

# FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2017

*Dear Parishioners,*

Do you believe in the Son of Man? (John 9:35)

Like last Sunday's Gospel reading about the woman at the well, this story about the blind man contains four distinct elements: a person is touched by Jesus; the person accepts Jesus; the person witnesses about Jesus; and other people react to the person's witness.

The experiences of the blind man and the woman are especially similar when we look at the first three points. Both the woman and the blind man encounter Jesus and are healed by him. She was healed from her past sins, and he from physical blindness. Both came to believe that Jesus is the Messiah. And both began to witness about him.

The main difference in these two stories lies in the way that the other people responded. The people of Samaria were moved by the woman's witness and came to believe in Jesus. But many of the people surrounding the blind man closed their hearts and rejected him.

Both stories tell us that Jesus wants to enliven our faith. Although we can't touch Jesus physically, we can still experience his presence. Jesus is always reaching out to us. Each day, he is with us, urging us to look to him for help and inspiration. What's more, his Holy Spirit is in us, convincing us that we are God's beloved children (Romans 8:16).

Without Jesus' healing, it's unlikely that the woman at the well or the blind man would ever have changed. She was stuck in a fruitless search for love and belonging. He was trapped in the indifference of the people around him. But Jesus lifted them out of their prisons and set them on a new path.

We are all stuck in one way or another. Sometimes it's because of our poor decisions, and sometimes it's just part of living. But regardless of how you got stuck, Jesus is still reaching out to you. So let him put his arms around you today and lift you up.

"Jesus, you are with me. I trust in you."

*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, Doris Rogers, 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.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 7:30 PM

### LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Bernadette Church

### MASS OF ANOINTING

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of Sick on **Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM**. A light luncheon will follow in the hall.

### 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.

### Rosary Procession

Fr. Bernard invites you to join him in a Rosary Procession on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration. Confession is a 4PM on that day.

### Stewardship Thought

*"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."* 1Samuel 16:7

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.

## Transfiguration Church & School ANNUAL FISH FRY RAFFLE

1st 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, 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	1 Sm 16:1b-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 9:1-41
Monday	Is 65:17-21, Jn 4:43-54
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 2:1a-22, Jn 7:1-10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ex 37:12-14, Ps 130:1-8, Jn 11:1-45

## Mass Intentions

### 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.

### Saturday April 1

5:15 PM Soul of Irma Badon

### Sunday April 2

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Hayzetta Patterson

12:15 PM Intention of Sarah Johns

## WEEKLY OFFERING

### March 19, 2017

\$4,316.50 Tithe and Offering

1,452.00 Building Fund

26.00 "We Care"



## 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.

## 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**