

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

29 January 2017

Greetings,

*We are so glad that you chose to join us this morning to worship our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
We hope that you will enjoy the service and be encouraged by your worship experience.*

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. (Matthew 5:12)

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount has been referred to by some commentators as his "manifesto" – a set of observations about the way things are and the way they could be. But have you ever read a manifesto? Many are political and can sound almost funny. Eager to win popular support, candidates or leaders often exaggerate. They promise health, happiness, and prosperity too. Opponents are quick to point out that all this is impossible to guarantee – yet they make similar claims!

Of course, Jesus isn't campaigning for our vote. We know that when he says that something "will" happen, it's completely different from the exaggerated promises of politicians. So in the Beatitudes, he is saying, with certainty, "This is how it will be. Do you want to be a part of it?"

Take a minute to reread the Beatitudes now, and substitute the word "might" each time you see the word "will." "They might be comforted. . . . They might inherit the land." Not so inspiring, is it? Now read them as they are written. In these words, the almighty Son of God is assuring you beyond doubt that you, who are merciful, will receive mercy; that even though insults are hurled at you, you will have a great reward in heaven. Let that assurance deepen your faith in him.

We all know what it feels like when someone breaks their promise to us. In fact, we can become so accustomed to disappointment that we look skeptically at anyone who makes grand promises. That makes it hard for us to trust in Jesus' words here.

Do it anyway! Remind yourself that God's promises are true because he is trustworthy (Hebrews 11:11). Remind yourself that he loves you and wants nothing more than to lift you up into his presence. Today and every day, remind yourself that your faith and hope are in God, and he will never abandon you!

"Thank you, Jesus, that your kingdom will come. I place my hope in you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:3

This one confuses people. Replace the word "humble" for "poor" and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember – God first in all circumstances.

CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Zep 2:3-13, Ps 146:6-10, Mt 5:1-12a
Monday	Heb11:32-40, Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday	Heb 12:1-4, Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday	Heb 12:4-15, Mk 6:1-6
Thursday	Mal 3:1-4, Lk 2:22-40
Friday	Heb 13:1-8, Mk 6:14-29
Saturday	Heb13:15-21, Mk 6:30-34
Sunday	Is 58:7-10, Ps 112:4-9, Mt 5:13-16

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	January 28
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	January 29
8:00 AM	Souls of Harold Goosby and James Davis
10:00 AM	Intention of the Knights of Peter Claver Court and Council 220
12:15 PM	Soul of Marian Fussey
Monday	January 30
8:00 AM	Soul of Mr. José Mariá Murillo Gonzáles
Sunday	February 5
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
12:15 PM	Souls of Effie Beverly and Donald Raphael

WEEKLY OFFERING

January 22, 2017

\$3,060.00 Tithe and Offering
0 Building Fund
11.00 "We Care"



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by the **KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER COURT AND COUNCIL 220**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory.

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, 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 Ragette, 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

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.

Ushers Meeting

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.

2016 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.

Rosary Procession

Fr. Bernard invites you to join him in a Rosary Procession on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration. Confession is a 4PM on that day.

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.