

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 10, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

You will be saved. (Romans 10:9)

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that confessing that Jesus is Lord and believing in his resurrection will bring us to the ultimate goal of our lives: heaven itself. But this is one of those "gospel truths" that comes with an asterisk attached.

We recite the Nicene Creed at every Sunday Mass. It's another version of Paul's confession of faith. So if we say it with faith, isn't that all we need to do to get to heaven? Not exactly. Remember, even the devil believes that Jesus is the "son of the Most high God" (Luke 8:28). Remember too that Jesus warns us, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21).

Clearly, there must be more to this than simply reciting the truths of our faith. Something has to happen inside of us as well. Something has to come into us to change us and make us become more and more worthy of the gift of eternal life. And that something is faith.

Faith in Jesus sanctifies our hearts. It directs the affections of our hearts toward Jesus. It moves us to say no to sin. The devil's "belief" didn't sanctify his heart. It didn't move him to have any affection for Jesus. If anything, it made him hate Jesus all the more. That's because he didn't put his faith in Jesus.

Every day this Lent, the Holy Spirit wants to move you toward a deeper faith, a faith that strengthens your love for Jesus and other people.

Think of it this way. Married couples know that love involves much more than saying and believing the words "I love you." They know it means staying united, serving each other, working out differences, and putting each other above themselves. Likewise, confessing Jesus as Lord and believing it in your heart is much more than accepting a fact and saying it. Confessing and believing is a way of faith. It's a way of life.

*"Jesus, I believe that you are the Savior of the world.
Let this faith continue to sanctify my heart."*

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

SACRED HEART RETREAT

Ladies, our quiet, restful weekend at the Sacred Heart Retreat House is drawing near. You owe it to yourself to spend some time with yourself and our Lord. **Spaces are still available** for March 29th-31st. Reservations are due Sunday, March 10th. Please see Sonya Robertson after the 10AM or 12:15PM masses today and next Sunday. You won't regret it.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 9
5:15 PM	Soul of Emma Thornton
Sunday	March 10
8:00 AM	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 AM	Soul of Daisy Pratt
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Friday	March 15
8:00 AM	Intention of Aaron and Briana Katz
Saturday	March 16
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	March 17
8:00 AM	Soul of Jose Sanchez
10:00 AM	Soul of Ferdinand Foye

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-15, Lk 4:1-13
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 15:5-18, Ps 27:1-14, Lk 9:28b-36

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 3, 2019

\$6055.00 Tithe and Offering
330.00 Building Fund
62.00 "We Care"

Bible Study

Join Bible Study for our 5 week Lenten Reflection, "*A Beautiful Friendship*" based on the classic movie "Casablanca. Week 1 begins our study on Monday, March 11 with the topic, "*Trapped in exile. Wilderness in waiting*". All are welcome Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the hall.

Did you know?

The Protecting God's Children program is in place to raise awareness about behaviors of adults that may indicate a threat to the safety of children and young people. Through this program, trained adults learn how to prevent abuse from happening, in part by taking steps to eliminate suspicious behaviors, such as being alone with a young person. Creating a culture of openness and transparency goes a long way towards alleviating concerns of inappropriate behavior by adults, and helps children feel safe in their environment.

For a full copy of the VIRTUS® article "Applying Principles of the Protecting God's Children Program," go to www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.

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.

Thoughts on Fasting

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.

It should be a joyous season of fasting.

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

Fast from discouragement: feast on hope.

Fast from idle gossip: feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from anger: feast on patience.

Fast from discontent: feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism: feast on optimism.

Fast from suspicion: feast on truth.

Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness.

Fast from complaining: feast on appreciation.

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, April 12, 2019 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays 5-9PM beginning March 8.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle 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, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.