

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Come see a man who told me everything I have done. (John 4:29)

Nobody likes admitting their sins. Whether you have broken a window or gotten a speeding ticket, you know how embarrassing it feels when someone points out what you have done wrong.

That's why today's Gospel reading is so striking. When Jesus spoke to the Samaritan woman about her sin, she didn't respond in fear. She didn't even seem ashamed. Quite the opposite, when Jesus told her that he knew she has had five husbands and was living in adultery with a sixth man, she was in awe. Their conversation then compelled her to run to her neighbors and tell them all about him.

Why did she respond this way? She was touched by the mercy of Jesus and transformed. Let's look at how this happened.

First, Jesus reached out to her, and his love moved her heart. He knew everything about her, the bad as well as the good, and he welcomed her. He does the same for us. Before we even admit our sins, he knows them, but he never stops reaching out to us. He waits for us, just as he waited by that well.

Second, Jesus offered her living water. It's quite possible that this woman had been living in guilt and shame. She likely came to the well at midday to avoid meeting everyone else, who would draw water at a cooler hour. But Jesus saw her as a child of God who needed to be set free. He offered her his love and presence, the water of life that would fill her and change her. And it did—she left her water jar behind because her encounter with Jesus gave her a new source of life.

Jesus is ready to fill you with the living water of the Holy Spirit today. He is reaching out to you with compassion. Ask him to fill your heart and change your life.

“Jesus, thank you for welcoming me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and change me.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, 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, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Virtus Re-Certification

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 Training session. Transfiguration will hold a Re-Certification session Saturday, March 25 from 9:00AM -10:30AM in the hall. The session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Re-Certification is required every four years. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place.

Lenten Bible Study

This year for Lent, Bible Study presents a 5 week contemplation of the 2011 movie "The Way". The film stars Martin Sheen as Tom with his son Emilio Estevez as Daniel. Daniel, the son, dies in Spain while on the Camino de Santiago, "The Way of St. James" pilgrimage to the Cathedral of Santiago. Tom, the father, decides to complete the pilgrimage and scatter his son's ashes along the path. Join us Monday evenings at 7:00 PM. Study supplies will be available for a donation of \$10.00. All are welcome.

Casino Trip

The Ladies Auxiliary invites you to **Barona Casino** on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Departing at 8:30AM from Transfiguration Roxton Side. Estimated departure from Barona Casino is 4PM. \$25.00 per person... Call Geraldine Buffett 310.323.9491, Gerry Richardson 310.671.2569 or Lois Chargois 323.296.7451.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to:



Father Bernard

who celebrates his
birthday on March 19th!

From your church family

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, April 7, 2017 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

LENTEN FISH FRY

Every Friday from 5-9 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6 PM.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ex 17: 3-7, Ps 95:1-9, Jn 4:5-42
Monday	2 Sm 7:4-16, Mt 1:16-24a
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43, Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1-9, Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28, Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10, Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Is 7:10-14, 8:10, Lk 1:26-38
Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 9:1-41

Mass Intentions

Saturday March 18

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 19

8:00 AM Soul of Yula Wilkes

10:00 AM Soul of Jordan Manning

12:15 PM Intention of the Jefferson Council

Thursday March 23

8:00 AM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

Saturday March 25

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 26

8:00 AM Intention of Jo Ann Levi

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 12, 2017

\$6,624.00 Tithe and Offering

202.00 Building Fund

36.00 "We Care"



Jr. Daughters

Jazz Lunch Fundraiser

Sunday, March 26, 2017

Transfiguration Parish Hall
after all Masses.

Featuring Chef Bijole



Menu: Red Velvet Belgian Waffles - Fried Chicken

Add topping: whipped cream, fruits, butter and syrup

Beverages: coffee, hot tea, lemonade, orange, apple, cranberry juices and water.

Donation: \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for children 12 years and under.

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT 11:30am-2:30pm