

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

March 4, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

I . . . brought you out of . . . that place of slavery. (Exodus 20:2)

Despite the fact that slavery continues to exist, it should be obvious that no one has the right to own another person. This was the reason, after all, for the Israelites' exodus from Egypt: God rescued them from slavery. What is not so obvious, however, is the way we can fall into a kind of slavery to sin. It's a slavery that happens whenever we are trapped in sinful habits that we cannot get out of.

The good news is that just as he rescued the Israelites from physical slavery, God wants to rescue us from spiritual slavery.

The idea of being someone's slave is naturally abhorrent to us. No one wants to be owned by someone else. This is the same attitude that we should have when it comes to slavery to sin as well. No one wants to be under its power. No one wants to feel powerless in some area of their lives. As St. Paul has said, we were created to be free, and Jesus came for just this purpose: to "set us free" (Galatians 5:1).

So do you want to experience freedom from a sinful habit that has some control over your life? If so, here are two suggestions.

First, confess your sins each day in prayer. Tell Jesus how hard it is to overcome this sin. Believe in the promise of Scripture: "If we acknowledge our sins," God will "cleanse us from every wrongdoing" (1 John 1:9).

Second, pray for the strength to resist. Trust that God sees your efforts and blesses them with his own power to help us say no when temptation rises up within us.

We may never stop sinning. But the process of sanctification, which comes as we pray, confess our sins, and seek God's strength, can help reduce our sins. It makes sin lose its power over us and makes us stronger in our efforts to resist.

"Lord, I don't want to be a slave. Help me to be free."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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 2, Monday March 5 is *Staying Human*. Join us Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the hall.

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, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, 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	Ex 20:1-17, Ps 19:8-11, Jn 2:13 -25
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15, Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25-43, 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	Hos 6:1-6, Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	2 Chr 36:14-23, Ps 137:1-6, Jn 3:14-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 3
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Sunday	March 4
8:00 AM	Soul of Karen Lee
10:00 AM	Intention of Maurice Simon
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Saturday	March 10
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	March 11
12:15 PM	Soul of Joseph Leon, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 25, 2018

\$3,713.00 Tithe and Offering
7.00 Building Fund
31.00 "We Care"

Did you Know?

Urge kids not to keep secrets from trusted adults

Abusers often encourage their victims to keep secrets from their parents or other trusted adults, and reinforce secrecy through bribes, threats or by making it seem fun and exciting to keep a secret. Parents should talk to their kids about secrets, and teach them the difference between fun secrets like a birthday surprise and bad secrets like unsafe touches. Kids should know that adults should never ask them to keep secrets from their parents, and if an adult does ask them to keep secrets, to talk to their parents immediately. To view a kid-friendly video on this topic, visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GWqTzeITGLY>.

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.

Religious Education Congress

March 15 – Youth Day

March 16 -18, 2018

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: Rise Up!

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez
or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

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, 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.

LENTE PENANCE SERVICE

at St. Brigid Church

Tuesday, April 13, 2018 at 7:00 PM

MASS OF ANOINTING

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



SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2018
Daylight Saving Time begins:

Set Clocks forward 1 hour