

# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 11, 2018

*Dear Parishioners,*

Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,  
do everything for the glory of God. (1 Corinthians 10:31)

Ash Wednesday is this week. While some of us are keen to begin Lent, some may feel disheartened at the prospect of keeping their Lenten resolutions. If this is you, don't worry. Paul's words have come at just the right time. Not only is this verse encouraging, but it's a fitting theme for Lent—something you can return to again and again for inspiration and direction.

*Brothers and sisters.* First, remember that you won't be embarking on this journey alone. You are swept up into a vast family called the Church. This multitude will be walking arm in arm with you as you follow Jesus on his road to the cross. You can always call on these traveling companions for encouragement and support in prayer. What's more, you can always ask your Father to send down reinforcements of grace if the going gets tough!

*Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do.* Remember, the kingdom of God isn't a matter of eating and drinking (Romans 14:17). Neither is it a matter of not eating and drinking. So don't get hung up on the details of your resolution. And don't worry if you slip up every now and then. Instead, keep your focus on your love for Jesus. Running errands. Doing laundry. Caring for a spouse. Even fasting. These can all become opportunities to let your love for God work itself outward into every nook and cranny of your life.

*Do everything for the glory of God.* If you're still feeling unsure about Lent, cling to the motto of St. Ignatius of Loyola: "For the greater glory of God." God is shown to be glorious when his children offer their daily tasks to him and find happiness in glorifying him. This is the heart of Lent: putting aside temporary pleasures in order to become satisfied in God.

"Lord, here's all my life—for your glory."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, 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, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, 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, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vydred 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.

Happy 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to *Maurice & Mable Simon*

who celebrated their anniversary on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

May your marriage continue to be blessed with Love, Joy and Happiness!



## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Lv13 1-2, 44-46, Ps 32:1-11, Mk 1:40-45
Monday	Jas 1:1-11, Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday	Jas 1:12-18, Mk 8:14-21
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 9:8-15, Ps 25:4-9, Mk 1:12-15

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 10</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 11</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Mary Jené
10:00 AM	Soul of Randy D. Simmons
12:15 PM	Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson
<b>Monday</b>	<b>February 12</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Lorina Fernandez
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>February 13</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>February 14</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Ruby Chatman
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>February 15</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Jan Lambey
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>February 17</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>February 18</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Effie, Beverly and Donald Raphael
12:15 PM	Soul of Elaine Martini

*On  
Loving  
Memory*



## LAPD SWAT Officer Randy D. Simmons Family REMEMBERS AND HONORS him on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death...

Randy Simmons was a Los Angeles Police Department SWAT Officer who was tragically killed in the line of duty on February 7, 2008. Over 10,000 people attended his memorial service paying homage to a man who loved and faithfully served his community. His life spoke volumes to the world and people honored him as a modern day hero. Randy Simmons was not just an elite police officer, he was also a community leader and mentor to hundreds of at-risk city kids that he recruited, mentored and helped to navigate through the often difficult and dangerous circumstances of their neighborhoods. His commitment to serving people on and off duty helped him to change and improve the lives of many. His *Legacy of Love* continues through his family, friends, The Randal D. Simmons Outreach Foundation, The Los Angeles Police Department and from all of those who loved him dearly.

## Ash Wednesday Masses

**February 14, 2018**

**8am Daily Mass**

**9:30am 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.*

## WEEKLY OFFERING FEBRUARY 4, 2018

\$6,316.55 Tithe and Offering

54.00 Building Fund

56.00 "We Care"

## THANK YOU

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week are in memory of *LAPD Swat Officer Randy Simmons*, donated by his family.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

*Every Friday during Lent at 6PM.*

## LENTEN FISH FRY

*Fridays 5-9PM beginning February 16.*

## Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

invites you to a Day of Recollection on Thursday, March 1, 2018 from 9AM to 2PM at Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra at the St. Joseph Campus. The cost is \$30.

**Make checks payable to:** ACCW (Day of Recollection)

**Mail to:** Beverly Hughs

6626 Orizaba Avenue #1

Long Beach, CA 90805

Checks must be received by **Wednesday, February 21, 2018.**

Call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024 for more information.