

# 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

As finite human beings, each of us is involved in a constant struggle against temptation. We see in the Gospel this weekend that Jesus too was tempted; however, the Gospel writer Mark makes no reference to the fact that Jesus was fasting during this time. In this first struggle in the desert, Jesus is not God-forsaken as he will be in his last.

The First Reading introduces the theme of covenant. In it we are told of the first in a series of patriarchal covenants which serve as a preparation for the covenant at Sinai. That in turn prepared the way for the new covenant that God formed with humanity in Christ.

Like Noah, the Christian is saved by passage through water – the waters of baptism – (Second Reading). It is through our baptism that we enter into the new covenant relationship with God, and that Christ's victory over sin and death is communicated to us.

The season of Lent is upon us! This is the time the church goes on retreat for 40 days; it is a time of penitence and fasting, of which we are encouraged to examine our lives and change them for the better. How might we do this? Of course, going to daily Mass is an option, or renewing oneself through Bible Study on Monday nights.

I encourage everyone to come to our Lenten Reconciliation Service on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. here in the church. Finally, physical denial, (giving up something) is an option, but this action, should never be substituted for a change of heart, in other words, forgiving a grudge, or giving someone a break. As Jesus told us time and time again, we can do external pieties to show off in front of others, but real conversion happens from within! Happy Lent everyone and may God give you the grace to become everything that God wants you to be!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

7:00 PM Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 29

6:00 PM Religious Education Class-*PCRM*

6:00 PM Line Dancing-*hall*

6:30 PM CCL-*SJRM*

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-*Church*

### THURSDAY, MARCH 1

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2

9:30 AM School Stations

11:00 AM Adoration

2:00 PM Benediction

5:00 – 9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations

### SATURDAY, MARCH 3

9:30 AM-12:30 PM Virtus Training-*hall*

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

10:30 AM-12:30 PM Religious Education Class

2:00 PM Bingo-*hall*

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, February 25

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

### Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. +Mignon Barr & +Delton Barker

10:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. Int. of Diana Newell and Ben Lopez

### Monday, February 27

8:00 a.m. Int. of Lillian White

### Tuesday, February 28

8:00 a.m. +Evelyn Carmouche

### Wednesday, February 29

8:00 a.m. +Harold Lapesade

### Thursday, March 1

8:00 a.m. +Bernadine Adams

### Friday, March 2

8:00 a.m. Int. of Stephanie Bell

### Sunday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Effie, Beverly, & Donald Raphael

### Altar Servers Schedule

#### Stations of the Cross March 2th

Logan Bush	Gilberto Gonzales
Noelle London	Brendon Wilkerson
Matthew Madere	Jaylen Bowens

### Altar Servers Schedule March 3 & 4, 2012

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Arianna Foster	Delisa Madere	Alias Hilton	Emilio Ramirez
Makiya Foster	Derik Madere	Martin Hill	Logan Bush
	Caycee Chapman	Anthony Roque	Nicholas Godfrey
	Noelle London	Gilberto Gonzales	

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

### VIRTUS SESSION

A **Recertification session** is scheduled for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels, in downtown Los Angeles. The session, *Keeping the Promise Alive*, lasts 1 hour 30 minutes and is for RE-CERTIFICATION ONLY. To RSVP call 213.680.5270.

Transfiguration will hold two **VIRTUS** Training sessions ~ **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 AM and Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM the hall.** Please call the Rectory to reserve a space 323.291.1136. The class, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3 hours.



**C E L E B R A T E**  
**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY WITH US!**  
 Hosted by the Jefferson Council  
**Saturday, March 17, 2012**  
**5:15 PM Mass**  
 Reception follows in hall.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for the **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

### ANNUAL FISH FRY AND RAFFLE

Please support our **Annual Fish Fry and Raffle** every Friday from 5:00 until 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

### PLANNED GIVING

If your family's needs are being met, you may wish to include the parish as a beneficiary of your IRA. Contact your IRA Trustee and ask for change of beneficiary forms to include stewardship.

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, February 20, 2011**  
 \$3,793.63 Sacrificial Gift  
 332.27 Building Fund  
 189.87 "We Care"

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, February 19, 2012**  
 \$4,585.95 Sacrificial Gift  
 339.53 Building Fund  
 194.02 "We Care"

### FRIDAY, MARCH 2<sup>nd</sup>

1st Friday Mass at 8:00 AM

### SUNDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>

Family Mass at 10:00 AM all are welcome.  
 Bingo at 2:00 PM

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18<sup>th</sup>

School Open House & Testing from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

### SAVE THE DATE!

Health Fair Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

**African American History Community/Evening Program – Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM in the parish hall.** Everyone is welcome to attend this special event. If you are interested in performing, contact **Stephanie Moore** at the school office.

### BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the **"BOX TOP" LABEL** and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!

### WOMEN'S RETREAT

Ladies, are you feeling tired, misunderstood, or too busy to catch your breath? Well, maybe it's time to get to a quiet space and spend time with yourself and the Lord. Sacred Heart Retreat House is the perfect place. If you think you'd like to join us this year for a Saturday get-away or for the entire weekend of March 30th - April 1st, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 by March 9th. We'd love to have you along!

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday** Gn 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-9, Mt 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** 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 22:1-18, Ps 116:10-19, Mk 9:2-10

### PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Jerone Bill, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.