

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 18, 2018

*Dear Parishioners,*

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Psalm Response)

Today's Responsorial Psalm portrays King David's response to God after he had committed adultery ordered Bathsheba's husband to be killed in battle. David was known as a man after God's own heart, but this story looks more like something you would see in a soap opera than what you would see in a man of God.

What's worse, David couldn't even see that he had done anything wrong—that is, until God sent Nathan the prophet to open his eyes. That's where today's psalm comes in. So what can we learn as we pray this psalm along with David?

First, often we cannot see our own sins, both our small sins and our big sins. Lust, selfishness, pride, self-righteousness, anger—any of these can blind us, just as they blinded David. *Thank you, Lord, for sending people to me who can help me to grow in holiness.*

Second, God always pursues us, both when we are close to him and when we are separated from him. He always pricks our minds. He always sends angels and other people to help us. He does what he can, by any means, to help us confess our sins and draw closer to him. *Lord, help me to be more sensitive to your touch each day.*

Third, God's mercy is unfathomable. Even David's acts of adultery and murder didn't keep God from pursuing him and fulfilling his plan for the king. The moment we repent, God's love and mercy will well up in our hearts, just as it did for David. *Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness.*

Finally, look at the last two lines of this psalm. David is promising that if God forgives him, he will do his best to lead other people to him. A desire to serve and care for other people is the natural response to God's mercy. Lord, use me for your purposes.

“O God, have mercy on me. Create a clean heart in me.  
Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and I will share my faith with everyone around me.”

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## 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, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Hilma King, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, 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	Jer 31:31-34, Ps 51:3-15, Jn 12:20-33
Monday	2 Sm 7:4-16, Mt 1:16-24
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-95, 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	Mk 11:1-10, Ps 22:8-24, Mk 14:1-15:47

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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.

### Saturday March 24

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday March 25

8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, and Willie Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Soul of Robert Jordan

## WEEKLY OFFERING MARCH 11, 2018

\$5,700.00 Tithe and Offering

404.00 Building Fund

21.00 "We Care"

## 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.

## 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 4 is *Fighting Back or Giving in*. Join us Monday nights at 7:00 pm in the hall. All are welcome.

**The Reserve Corps of St. Michael** meetings will resume on Sunday, May 20, 2018. There will be no meeting in April.

## 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.

## Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL FISH FRY 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 23, 2018 in the hall.**

*(Winner need not be present to win)*

## LENTE FISH FRY

*Fridays 5-9PM*

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.*

## MASS OF ANOINTING

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

## VIRTUS RECERTIFICATION

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/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 a VIRTUS Certification session. Transfiguration will hold a VIRTUS Recertification training class on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 to 10:30 AM in the hall. Recertification is required every four years. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. Please call the office 323.291.1136 to reserve a space.

## DID YOU KNOW?

As parents, educators and volunteers, we want children to know that we are not only authority figures in their lives, but also people they can trust. To foster authentic trust with children, it is important that they know that you understand them. One of the simplest ways to do this is by repeating back what children are telling you. When you do this, you are affirming to the child that they are heard and understood. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Modeling Good Communication" visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.aspx>.