

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 7, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more. (John 8:11)

Wouldn't you love to know what happened to this woman after she left Jesus that unforgettable day? John doesn't tell us. In fact, we almost never learn what happened to people in the Gospels after Jesus healed or forgave them. But these were real people who probably lived many years after their encounter with him. So let's try to imagine what happened next for this woman.

Jesus' refusal to condemn her must have affected her to the core. His act of mercy saved her life, not just physically, but spiritually as well. Maybe she was so grateful to Jesus that she became one of his followers. Maybe she went back to her husband to be reconciled. One thing we can't imagine is that she went back to living the way she had in the past.

This is what happens when we have an encounter with God's mercy. Our gratitude for what Jesus has done for us leads us to follow him more closely. It softens our heart and helps us be more merciful toward other people. And we receive the grace that strengthens us against further temptation to sin.

Do you want to have this kind of encounter? It's yours for the asking! The words Jesus spoke to this woman are essentially the same words the priest says to us in Confession: "I absolve you from your sins." Even if you feel as if other people are condemning you, even if you are condemning yourself, Jesus doesn't condemn you. He forgives you. He saves you.

Over these next two weeks, take advantage of the opportunities that will be offered at your parish or one nearby to go to Confession. Let Jesus' mercy set you free. Then spend the remaining days leading up to Easter thanking him for loving you so much. Let your gratitude move you to follow your Savior even more closely—and to be just as merciful to the people around you as he is to you.

"Jesus, thank you for your unending mercy!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Bible Study

Come to Bible Study for the final week of our Lenten Reflection, "*A Beautiful Friendship*" based on the classic movie "Casablanca. Week 5 begins on Monday, April 8 with the topic, "*Where I'm going, you can't follow. The beginning of a beautiful friendship*" All are welcome Monday nights at 7PM in the hall. You want to know how the movie ends, don't you?

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019 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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 6
5:15 PM	Soul of Carl Clay
Sunday	April 7
8:00 AM	Soul of Father Jarlath Dolan
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Clarence Thomas Sr.
Saturday	April 13
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	April 14
8:00 AM	Soul of Betty Flowers
10:00 AM	Soul of Michael Francois Jean
12:15 PM	Soul of Robert Johns Jr.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 43:16-21, Ps 126:1-6, Jn 8:1-11
Monday	Dn 13:1-62, Jn 8:12-20
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	Is 50:4-7, Ps 22:8-24, Lk 22:14-23:56



Weekly Offering

March 31, 2019

\$3990.00 Tithe and Offering
240.00 Building Fund
6.00 "We Care"

Mass of Anointing

Our church community will celebrate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick on **Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 11AM**. **No 8AM Mass on that day**. A light luncheon will follow in the hall.

Stewardship thought

"For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and

I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ..." (PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts, our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support Church needs helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for our own honor.

Annual Seder Meal

St. Bernadette "*Women Moving In the Spirit*," invites you to their annual Seder Meal on **Tuesday, April 16, 2019 in the parish hall**. The cost is \$20 before April 9th and after the cost is \$22. For tickets or more information call Helen Clemmons at 323.296.7363 or St. Bernadette Office at 323.293.4877.

Transfiguration Church & School

Annual Fish Fry Raffle

1st Prize: \$1000.00

2nd Prize: \$500.00

3rd Prize: \$250.00

Drawing: Friday, April 12, 2019 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

Please turn in your raffle tickets at the Friday night Fish Fry (5-9pm) or drop them into the offering basket on Sunday.

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.

Lenten Penance Service

at Holy Name of Jesus Church

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7PM.

Apartment for Rent

Ladera Heights duplex for lease. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bathroom, Living room, dining room, kitchen, indoor laundry room, pantry, linen closet. Attached patio and 2 car garage. Contact Ms Bernard at 310.216.6619 for more details.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to clean and decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you are available, please call Jo Ann in the rectory at 323.291.1136 for more details.

2nd Annual Black and White Gala

Transfiguration School's 2nd Annual Black and White Gala will take place on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** at the Westin Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, 90045. Social hour from 6PM to 7PM and Dinner and Dancing from 7PM to Midnight. This year's honorees are Larry Brown, Legacy Award and Oscar Pratt, Lifetime Achievement Award. Ticket prices are \$90 and can be purchased in the school's main office or on this Sunday after the 10AM Mass. Please call Mrs. Crockett at 323.292.3011, the school's secretary, if you have any questions.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Ramona Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.