

## FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 9, 2020

*Dear Parishioners,*

... that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father. (Matthew 5:16)

Be salt that's *really* salty; be a lamp set on a *high* stand. Those are tough standards to live by! This passage might make you feel like you have to get out on a soapbox and start preaching on a street corner—right now. Of course, you should talk to people about your faith, but it's not the only way to be a salty, light-filled, positive influence.

One of the most effective ways you have an impact on the world around you is in how you behave. Your actions speak volumes to family, friends, neighbors, even strangers. Jesus himself says that our “good deeds” help people see and glorify God (Matthew 5:16). Isaiah goes so far as to say that actions like sharing what we have and not turning our back on people have the power to turn the gloom around us into “midday” (58:10).

If you look around, you're certain to see areas that seem dark. Gossip might be out of control in your neighborhood. At home, your spouse might be deflated by a setback at work. A child you know might be the victim of bullying. There may even be a poor or homeless family huddled just outside your church door.

So how do you shine? Change the subject if a conversation starts veering into gossip. Make your spouse's favorite dinner, and listen while they unburden their heart. Offer an encouraging word to a sullen teenager. Bring a bagged lunch to give away the next time you go to church. Or share your copy of *The Word Among Us* with someone in your neighborhood or workplace. The opportunities really are endless.

You can be a light in your everyday world. And as you're trying your best to shine, God will be shining through you. That means the people who see you will also see their heavenly Father.

“Father, I want to be a light that shows people your love and mercy.”

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### **Sacred Heart Retreat**

Ladies, it's that time of year again for our Silent Retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. Enjoy days focused on the theme: Come Holy Spirit - "He will guide you to all truth" (John 16:13). Our retreat will take place March 27th - 29th. You can commute daily or stay the entire weekend. Spaces are filling up fast. So please contact Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 to get registered right away.

## Daily Scripture Readings

### WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew. Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday February 8

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday February 9

8:00 AM Intention of the Richardson Family

10:00 AM Souls of Effie, Beverly, and Donald Raphael

12:15 PM Soul of Gwyane Collins

### Wednesday February 12

8:00 AM Soul of Lorina Fernandez

### Thursday February 13

8:00AM Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson

### Saturday February 15

5:15 PM Soul of Carl Clay

## Weekly Offering for February 2, 2020

\$6075.00 Tithe and Offering

80.00 Building Fund

6.00 "We Care"

## Stewardship Thought

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

## Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Patsy Collins** in memory of her beloved husband **GWAYNE COLLINS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### TRANSFIGURATION LENTEN REVIVAL



### Sr. / Dr. Oralisa Martin, O.R.A.

Sunday, Monday, & Tuesday Nights at 7PM

March 15, 16, & 17, 2020 and

Sunday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM Mass

**Spread the Word!**

## Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

February 20, 2020 (Youth Day)

February 21-23, 2020 (Adult Days)

Youth Day theme: "20/20 Through God's Eyes"

R.E. Congress adult days theme: "Live Mercy – Be Holy"

Held at the Anaheim Convention Center in California

Call the rectory at 323.291.1136 for more details.

## Did You Know

### Megan's Law protects parents and children

In the state of California, anyone who has engaged in sexual misconduct with a child under the age of 16 is not allowed to work directly with minors, or to be unaccompanied with minors. This includes volunteer and employee positions. This law helps to create safe environments for our children in our schools and churches. You can access the names and addresses of registered sex offenders on the Megan's Law website. To learn more, visit <http://protect.la-archdiocese.org>.

## 2019 Tax Statement!

Tax letters have been mailed. If you do not receive a statement please contact Jo Ann Levi in the rectory. This is also a good time to make sure that you are registered in the parish. Only registered parishioners who are contributors will receive a tax letter.

## Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred 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, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.