

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

13 March 2016

## *Greeting.*

*We are so glad that you chose to join us today to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We hope that you will enjoy the service and be encouraged by your worship experience.*

I continue my pursuit. (Philippians 3:12)

It's all over Christian radio and television: I came to Jesus, I found my Savior, and I got religion. But St. Paul tells us a different story: Jesus found us! "I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus," he says (Philippians 3:12).

Jesus came to you too. He found you. He took possession of your life. In fact, he died for you while you were still far from him. Now he asks you to follow Paul's example and pursue the goal of experiencing more and more of his life in you.

That "more" of Jesus' life includes a constant outpouring of grace and mercy, lavished on you by the same God who freely forgave the woman caught in adultery in today's Gospel reading. The woman was guilty, but Jesus didn't condemn her. "Go," he said, "and . . . do not sin any more" (John 8:11). He says the same to you: go, and keep pursuing my life in you. Receive my mercy, and move forward in my grace.

Today's psalm recounts the Israelites' response when they returned home from exile: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad indeed" (Psalm 126:3). This, too, is your heritage. Redeemed by Christ, you have the promise of eternal life. You have the Holy Spirit, convincing you of God's love. You have the saints and angels praying for you. You have so many reasons to rejoice! They're all available to you as you sit with the Lord every day and ask him to show you where he is leading you.

The "more" of Christ's life in you also includes his power and his protection. The same God who opened a path through the Red Sea will open paths for you (Isaiah 43:16-21). He can call forth water in the deserts of your life and rivers of healing in the places where you hurt.

Jesus has taken hold of you, and he won't let go. Continue, as St. Paul did, your pursuit toward the ultimate goal, all of Christ's life in you.

"Jesus, hold me fast today as I pursue a fuller measure of your life in me."

*~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## **Holy Week Schedule**

### **PALM SUNDAY MARCH 20**

Sat 5:15PM Sun 8,10 & 12:15 Masses

### **HOLY THURSDAY MARCH 24**

7:30 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

### **GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 25**

#### *Holy Land Collection*

1:30 PM Lord's Passion

12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

### **HOLY SATURDAY MARCH 26**

8:00 PM Vigil of Easter

### **EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 27**

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, & 12:15 PM

On *Holy Thursday* and *Holy Saturday* during the singing of the "Gloria" bells will ring. You are invited to bring bells from home to the services.



### **Stewardship Thought:**

*"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..."*

(Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we shall not put other gods before the Lord. Detaching ourselves from material possessions and considering them "rubbish" does just that. It strengthens our relationship with Jesus and allows us to live more freely and joyfully.

### **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.

### **Job Opportunity**

Bourbon Street Fish & Grill is looking for help at their Inglewood Restaurant. For more details call 310.671.3474 and ask for Derrick or Sean.

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

<b>Sunday</b>	Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-6, Jn 8:1-11
<b>Monday</b>	Dn 13:1-17, Jn 8:12-20
<b>Tuesday</b>	Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dn 3:14-20, Jn 8:31-42
<b>Thursday</b>	Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
<b>Friday</b>	Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Sm 7:4-16, Lk 2:41-51a
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23:56

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday March 12**  
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

**Sunday March 13**  
8:00 AM Intention of Mary Jené  
10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell  
12:15 PM Soul of Joseph Leon, Sr.

**Saturday March 19**  
5:15 PM Intention of Jeroline Richards

**Sunday March 20**  
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners  
10:00 AM Soul of Jordon Manning  
12:15 PM Soul of Walita Keyes



## WEEKLY OFFERING March 6, 2016

\$5,426.94 Tithe and Offering  
70.00 Building Fund  
151.00 "We Care"

The **school collection** is for the month of February was \$1748.50. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION Next Sunday - March 20, 2016

Your donation supports the suffering around the world.  
Thank you for your generosity.

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 at 7:30 PM**  
*at Holy Name of Jesus Church*

## Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL LENTEN RAFFLE

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: \$1000.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: \$500.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

## GOOD FRIDAY

**March 15, 2016 from 12 Noon to 6 PM**

*Featuring Bourbon Street Fish & Grill*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.*

## RESERVE CORPS OF ST. MICHAEL

will meet today

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2016 AT 2:00 PM**

here in the church.

We will not meet next Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to our Administrator

**DEACON MARK RACE**

who celebrates his birthday on  
March 16<sup>th</sup>.



## 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, Benjie Delille, 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, Nancy Goosby, 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, Vylfred 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.*