

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

22 January 2017

Dear Parishioners,

I urge . . . that you be united. (1 Corinthians 1:10)

At the Last Supper, Jesus prayed that his people would be united (John 17:21). He also prayed that the mark of his disciples would be their love for one another (13:34-35). And in today's second reading, Paul makes a plea for unity in the Corinthian church.

What will be the single most compelling thing that will move people to believe in Jesus? Our unity. Our love for each other.

We were not in Corinth two thousand years ago. We were not in South Africa one hundred years ago when Mahatma Gandhi said, "I like your Christ; it's you Christians I don't like. You Christians are so unlike your Christ." Still, what they saw exists today. There is far too much division in our Church and our homes.

Imagine how brightly the Church would shine if every family were to dedicate themselves to unity. Imagine how attractive the Church would be if we put aside legalism and made it our highest priority to love each other as brothers and sisters. Imagine how magnetic the Church would be if we put aside judgments and looked upon each other as children of God who are trying their best to live out the command to love God and each other.

Unity doesn't mean agreeing on every issue. It means honoring and respecting everyone—including those we disagree with. That's because, as the Catechism teaches, the dignity of every human person doesn't depend on whether we like each other. It depends on the fact that we have all been created in the image and likeness of God (CCC 1700-1701).

Of course, the idea of unity in our parishes can sound nearly impossible. But that's not a problem for God; nothing is impossible with him. So take St. Paul's words today, and make them your own. Make it your goal to be in unity with everyone, especially within your family.

"Come, Lord, and heal all divisions. Make our churches and families beacons of your love."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." MATTHEW 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too.

Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind,
but we are expected to put God first in everything.

Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries
and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 8:23-9:3, Ps 27:1-14, Mt 4:12-23
Monday	Heb 9:15-28, Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday	Heb10:1-10, Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday	Acts 22:3-16, Mk 16:15-18
Thursday	2Tm 1-8, Mk 4:21-25
Friday	Heb 10:32-39, Mk 4:26-34
Saturday	Heb11:1-19, Mk 4-35-41
Sunday	Zep 2:3-13, Ps 146:6-10, Mt 5:1-12a

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday January 21

5:15 PM Soul of Lillian White

Sunday January 22

8:00 AM Soul of Anthony Middleton
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Saturday January 28

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday January 29

8:00 AM Souls of
10:00 AM Intention of the Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council 220

WEEKLY OFFERING for JANUARY 15, 2017

\$4,870.52 Tithe and Offering
205.00 Building Fund
807.00 "We Care"

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern 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, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young

COFFEE & DONUTS after all Masses in the hall!



Ushers Meeting Postponed to: Saturday, February 11, 2017 10AM in the hall.

If you are an Usher here at Transfiguration Deacon Mark is requesting that you please attend this meeting.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Youth Day- February 23, 2017

February 24-26, 2017

Anaheim Convention Center

800 West Katella Avenue, Anaheim, CA 92802

This year's theme is: Embrace Trust

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

OUTSIDE PARISH EVENTS

The Catechists of St. Bernadette Church will be hosting a **Day of Recollection and Reflection** on Saturday, February 4, 2017 from 10AM to 3PM. The address is 3825 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, 90008. Free babysitting will be available. Lunch is provided for a small donation. There is no cost for this event.

For more information contact:

William King at williamking235@gmail.com.
or Norma Jean Jackson at normajejan@pacbell.net

Mardi Gras 2017

St. Jerome School invites you to a Mardi Gras 2017 on Saturday, February 11th from 7PM to 11PM. Live Entertainment by David Sousa and The Zydeco Mudbugs. Tickets are \$25 and \$45/2. Dinner included with ticket cost. For more information call Gloria Bernestine at 310.465.8874.

Valentine's Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus Council 3601 in Canoga Park will hold its annual Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 11, 2017. No Host bar is at 6PM and Dinner is at 6:30PM. Tickets are \$35. The location is Knights of Columbus Hall, 21433 Strathern Street, Canoga Park, CA 91304. For more information, please contact Leo at 818.633.3926 or Angelo at 818.577.6719. Parking is free and singles are welcome.