

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2012

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The theme of this weekend's readings is accepting or rejecting the light. The Gospel writer St. John tells us that when the light of Christ came into the world some people rejected it. Why? Well because their deeds were evil. We all know that Light stands for truth and goodness, even though we sometimes refuse to walk in it.

The First Reading shows how God remained faithful to his people in spite of their infidelities. God's promises were not nullified by the sins of his people. It was because of their sins that God allowed his people to be exiled to Babylon. But his mercy and compassion is seen in their home-coming.

This leads us into the Gospel. God's love and mercy are seen in the fact that he sent his Son to save us. Jesus came into the world as a light. Sadly, some preferred darkness to the light, thus sealing their own condemnation. Judgment is not passed by God; people judge themselves by their response to the light.

The Second Reading from Ephesians stresses the enormity of the love God has shown us in his Son. It makes it clear that we owe our salvation, not to our own efforts, but to the goodness of God.

My hearty congratulations go to all our Junior High Decathletes who participated in the Junior High Decathlon held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena last Saturday. There were 101 schools participating from all parts of the Archdiocese. As this was our first time competing, our students did not place, but we are still very proud of them.

Time to start practicing for next year's competition! Special thanks go to Mr. Armando Carvalho who organized and spearheaded this event! Blessings on your Lenten journey and have a great week!

MASS OF ANOINTING

Please join us for the Mass of Anointing of the sick on Wednesday, March 21st at 11AM. Light lunch in the hall afterward.

TRI-PARISH PENANCE SERVICE

Tuesday, March 27th at 7:30 PM at Transfiguration.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

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CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

10:30 – 12:00 PM Religious Education Class

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 19

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21

11:00 AM Anointing Mass & Reception

6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL-SJFm

THURSDAY, MARCH 22

Youth Day @ Religious Ed Congress

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

Religious Ed Congress Weekend

5:00 – 9:00 PM Fish Fry

6:30 PM Stations

SATURDAY, MARCH 24

10:00 AM Cherrywood-hall

1:00 – 3:00 PM St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting-hall

SUNDAY, MARCH 25

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

2:00 PM Liturgy Team Meeting-PCFm

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 17

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

Sunday, March 18

8:00 a.m. +Gwen Harmon

10:00 a.m. +Jordan Manning

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

Monday, March 19

8:00 a.m. +Int. of Robert Stowe

Saturday, March 24

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Sunday, March 25

10:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. +Teresa Godinez

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 2 Chr 36:14-23, Ps 137:1-6, Jn 3:14-21

Monday 2 Sm 7:4-16, Rom 4:13-22

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 2:1-22, 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

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.

VIRTUS SESSION

Transfiguration will hold a **VIRTUS** Training session **Tuesday, April 24th at 6:00 PM the hall**. Please call the Rectory to reserve a space at 323.291.1136. The class, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3 hours.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us for **Stations of the Cross** every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

26TH 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: **3rd week Susan Katz**. 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.

LITURGY TEAM MEETING

The Liturgy Team will meet Sunday, **March 25th at 2:00 PM** in the Peter Claver Room to plan for Holy Week.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 13, 2011
\$4,567.27 Sacrificial Gift
380.85 Building Fund
217.63 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, March 11, 2012
\$4,889.00 Sacrificial Gift
405.68 Building Fund
231.82 "We Care"

SAVE THE DATE!

Health Fair Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS

to our Decathletes who participated in the Junior High Decathlon held at the Los Angeles Sports Arena this past Saturday! *There were 101 schools participating from as far away as Santa Barbara!! The children did not place, but we were **VERY PROUD** of them – we're going to begin practicing this year for next year!!!!*

Congratulations to our 8th 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

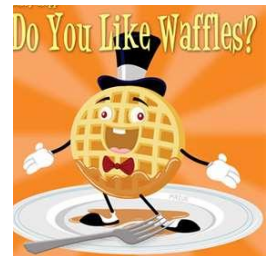
Cathedral High School

St. Mary's Academy

Bishop Conaty – Our Lady of Loretto High School

8TH 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 and Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 or register after the 10AM Mass. We'd love to have you along!

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Stephanie Bell, 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, Clyde Clayton, 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, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Patricia Rhodes, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, Patricia Williams and Agnes Wilson.