

First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 March 14

The Tone of Lent

As Lent gets underway, it might be helpful to reflect a bit on the nature of this liturgical season. There was a period when we thought of Lent as primarily a time to do penance for our sins. Fasting and abstinence were part of the scenario, along with “giving up” other things that we liked in order to deprive ourselves and strengthen our willpower.

Today we are learning to see Lent as mainly a season of baptismal preparation. The catechumens who are ready for the Easter sacraments meet the bishop on this Sunday to be chosen for those sacraments in the Rite of Election. Those already baptized enter into the Lenten journey to renew their baptismal commitment and prepare to renew their baptismal vows at Easter.

These emphases are not mutually exclusive, of course. Preparing for or renewing our baptism involves a rejection of sin and a conversion of life. Lent has both a negative and a positive focus: “Turn away from sin and believe the good news.” Both dimensions have their place, just as the scrutinies aim to help the elect overcome the power of evil and strengthen what is good.

Today’s second reading provides a good measuring stick as we seek the right balance. Paul writes, for if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.” While we need to focus on the power of sin that still too often shapes our lives, we should always remember that grace abounds even more.

The tone of Lent is shaped by these emphases and also by its character as a time of preparation for the great feast of Easter. The key word might be “simplicity.” We scale back during Lent to focus on the basics of our lives and our faith. The season is stripped down, which provides a powerful contrast when we come to the rich celebration of the Fifty Day feast.

The missal calls for simplicity in décor and in music. The General Instruction says: “During Lent it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts are exceptions” (#305).

On music, the General Instruction says: “In Lent the playing of the organ and musical instructions is allowed only to support the singing. Exceptions are Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent), Solemnities, and Feasts” (#313). That means there is no place in Lent for purely instrumental music. Even when music is needed to support the singing of the assembly, it should be kept as simple as possible. Blessings on your week!

~taken from Celebration Publication

~Do you need to be fingerprinted?

For appointment call 310.454.1328

CORPUS CHRISTI

880 Toyopa Dr., Pacific Palisades

Wednesday, March 26th

12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:20pm - 7:20pm

For appointment call 323.731.2464

ST. AGNES

2625 S. Vermont Ave., Los Angeles

Saturday, April 5th

10:00am - 1:40pm & 3:20pm - 5:20pm

Transfiguration

LENTEN FISH FRY

JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT AT:

Transfiguration Catholic Church Parish Hall

March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2014

from 5 PM to 9 PM and

Good Friday

April 18, 2014 from 12 Noon to 6 PM

Healthy Grilled or Fried Seafood at its Finest!

Featuring Bourbon Street Fish & Grill

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Vivian Burgess, Joyce Barnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 15 & 16, 2014

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Sierra Black
Marc Anthony Martinez

8 AM

Cori Chapman
Delisa Madere
Derek Madere

10 AM

Martin Hill
Destiny Mayers
Kenya Mayers

12:15 PM

Kofi Karikari
Logan Bush
Nathan Burrell

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:15 PM

Monday

8:00 AM

Sunday

8:00 AM
10:00 AM
12:15 PM

March 8

Soul of Leon Katz, Sr.

March 9

Intention of James Murphy
Intention of all Parishioners
Intention of Angela Dupre

March 10

Soul of Joseph Jeffrey

March 16

Soul of Elena Munez
Soul of Daniel Raggette
Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-17, Mt 4:1-11

Monday

Lv 19:1-18, Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday

Is 55:10-11, Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday

Jon 3:1-10, Lk 11:29-32

Thursday

Est C:12-25, Mt 7:7-12

Friday

Ez 18:21-28, Mt 5:20-26

Saturday

Dt 26:16-19, Mt 5:43-48

Sunday

Gn 12:1-4a, Ps 33:4-22, Mt 17:1-9

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, March 3, 2013

\$5,173.27 Sacrificial Gift
442.20 Building Fund
252.68 "We Care"

Sunday, March 2, 2014

\$5,826.83 Sacrificial Gift
489.71 Building Fund
279.83 "We Care"

Do you know any youth who needs service hours during their Spring Break?

Job consists of light clerical duties such as filing, making copies, etc. Call Jo Ann in the rectory office at 323.291.1136.

Lenten "Movie" Study 2014

What are you doing for Lent? How about watching a movie? For Lenten reflection, Bible Study will present, "The Power of Small Choices". Based on the movies *Babette's Feast* and *The Shawshank Redemption*, it explores the amazing power small choices can have. Each week we focus on a different theme using clips from the movies. This week's theme: **The Choice of Observation, Faith**. All are invited Monday night from 7- 9 PM in the parish hall.

Son of God

The Office of New Evangelization of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles recommends to the faithful of the Archdiocese the upcoming feature film, *SON OF GOD*, the first major motion picture in 50 years to vividly bring to life the story of Jesus from his birth to his resurrection. This film can serve as an evangelization tool to help us share the message of the Gospel that we are all sons and daughters of God through Christ our Lord. Let us take this opportunity to help bring others into a deeper relationship with Jesus and to bring Christ closer into our own hearts this Lenten Season. For more information on the movie *SON OF GOD* and how to support the film, visit <http://seesonofgod.com/>.

Sister's Easter Catechism:

Will My Bunny Go To Heaven?

Join us at St. Joan of Arc Church, 11534 Gateway Blvd., L.A. 90064 on March 23, 2014 at 4:00 PM. Tickets are \$50 Premium Seating and \$40 General Admission. Credit Cards Accepted. For more info call 310.397.6965 or 310.397.8457.

Spread the word...

TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN REVIVAL *FEATURING OUR YOUNG ADULTS*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014 FROM 3:00 - 6:00 PM & SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2014 AT 12:15 PM MASS

FLOY HAWKINS WILL BE MINISTERING THE WORD

and CHRIS NUÑO, MINISTER OF MUSIC.

NO 5:15 PM VIGIL MASS ON SATURDAY MARCH 22.

SAVE THE DATE

VIRTUS RE-CERTIFICATION CLASS

at Transfiguration in the hall.

Tuesday, March 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Recertification is required every four years. This session is for people who have already taken the beginning 3-hour training.

OFF SITE CERTIFICATION CLASS

This session is for those who have never been certified.

Saturday, March 22 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

at St. Raphael Church

924 W. 70th Street, L.A.

Latecomers will not be admitted. The session lasts 3 hours.

Please call 323.752.5965, to register.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Saturday, March 29, 2014, from 9 AM to 4 PM, the Los Angeles Catholic Lawyers Association will host its Sixth Annual One Day Spiritual Retreat. The retreat theme "The New Evangelization and the Legal Profession" will be presented by Los Angeles Auxiliary Bishop Edward W. Clark. The cost for the retreat is \$65 (includes lunch.) The retreat is open to all judges, lawyers, and law students. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to email Antoinette Marino at amarino@fleitmanlaw.com, or to call Ms. Marino at 310.445.4165. While this retreat is founded upon the Catholic faith tradition, all people of all faith traditions are welcome to join us.