

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

I have become all things to all. (1 Corinthians 9:22)

Jesus once told his disciples that the road to heaven is narrow and sparsely populated (Matthew 7:14). But he also said, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16). This sounds a bit confusing, doesn’t it? The truth is, no one really knows the answer to the question of how many—or how few—will be saved.

This is probably one reason why Paul was so dedicated to his work as an apostle. He knew the joy of heaven, and he didn’t want anyone to miss out on it. And so he made it his life’s mission to become “all things to all” so that he could “save at least some” (1 Corinthians 9:22). You can sense Paul’s determination from the fact that he used the word “win” four times in just three verses (9:20-22). “Winning” for him meant bringing people to the Lord.

It meant doing anything he could so that people could come to know Jesus’ salvation.

So how can we win people to Jesus? How can we become all things to all? Paul would tell us to learn how to talk about sports so that we can meet sports fans on their level. He would tell us to learn how to talk about current events with an accent on God’s plan. He would tell us to learn what it means to have nothing so that we can relate to the poor or what the main concerns of young people are so that we can put ourselves in their shoes and win them.

Paul adapted his teaching to the culture of each city he visited so that he could reach the people there in words and images they would understand. That’s a great example for us. Paul’s example urges us not to be a stumbling block to other people because we don’t understand their culture or their interests. So let’s all imitate Paul and become as flexible and adaptable as possible so that we can help as many people as possible come closer to Jesus.

“Lord, teach me how to share your good news.”

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, Vylfred 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, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Jb 7:1-7, Ps 147:1-6, Mk 1:29-39
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-13, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-30, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	1 Kgs 10:1-10, Mk 7:14-23
Thursday	1 Kgs 11:4-13, Mk 7:24-30
Friday	1 Kgs 11:29-32, Mk 7:31-37
Saturday	1 Kgs 12:26-32, 13:33-34, Mk 8:1-13
Sunday	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46, Ps 32:1-11, Mk 1:40-45

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday February 3

5:15 PM Intention of Michael & Marilyn Moore

Sunday February 4

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell

12:15 PM Intention of Channie Richardson IV

Saturday February 10

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday February 11

8:00 AM Intention of Mary Jené

10:00 AM Soul of Randy D. Simmons

12:15 PM Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson



WEEKLY OFFERING

January 28, 2018

\$3,728.00 Tithes and Offerings
30.00 Building Fund
54.00 "We Care"

Religious Education Congress

March 15 – Youth Day

March 16 -18, 2018

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue

Anaheim, CA 92802

This year theme is: Rise Up!

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

2017 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.

Stewardship Thought

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" - MARK 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

Did you Know?

Are you familiar with the news show segments testing children's safety knowledge? They often feature "strangers" trying to lure children with offers of ice cream, modeling contracts, or other goodies. They know that while many children are taught to avoid strangers, they may not be taught to recognize abduction tactics. For more information on common tricks predators may use to lure children from The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, visit <http://www.kidsmartz.org/CommonTricks>.

Mardi Gras Party 2018

St. Jerome School invites you to a Mardi Gras Party on Saturday, February 10, 2018 from 7PM to 11PM. **Live Entertainment by David Sousa and the Zydeco Mudbugs, George Cooper, 2nd Line Dance Leaders and the Crowning of 2018 Mardi Gras King and Queen.** Tickets before February 6 are \$20 or \$40 for 2 and after February 6 tickets are \$25 or \$50 for 2. Food included with ticket. For more information call Gloria Bijole Bernestine at 310.465.8874.

UP-COMING SERVICE

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.