

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 3, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Love never fails. (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Many people—scholars and everyday believers alike—consider today’s first reading to be the greatest chapter in all of Scripture. Using just thirteen verses, Paul gave us a beautiful description of love that we could spend a lifetime praying about. Simple and succinct, Paul puts love where it belongs: on the top of the list. Speaking in tongues like the apostles, prophesying like Isaiah, understanding the mysteries of faith like St. Thomas Aquinas, giving away everything we own like Mother Teresa—it means nothing if love is not involved. Paul also acknowledges that none of us love perfectly. Using analogies, he calls our love childish. It’s as if we were looking at life through a dark, distorted mirror. Paul acknowledges, in other words, that we all make mistakes. We all use bad judgment. We all hurt other people—especially our loved ones. We try our best, but sometimes our best just isn’t good enough. Not yet, at least. Like Paul, St. Peter also puts love at the top of the list. He sees love as being the most powerful force in the world. It’s so powerful, in fact, that it “covers a multitude of sins” (1 Peter 4:8). Love understands all of this and can heal all of this—even the mistakes and poor judgments that are more a matter of bad choices than sins. If you have been hurt, remember that your love can bring healing, both to yourself and to the one who hurt you. Even if your love is partial or tinged with some regret or a bit of anger, it can still make a difference. Jesus always sees the love, and he always blesses it. Love is not about being perfect. It’s about trying our best and asking forgiveness when we fall. In prayer today, ask Jesus to fill you with the desire and the strength to love with the same love that he has for you. Try to be quick to love, quick to forgive, and quick to ask forgiveness. Remember, love always wins.

“Lord, teach me to love more deeply each day.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Black History Facts

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

1 in 4 *cowboys* was Black despite the stories told in popular books and movies.

Dr. Mae Jemison became the first African American woman to go into space aboard the *Space Shuttle Endeavor* in 1992.

John Baxter Taylor was the first African American to win an *Olympic Gold Medal*.

Alexa Canady became the first female African American *Neurosurgeon* in the United States.

Quincy Jones is the most *Grammy-nominated artist* in the history of the awards with 76 nominations and 26 awards.

Facts obtained from the library of Dn. Gregory Patterson, ASBS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 2
5:15 PM Intention of Channie Richardson IV
Sunday February 3
8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of Leona Mae Roland
Monday February 4
8:00 AM Soul of Betty Flowers
Sunday February 10
10:00 AM Soul of Betty Flowers
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Jer 1:4-19, Ps 71:1-17, Lk 4:21-30
Monday Heb 11:32-40, Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday Heb 12:4-15, Mk 6:1-6
Thursday Heb 12:18-24, Mk 6:7-13
Friday Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29
Saturday Heb 13:15-21, Mk 6:30-34
Sunday Is 6:1-8, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 5:1-11

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 27, 2019

\$4336.00 Tithe and Offering
80.00 Building Fund
21.00 "We Care"



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

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7PM. The topic will be about the "Sacrament of Confirmation" by Dn. Doug Johnson at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *The Roland Family* in memory of their beloved mother **LEONA MAE ROLAND**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

2018 Tax Statement!

Tax letters have been mailed out... If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

Religious Education Congress

March 21 – Youth Day

March 22-24, 2019

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is:

Thirsting for Justice!

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

Did you know?

Protect your child's financial future

As parents, we want to keep our children safe from any harm. That includes harm from identity theft, which can lead to compromised credit scores and financial ruin, before your child even gets his/her first job! Take steps to minimize the risk of identity theft by setting up credit freezes on your child's social security number, or getting an IRS identity protection PIN that will prevent fraudulent use of your child's identity. To learn more from the VIRTUS® article "Minors and Identity Theft," visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>

Sacred Heart Retreat

All sisters, moms, daughters, aunts and grandmas listen up! It's almost that time of year again for the Sacred Heart Retreat in Alhambra. Treat yourself or a special lady in your life to a daily refuge or a full weekend getaway. Let's have a great turnout of Transfiguration ladies! This year's retreat will be held March 29 to 31, 2019. The theme is "In You, all find their home." For more information please call Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Reservations must be complete by March 10th.

Ushers Meeting

All Ushers are asked to attend a meeting on **Saturday, February 9, 2019 at 10AM** in the parish hall.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.