

# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2012

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The cleansing of the temple, which we hear about in the Gospel this weekend Jesus was protesting against the commercialization of religion and the desecration of the Temple. But it goes deeper. It was a symbolic action, in the fashion of an Old Testament prophet (see Jer 7:11; Mal 3.1), through which Jesus passed judgment on the Jewish sacrificial system. Here Jesus was declaring that temple worship, with its ritual animal sacrifices was irrelevant and could do nothing to bring people to God. Jesus was replacing sacrificial worship with spiritual worship.

He was also protesting the way religion had become narrow, nationalistic, and exclusive. It was God's intention that the Temple should be a house of prayer for all nations. But the Temple remained the jealously guarded preserve of Israel. No Gentile dared venture, under threat of penalty and death, beyond what was known as the "court of the Gentiles." Jesus declared that salvation was not just for the Jews, but for all peoples.

The First Reading is one of the two versions of the Decalogue. The Ten Commandments are a map of life for a people who enjoy a special relationship with God. They were to be seen as a gift and not a burden. However, Christians must not live by the Ten Commandments but by the law of Jesus. Jesus brought in a new and more exacting law: the law of unconditional love and forgiveness. Jesus effectively reduced the commandments to two: love of God and love of neighbor.

This week marks the half-way point of Lent. The readings this weekend continue to remind us that it's not external pious things which God wants, but more a change of heart, a conversion, a turning away from sin. The most serious sins are those which divide people, and create disharmony. Lent is about restoring relationships, and showing compassion rather than judgment. Please continue to reflect on your lives, make right a wrong, and forgive the unforgivable. Have a great week!

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### SUNDAY, MARCH 11

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10:30 AM-12:30 PM Religious Education Class  
12:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting  
2:00 PM Msgr. Buckley Meeting

### MONDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 PM Bible Study

### TUESDAY, MARCH 13

7:00 PM Knights Meeting

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

6:00 PM Line Dancing-*hall*

6:30 PM CCL-*SJRM*

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

### THURSDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, MARCH 16

9:30 AM School Stations

5:00 – 9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations

### SATURDAY, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day

St. Joseph's Day Mass at 5:15 PM & Celebration

### SUNDAY, MARCH 18

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 10

5:15 p.m. +Leon Katz, Sr.

### Sunday, March 11

8:00 a.m. +Lillian White

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

12:15 p.m. +Joseph Jeffrey

### Wednesday, March 14

8:00 a.m. Int. of Charles Burns

### Thursday, March 15

8:00 a.m. +Velma Moseley

### Saturday, March 17

5:15 p.m. Int. of the Jefferson Council

### Sunday, March 18

10:00 a.m. +Jordan Morning

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Educational materials on the danger of abuse

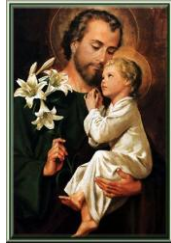
The overwhelming majority of our clergy and lay leaders are hardworking individuals who are dedicated to serving the People of God in our parishes and schools. All of us together are responsible for making sure that all of our ministries are as safe as possible for our children and young people. That means each of us has a responsibility to educate ourselves about the real danger of sexual abuse. The Los Angeles Archdiocese has produced two excellent pamphlets, "Respecting the Boundaries: Keeping Ministerial Relationships Healthy and Holy," and "Working Together to Prevent Sexual Abuse." Both pamphlets are available online at: [www.la-archdiocese.org](http://www.la-archdiocese.org). Click the "Protecting Children" tab. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at (213) 637-7650.

# SCHOOL NEWS

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN

### FINGERPRINTING

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. The next fingerprint session is Friday, March 30, 2012 at St. Agatha, 2646 So. Mansfield Ave. The hours are 12:00pm - 3:40pm and 5:20pm - 7:20pm. For an appointment please call (323)935-8127, as these time slots fill up quickly.



## CELEBRATE 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 **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

### 26<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FISH FRY AND RAFFLE

**Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary.** Please support our Annual Fish Fry and Raffle every Friday from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Tell a friend and bring the family for fellowship and fun.

### WEEKLY FISH FRY WINNER

The winner for the weekly drawing was: **2<sup>nd</sup> week Helen Hurston.** Turn in your tickets early and you will have a chance to **WIN \$60 CASH.**

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY** Monday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in the hall.

### MEMORIAL MASS

Our beloved **Lillian White** Memorial Mass will take place on **Tuesday, March 13 at 10:00 AM here at Transfiguration.**

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, March 5, 2011**  
\$7,333.20 Sacrificial Gift  
610.98 Building Fund  
349.13 "We Care"

### SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

**Sunday, March 4, 2012**  
\$6,127.65 Sacrificial Gift  
513.17 Building Fund  
293.24 "We Care"

**Wednesday, March 14** – General PTO Meeting 6:00 PM in the Thea Boman Room.

**Friday, March 16** – Join the school for Stations of the Cross 9:30 AM in the Church.

**Sunday, March 18** – School Open House and student testing from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

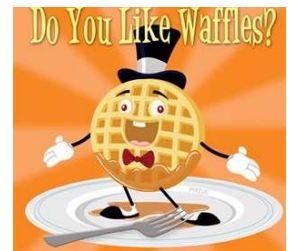
### SAVE THE DATE!

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

### Congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who have received acceptance to the following schools:

Notre Dame Academy – with honors  
Loyola High School – with honors  
Immaculate Heart High School  
Verbum Dei High School  
Cathedral High School  
St. Mary's High School

**8<sup>th</sup> Graders Belgian Waffles**  
*Breakfast Fundraiser*  
Sunday, March 25, 2012  
*after all masses.*



### 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 to 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** Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19:8-11, Jn 2:13-25  
**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  
**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** 2 Chr 36:14-23, Ps 137:1-6, Jn 3:14-21

### 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, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred 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 Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.