

Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

In this weekend's Gospel, we hear again the immortal words of Jesus in relation to the woman caught in adultery: "Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone." Even though we are sinners ourselves, we may have cast the stone of judgment at others. The reading invites us to reflect on our own behavior and use the season of Lent to change our lives for the better and reconcile with our brothers and sisters.

The First Reading contains a message of hope addressed to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. There will be a new exodus, so glorious that it will put the great events of the first exodus to shame. All of this will happen because God is faithful to God's people. This prepares us for the Gospel. Christians see the radically new thing that God has done for us in and through Jesus. Specifically we see God's love and compassion in Jesus' treatment of a sinful woman. The story is taken from John, but it resembles the style of Luke. It is an entrapment story that shows the wisdom of Jesus in besting his adversaries. The aim of the Scribes and Pharisees was to set a snare for Jesus. If he forgave the woman, he could be accused of encouraging the people to break the Law of Moses. If he agreed that she should be stoned, he would lose his reputation for compassion and mercy. However, Jesus turned the tables on her accusers by suggesting that they look at their own sins.

It is with profound happiness that we welcome the election of Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio as the next Bishop of Rome and Pope to the more than 1.2 billion Roman Catholics around the globe. Of course, that he was ordained and served as a Jesuit has special resonance for me.

He has had a remarkable, faithful career in Argentina, where he has shown himself to be a thoughtful, humble and devout leader and servant. Truth, caring and sacrifice have marked his life, and his knowledge of Catholic theology and history bodes well for the Church and the world community.

We offer our prayer and support to Pope Francis. The challenges he faces are multiple and complex. We recall, too, with thanks and reverence the work of his predecessor, Benedict XVI. We celebrate the careful deliberations of the College of Cardinals and we enter this chapter in the history of the church with optimism and confidence.

Have a blessed and prayerful week as we journey to Palm Sunday!

Father Michael Tang

TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church
Tuesday, March 19th at 7:30 PM

Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

The Week Ahead

Sunday March 17

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St. Patrick's Day

Catholic Relief Services Collection

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Class

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-church

Monday March 18

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

Tuesday March 19

7:30 PM Penance Service at Holy Name

Wednesday March 20

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday March 21

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday March 22

5:00-9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday March 23

11:00 AM Religious Ed Reconciliation

Sunday March 24

PALM SUNDAY

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Ed Class

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 April 5, 6 & 7, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. Mrs. Barbara Liggins, District Captain.

School News

Celebrating 75 Years
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

Save the date:

Cesar Chavez Celebration - Church
 Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 9:30 AM

School Closed for Easter Break
 March 29 return Tuesday, April 9, 2013

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN VIRTUS Training

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 attend VIRTUS training. This includes parents and guardians wishing to volunteer at school or chaperone on field trips. Transfiguration will hold a VIRTUS Training on **Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 AM – 12 Noon** in the school library. Please call the School to reserve a space 323.292.3011. The class lasts 3 hrs.

A special thank you goes out to **Mr. Redeemer** for their donations of paper to the school.

Paper donation: Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

TURN IN RAFFLE TICKETS by Wednesday, March 20th

The drawing takes place Next Friday, March 22nd.

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration Casino Night April 20, 2013
7:00 PM - 12:00 Midnight

Casino Night is fast approaching. Tell your friends. Tell your neighbors. Tell your co-workers. Have a night of fun while supporting our church and school. Pre-Sale tickets will be available after all masses starting the weekend of March 23. We're looking for volunteers to help with ticket sales, food and bar service, decorating, and, most especially, Virtus certified people for child care so parents can have a fun, relaxing evening knowing their children are well taken care of. If you want to volunteer, please come to the meeting on Saturday, March 23rd at 10AM in the Peter Claver Room or call Ida Wycliff at 323.497.3483.

Spread the Word...
Carnival Coming Soon
May 31 - June 1, 2013



Mass Intentions

Saturday	March 16
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Mildred Warren
Sunday	March 17
8:00 a.m.	Soul Matthew Naughton
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Souls of Wendell and Shelley Walters
Monday	March 18
8:00 a.m.	Souls of Eddie Mae and Samuel Foye
Tuesday	March 19
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Alberte Wander
Saturday	March 23
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday	March 24
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-6, Jn 8:1-11
Monday	Dn 13:1-62, Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	2Sm 7:4-16, Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday	Dn 3:14- 95, Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56
Sunday	Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 11, 2012	Sunday, March 10, 2013
\$4,889.00 Sacrificial Gift	\$5,800.69 Sacrificial Gift
405.68 Building Fund	436.55 Building Fund
231.82 "We Care"	250.26 "We Care"

Wilshire United Methodist Church Presents: The Carpenter

An original musical about the life of Christ by Howlett Smith with choir, soloists and narrator will be on Sunday, March 24th at 5pm. Call 323.292.9277 for more information. Suggested donation: \$15.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whayne, and Lilla Williams.