable to: ACCW (Day of Recollection)

Mail to: Beverly Hughs

6626 Orizaba Avenue #1

Long Beach, CA 90805

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, February 21, 2018.**

Call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024 for more information.