

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Look up. (Genesis 15:5)

All three readings today urge us to do one thing: fix our eyes on heaven. In the first reading, God told Abraham to look at the night sky. “Count the stars, if you can. Just so . . . shall your descendants be,” he promised (Genesis 15:5). Abraham, who was already advanced in years and childless, would somehow become the father of many nations.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that “our citizenship is in heaven” and not in this world (Philippians 3:20). He tells us that we belong there, and that we should keep that truth in mind so that we can “stand firm in the Lord” (4:1).

And in the Gospel, Jesus gives Peter, James, and John a vision of his heavenly glory. He knew he was headed for the cross and that his death would shake them to the core. So he gave them this vision to strengthen their faith and encourage them, even as they saw him arrested, tortured, and killed.

Jesus wants us to fix our eyes on heaven as well. He wants us to focus on his glory and his promises as we pray each morning. He knows that if we do, we’ll give the Holy Spirit the opportunity to write these promises on our hearts. We’ll let the Spirit show us Jesus’ love and mercy so that we can stay close to him during the day.

Here are some key promises you can fix your eyes on. First, God promises to keep his covenant with you, just as he kept his covenant with Abraham. Second, Jesus promises that your citizenship is in heaven (Philippians 3:20). You belong to him! And third, the Holy Spirit promises that if you fix your eyes on Jesus in prayer every day, you’ll begin to see him more clearly, just as the apostles caught a glimpse of him at his transfiguration.

Choose one of these promises today, and dwell on it. Repeat it over and over. Fix your heart on the way it reveals God’s love for you. Look up to heaven, and let your heart be filled with all its goodness and grace!

“Jesus, help me to keep my eyes fixed on you today.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (GENESIS 15:7)

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday March 16

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday March 17

8:00 AM Soul of Jose Sanchez

10:00 AM Soul of Ferdinand Foye

12:15 PM Intention of Father Jarlath Dolan

Monday March 18

8:00 AM Intention of Sarah Johns

Tuesday March 21

8:00 AM Soul of John A. Fruge, II

Friday March 22

8:00 AM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

Saturday March 23

5:15 PM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

Sunday March 24

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Gn 15:5-18, Ps 27:1-14, Lk 9:28b-36

Monday Dn 9:4b-10, Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-16, Mt 1:16-24a

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20, Mt 20:17-28

Thursday Jer 17:5-10, Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-28a, Mt 21:33-46

Saturday Mi 7:14-20, Lk 15:1-32

Sunday Ex 3:1-15, Ps 103:1-11, Lk 13:1-9

WEEKLY OFFERING

March 10, 2019

\$4970.47 Tithe and Offering

118.00 Building Fund

50.00 "We Care"

Bible Study

It's not too late to join Bible Study for our 5 week Lenten Reflection, "*A Beautiful Friendship*" based on the classic movie "Casablanca. Week 2 begins on Monday, March 18 with the topic, "*Lamenting. Love and Loss.*" All are welcome Monday nights at 7:00 PM in the hall.

Did you know?

Trained adults can take steps to prevent suspicion

The Protecting God's Children program is in place to raise awareness about behaviors of adults that may indicate a threat to the safety of children and young people. Through this program, trained adults learn how to prevent abuse from happening, in part by taking steps to eliminate suspicious behaviors, such as being alone with a young person. Creating a culture of openness and transparency goes a long way towards alleviating concerns of inappropriate behavior by adults, and helps children feel safe in their environment. For a full copy of the VIRTUS® article "Applying Principles of the Protecting God's Children Program," go to www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.

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 12, 2019 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 March 8.

2nd Annual Black and White Gala

Transfiguration School's 2nd Annual Black and White Gala will take place on **Saturday, April 13, 2019** at the Westin Hotel, 5400 W. Century Blvd., Los Angeles, 90045. Cocktail hour from 6PM to 7PM and Dinner and Dancing from 7PM to Midnight. *Please save the date!* This year's honorees are Larry Brown, Legacy Award and Oscar Pratt, Lifetime Achievement Award. Ticket prices are \$80 before April 1st and after April 1st ticket prices will be \$90. If you are interested in purchasing a table for 10 people, the cost is \$750 before April 1st and \$850 after April 1st. Tickets can be purchased in the school's main office. Please call Mrs. Crockett at 323.292.3011, the school's secretary, if you have any questions.

Pray for our sick...

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle 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, Fr. Jarlath Dolan, 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, 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, Dorothy Stanley, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.