

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 11, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

This is not from you; it is the gift of God. (Ephesians 2:8)

Paul is emphatic: we have been saved by grace, not by our own efforts. If we could have saved ourselves, Jesus would not have had to die for our sins.

So how are we supposed to understand the interplay between God's grace and our efforts? First, it's essential for us to believe, as Paul writes, that we are saved by grace, through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Second, we need to recall Paul saying, just two verses later, that God calls us to do "good works that God has prepared in advance" (2:10).

Paul isn't referring to individual acts of kindness or service here and there. He is speaking about a way of life. He is telling us that we, who were saved by grace, must respond to God's gracious gift. And the best and only response we can have to this gracious gift from God is to try to be just as gracious as he is by doing charitable works of service for people in need.

Paul goes so far as to say that our charitable works are "prepared in advance" by God (Ephesians 2:10). In other words, we may think that our desire to reach out to someone in distress arose in our minds by itself when it actually came from the Holy Spirit.

God has put a desire for charitable works on everyone's heart. But all too often people believe they are too busy to help. Or they believe their help won't make much of a difference. The sad result is that there are still many people who are not getting the help they need.

Don't let that happen! Resolve today to give back to the Lord through works of service. Lent is the perfect time to visit the sick or the elderly, to give to the poor, and to reach out to the wounded. It's also the perfect time to get your children or grandchildren to join you.

"Lord, you have saved me. Now I want to serve you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

NOTHING MORE AND NOTHING LESS

Join Bible Study for our 5 week Lenten Reflection, "*Nothing More and Nothing Less*" based on the British movie, "I, Daniel Blake", about a man trying to collect his disability allowance from the government. The topic for Week 3 is *Compassion in the Darkness*. Join us Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the hall. All are welcome.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, 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, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Jo Ann Collin, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriquez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Jacqueline Williams, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-23, Ps 137:3-6, Jn 3:14-21
Monday	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-12, Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15, Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14, Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a-22, Jn 7:1-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:3-15, Jn 12:20-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 10

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 11

8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins

10:00 AM Soul of Virgie Aguillar

12:15 PM Soul of Joseph Leon, Jr.

Thursday March 15

8:00 AM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

Saturday March 17

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 18

8:00 AM Souls of Jose and Adelaida Sanchez

10:00 AM Soul of Jordon Manning

12:15 PM Soul of Joseph Leon, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING MARCH 4, 2018

\$5,714.25 Tithes and Offering

70.00 Building Fund

81.00 "We Care"

The school offering for the month of February was \$1,305.45.

Sacred Heart Retreat

Ladies, it's just about that time again for the Silent Retreat at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. This year, we are delighted to celebrate the weekend of Divine Mercy - April 6th, 7th, and 8th. What a great way to continue your Easter celebration. Rooms are filling up fast! So please call Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 right away to reserve your space.

Stewardship Thought

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - JOHN 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop them and return with increase.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018 Transfiguration is hosting an **Easter Egg Hunt** for our children. Please bring candy and plastic eggs to the rectory office. **NO JELLY BEANS OR UNWRAPPED CANDY** because it's unsanitary to handle. Thank you for your cooperation.

Religious Education Congress

March 15 - Youth Day

March 16 -18, 2018

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: Rise Up!

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

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, March 23, 2018 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5-9PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Brigid Church

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Thursday, March 22, 2018 at 11AM.** **No 8AM Mass on that day.** A light luncheon will follow in the hall.

THANK YOU

The family of Rudolph Liggins wishes to express their appreciation for your kind thoughts and expressions of sympathy. Special thanks to Stephanie Moore, the Ladies Auxiliary #220, Transfiguration Bereavement Team, Priest, Deacons, Ministers and Parish Office Staff.