

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 23, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

How could Jesus say such a thing? He knows we're human; he knows that we can never be perfect in the sense of never committing a sin. So how can we live out this commandment?

Fortunately, God has given us some models to follow: the saints. Because they were human, they were sinners, just like us. But they were "perfect" in God's eyes nonetheless. Their perfection rested not in their sinlessness but in their commitment to love God and their neighbor with all their hearts (Matthew 22:37-39). It was their own experience of God's love that allowed them to follow the Lord wherever he led and to love other people with the love that came from God. And so they made it their aim to be as merciful and generous as possible (5:39-40). They strove to love their enemies just as faithfully as they loved their friends and to pray for those who persecuted them (5:44-46).

Think, for instance, how Blessed Charles de Foucauld turned from a life of indulgence and selfishness and moved to the Algerian desert to live among the Tuareg people as a witness to Christ's love. Or how St. Alphonsus Liguori left a thriving law practice to become a priest so he could proclaim God's message of mercy. Or how St. Monica was so patient with her short-tempered, unbelieving husband that he eventually became a Christian.

The point is, "perfection" isn't out of our reach. It is about loving God in a way that causes us to change our lives and do whatever he asks of us. It's about loving our neighbors—and even our enemies—with the love that God has for us.

So don't get discouraged when you read this Scripture verse. God is merciful; he knows that you're a sinner. But he also knows that you can become "perfect"—with his love and grace.

"Saints in heaven, intercede for me so that I can love God and my neighbor as you did."

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

Sunday	Lv 19:1-18, Ps 103:1-13, Mt 5:38-48
Monday	Jas 3:13-18, Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Jas 4:1-10, Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18, Mt 6:1-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Ps 51:3-17, Mt 4:1-11

Mass Intentions

Saturday	February 22
5:15 PM	Soul of Margery Chambers
Sunday	February 23
8:00 AM	Intention of Lillie P. Jones
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Intention of Jo Ann Levi
Sunday	March 1
10:00 AM	Intention of Joyce Verrette
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for February 16, 2020

\$3463.73 Tithe and Offering
329.00 Building Fund
108.00 "We Care"

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, April 3, 2020 in the hall.

(Winner need not be present to win)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.

Lenten Fish Fry

Fridays 5-9PM beginning February 28.

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 15th at 10AM Mass

Spread the Word!

Ash Wednesday Masses

February 26, 2020

8am Daily Mass

10am School Mass

6pm Mass

Distribution of Ashes at all Services.

Thoughts on Fasting

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.

It should be a joyous season of fasting.

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

Fast from discouragement: feast on hope.

Fast from idle gossip: feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from anger: feast on patience.

Fast from discontent: feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism: feast on optimism.

Fast from suspicion: feast on truth.

Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness.

Fast from complaining: feast on appreciation.

Bible Study Movie

This year Bible Study will present the movie, "The King's Speech" for Lenten Reflection. The movie will be shown on Sunday, February 23 at 2:30PM and Monday, February 24 at 7PM in the hall. The theme for our 5 week series is "Finding a voice" to express yourself. Sometimes we all get a little tongue-tied. All are invited.

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, Joe McZeal, Vylfred 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.