

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 February 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Even should she forget, I will never forget you. (Isaiah 49:15)

What a spectacular word from God! How did Isaiah come up with such a moving analogy for God's love? Especially in the ancient Near East, with its male-dominated outlook, comparing almighty God to a loving, tender mother must have sounded revolutionary.

Let this analogy sink in for a moment. When we hear of a mother's love for her newborn child, we immediately think of a warm, encompassing, and nurturing love. We think of a woman who will go to great lengths to protect her child, even if it means sacrificing her own life. And that's the surprising and beautiful thing about Isaiah's prophecy: this is how our God looks at us.

Initially, this prophetic word was intended to bring comfort to the Jews who had been defeated in battle and then exiled from their homes. Captives of war, living in a foreign country far from their home and their Temple, they could have thought that God had abandoned them. But Isaiah's words rang out with comfort and assurance: "I am with you."

At the same time, this prophecy is meant for all of us. Just as the Israelites were in need of hope and encouragement, so are we. No matter what our lives look like right now, the Lord wants to tell us, "I will never forget you." We all know that our world has a mixture of good and bad, of joy and sorrow, of love and hatred. How wonderful it is to know that in the midst of all the ups and downs of life, we have one constant: almighty God loves us just as intensely as a mother loves her child.

So sit quietly with your God today. Let the words from this reading wash over you and fill you up. Let God's love, a love as tender as a mother's love, comfort you and encourage you. You are never alone! God will never forget you!

"Thank you, Lord, that you promise never to forsake me.
Help me rest in your tender love today."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Lenten Bible Study

This year for Lent, Bible Study will present a 5 week contemplation of the 2011 movie "The Way". The film stars Martin Sheen as Tom with his son Emilio Estevez as Daniel. Daniel, the son, dies in Spain while on the Camino de Santiago, "The Way of St. James" pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago. Tom, the father, decides to complete the pilgrimage and scatter his son's ashes along the path. We will show the 2 hour movie on **Monday, February 27 at 6:45 PM**. The Lenten study begins on Monday, March 6 at 7:00 PM. Study guides will be available for a donation of \$10.00. All are welcome.

UP-COMING SERVICE

Ash Wednesday Masses

March 1, 2017

8am Daily Mass

9:30am School Mass

6pm Mass



Distribution of Ashes at all Services.

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 49:14-15, Ps 62:2-9, Mt 6:24-34
Monday	Sir 17:20-24, Mk10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12, Mk10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18, Mt 6:1-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58: 9b-14, Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2: 7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-17, Mt 4:1-11

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 25
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	February 26
8:00 AM	Soul of Connie Geldback
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of Tonya Ruffin
Tuesday	February 28
8:00 AM	Soul of Hayzetta Patterson
Sunday	March 5
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Roslyn DeHesa (<i>daughter of Melba Bridges</i>)
12:15 PM	Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

WEEKLY OFFERING

February 19, 2017

\$4,241.00 Tithe and Offering
284.00 Building Fund
0 "We Care"



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern 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, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, 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, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriquez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

A MOMENT IN BLACK HISTORY

Thomas "Tom" Bradley (December 29, 1917 – September 29, 1998) was the five-term mayor of Los Angeles, California, serving in office from 1973 to 1993. The son of sharecroppers and grandson of slaves, he made history when he was elected mayor of Los Angeles and became the first African American mayor of a major American city with an overwhelmingly white population. Born in rural Calvert Texas, Bradley's family moved to Los Angeles when he was 7 years old. For more than a million African Americans who migrated West in the early 20th century, Los Angeles was considered the "Promised Land", providing the hope of better life – far from the lynchings, urban riots and Jim Crow laws of the South. Bradley grew up on Central Avenue in Los Angeles, the heart of the black community. It was a relatively small, close knit community, where neighbor helped neighbor offering stability, optimism, and a sense of belonging. It was in this Los Angeles that Bradley could dream the impossible dream – a life of hope and an enduring belief that change is possible.

Dn. Gregory J. Patterson, ASBS

Rosary Procession

Fr. Bernard invites you to join him in a Rosary Procession on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration. Confession is a 4PM on that day.

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, now's the time to give some serious thought to being a part of Transfiguration's weekend at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. Whether you want to get away for the entire weekend or commute daily, room by yourself or with another retreatant, we can accommodate you! We need your reservation by March 17th, so please give us a call. You deserve it!

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SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Jr. Daughters

Jazz Lunch

Transfiguration Parish Hall
after all Masses.

