

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 24, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. (Luke 6:37)

Jesus couldn't have been more clear. If you want to avoid condemnation, don't condemn other people. Let's say you see a ruffled, grizzled person sleeping on a park bench. You wonder how he got there. You wonder why he isn't trying to fix his life. You begin to wish he weren't there. You feel a kind of aversion to him, and you take a wide berth around him as you walk by. Jesus says, "Don't condemn him." Or you are listening to the news when a story about a politician you don't like comes on. You feel your shoulders tighten, and you think of all the ways this person is corrupt and misguided. You recall the evil policies he or she has supported, and you feel disgust for this person. Jesus says, "Don't condemn." Or you learn of a teenager who is pregnant out of wedlock. You begin to think of how her parents must have failed in their job. Unkind labels for this young woman pop into your head, and you think of how you would never let yourself fall into such a horrible sin. Jesus says, "Don't condemn her." To the best of your ability, put aside harsh judgments and condemning thoughts. If not for the other person's sake, then for your own sake. Try to rise above the realm of judgment, where everyone gets what's coming to them—because everyone in that realm will be judged harshly. Even you. Instead, step into the realm of God's mercy. Move into the realm where everyone is invited to forgiveness and treated with love, dignity, and generosity. Even you. Give the gift of forgiveness, and it will be given to you. Give the gift of a second chance—or a third or fourth or hundredth—and it will be given to you. Give the gift of the benefit of the doubt, and it will be given to you. Even if you don't want to give, do it anyway. Jesus commands it, and he promises eternal rewards to those who do.

"Lord, help me to be merciful as you are merciful."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Black History Facts

**BLACK
HISTORY
MONTH**

- Scott Joplin:** "Ragtime Composer", most famous piece was Maple Leaf Rag.
- Eubie Blake:** Composer and musician, "Shuffle Along (with noble Sissle) in 1921 was the first Broadway musical ever to be written and directed by an African American.
- Ethel Waters:** Blues, gospel vocalist. Successful in a number of styles; member of the Gospel Music Hall of Fame.
- Marian Anderson:** Opera, concert singer. Contralto, best remembered for her performance on Easter Sunday, 1939 on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C.
- Duke Ellington:** Musician and band leader, awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1969 and the Legion of Honor by France in 1973.

Facts obtained from the library of Dn. Gregory Patterson, ASBS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 23
5:15 PM	Intention of Julieta, Joan, and Alicia Rayes
Sunday	February 24
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Souls of Effie, Beverly and Donald Raphael
12:00 PM	Soul of Emma Thornton
Monday	February 25
8:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Tuesday	February 26
8:00 AM	Soul of Veronica Warner
Wednesday	February 27
8:00 AM	Soul of Daisy Pratt
Thursday	February 28
8:00 AM	Soul of Hayzetta Patterson
Sunday	March 3
8:00 AM	Souls of Roland and Glendon Hithe
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	1 Sm 26:2-23, Ps 103:1-13, Lk 6:27-38
Monday	Sir 1:1-10, Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday	Sir 2:1-11, Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday	Sir 4:11-19, Mk 9:38-40
Thursday	Sir 5:1-8, Mk 9:41-50
Friday	Sir 6:5-17, Mk 10:1-12
Saturday	Sir 17:1-15, Mk 10:13-16
Sunday	Sir 24:4-7, Ps 92:2-16, Lk 6:39-45

WEEKLY OFFERING

February 17, 2019

\$4482.55 Tithe and Offering
120.00 Building Fund
36.00 "We Care"



Bible Study

Bible Study will present the classic movie *Casablanca* for our Lenten Reflection, "A Beautiful Friendship". We will show *Casablanca* on Monday, March 4 at 7PM in the hall. Everyone is invited.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Tina Peters and Andrea Raggette* in memory of their loved ones **EFFIE, BEVERLY AND DONALD RAPHAEL**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Religious Education Congress

March 21 – Youth Day

March 22-24, 2019

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is:

Thirsting for Justice!

To register please see Ms. Refugio Godinez or call the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Stewardship Thought

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back." (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, 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, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.



Join the Sunday Hospitality Ministry on

Sunday, February 24, 2019

After All Masses until 3:30 PM in the hall

In Celebrating Black History Month as a Church Family along with our regular coffee and donuts for sale...

Fellowship will include **MUSIC, GAMES, and FREE SNACKS.**

A great time to be together!

Bring your family, bring a game, bring a little something good to *eat* if you wish...

For more information contact

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