

Dear Parishioners,

The bush, though on fire, was not consumed. (Exodus 3:2)

What a sight this burning bush must have been to Moses! But what exactly was it?

One explanation is that this fire signified God's desire that everyone worship him alone (Deuteronomy 4:24). He wants to burn away all the other "gods" that we have set up in his place.

Another explanation is that this fire represents God's judgment against sin. To those who repent, it is a cleansing fire, but to those who turn away, it is a condemning fire. Jesus himself talked about fire this way a few times in his preaching (Matthew 18:8; 25:41). The fact that the fire engulfed the bush but did not burn it away gives us great hope. Our God never gives up!

A third explanation focuses on how God chose an everyday item from the natural world—an ordinary bush—to display his glory. This explanation tells us that God is present everywhere; he works through all events, both big and little, to bring us closer to him. It also points us to the fire of the Holy Spirit, who can transform us—ordinary people—into the image of God (Acts 2:3-4).

Lent is a time when God wants to purify us. It's a time when he tells us, just as he told Moses and the Israelites, that he wants us to have no false gods before him (Exodus 20:3). To that end, Lent is a perfect time for us to come to the Lord and ask him to burn away our sins through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is also the perfect time for us to invite the fire of the Holy Spirit into our hearts so that we—everyday people—can be a source of blessing to the people we meet.

Let's make it a point this Lent to ask Jesus to send his fire to purify our hearts and empower our lives. Let's ask him to set us on fire for him and his Church!

"Come, Holy Spirit, and enkindle in me the fire of your love!"

~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:

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" (LUKE 13:7)

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Kik Messenger and the dangers of anonymous messages

Social media sites are available to anyone with an internet connection (computer, phone, and tablet). Your kids may be sharing their lives with complete strangers, and parents should be aware of the sites they use, what they share, and who their friends are. One mobile app, Kik, is regarded as the most dangerous site for internet predators, because users can send messages to anyone with a cell phone, including young children. Kik has no options for parental controls, leaving kids exposed to the entire web. To learn more about this app in the Virtus® article "Mobile App Danger—Kik Messenger," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-11, Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15b, Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1-9, Mt 5:17-19, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Jos 5:9-12, Ps 34:2-7, Lk 15:1-32

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 27

5:15 PM Soul of Charles Martin

Sunday February 28

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Hayzetta Patterson
12:15 PM Soul of Ferdinand Leon

Saturday March 5

5:15 PM Intention of Liz Quinn

Sunday March 6

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of St. Katherine Drexel

WEEKLY OFFERING

February 21, 2016

\$4,537.50 Tithe and Offering
635.00 Building Fund
51.00 "We Care"



VIRTUS TRAINING SESSIONS

at Transfiguration in the hall.

3 hours Certification March 5, from 9AM-12Noon

1 ½ hour Recertification March 12, from 9-10:30AM

Call the Rectory for more information.



Join us today for
Coffee & Donuts
in the hall.

SAVE THE DATES

Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 11:00 AM

MASS OF ANOINTING - NO 8AM MASS

at Transfiguration Church

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Transfiguration Church & School

ANNUAL LENTEN 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 18, 2016 at 8:30 PM in the hall.

Please contact the rectory if you have any questions.

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5:00 to 9:00 PM in the parish hall.

Featuring Bourbon Street Fish & Grill

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

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, Vyldred 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, Tinkerbell, 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. Amen.