

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 October 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. (Matthew 22:13)

How crowded is heaven? How about hell? Theologians have debated this question for centuries. Some have taught that everyone (or almost everyone) will get to heaven. Others have argued that only a few will be saved. Who is right? No one really knows. Whatever the answer is, today's Gospel reading makes one thing clear: heaven isn't a matter of who is worthy or unworthy. It's a matter of who accepts God's invitation and who rejects it. Throughout the Gospels, we see Jesus using exaggeration to make his point. He doesn't really want us to cut off our hands or pluck out our eyes (Matthew 5:29-30). He is doing a similar thing in today's passage by telling such an extreme story. But there is always a point to these exaggerations: we will all face a final judgment, and it's risky to remain indifferent or to treat his invitation lightly. Where do you stand? Have you done your own risk-reward analysis? Take some time today to think about it. Whether you believe heaven is for the few or the many, the risk of being kept away from it is too great to ignore. The good news is that none of us has to take that risk! God didn't mean for it to be hard for us to accept his invitation to eternal life. He hasn't set out a daunting obstacle course for us to master before he will admit us to heaven. All he wants us to do is to believe that Jesus has saved us and to try our best to follow him. So when you wake up every day, tell the Lord, "Jesus, I believe you are my Savior and Lord. I accept your invitation. I don't want anything to keep me away from you today." And every evening before you go to sleep, tell him, "Lord, I'm sorry for the ways I failed you. Give me your grace to do better tomorrow." It's that simple.

"Jesus, I accept your invitation. I want to be with you both now and forever."

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

October 14th - St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyred 222A.D. He incurred the ire of Tertullian and Hippolytus (August 13); organized the first Christian cemetery in Rome.

October 15th - St. Teresa of Avila (of Jesus), virgin and doctor of the Church, who, with *St. John of the Cross (December 14th)* founded *the reformed (Discalced) Carmelite friars and nuns*, for which she had endure great trials; she authored the "Way of Perfection," "Interior Castle," and an autobiography; first woman to be declared "doctor of the Church," (1970); patroness of Spain.

October 16th - Sts. Hedwig, a religious, and Margaret Mary Alacoque, a virgin. St. Hedwig, duchess of Bavaria and mother of 7 children, peacemaker dedicated to the poor and to prisoners; after being widowed, she retired to a Cistercian convent. She died in 1243. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. She died October 17th, 1690 at age 43. She promoted devotion to the Sacred heart of Jesus; promoted first-Friday devotion; a Visitandine mystic.

October 17th - St. Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyred in 107 under Emperor Trajan in Rome's amphitheater. He was from Syria; an Apostolic Father, second successor to St. Peter in Antioch; wrote seven letters to local communities on Church Unity and Structure; first to use the term "Catholic Church" as a collective designation for Christians; named in the First Eucharistic Prayer (Roman Canon).

October 18th - St. Luke, Evangelist, 1st century; a Syrian physician from Antioch and a companion of St. Paul; authored ca. 70-85A.D., Acts of the apostles and a Gospel to Gentile Christians; elevates the role of women, mentions the "Holy Spirit" 27 times, God's mercy, universal salvation, love of the poor and the marginalized, prayer; presented as a "winger ox" (cf. Ezekiel 1); patron of the medical profession; of painters, artists, sculptors, and butchers.

October 19th - Sts. John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, priests and companion martyrs; French Jesuit and oblate missionaries to the Huron and Iroquois of North America (1642-1649). Isaac was tomahawked to death by Iroquois October 18th, 1646; John was savagely mutilated and slain March 16th, 1649. Other martyrs were Antony Daniel, Gabriel Lalemani, Charles Garnier, Noel Chabanel; secondary patrons of Canada. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday.]

Called to Serve,

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 11
5:15 PM Soul of Manfred Rawles

Sunday October 12
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Souls of Tim Baker & Vera Quant
12:15 PM Soul of Angela Dupré

Saturday October 18
5:15 PM Intention of Gwen Files

Sunday October 19
8:00 AM Soul of Eddie Mae Foye
10:00 AM Soul of Lena Reed
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 25:6-10a, Ps 23, Mt 22:1-14
Monday Gal 4:22-5:1, Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday Gal 5:1-6, Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday Gal 5:18-25, Lk 11:42-46
Thursday Eph 1:1-10, Lk 11:47-54
Friday Eph 1:11-14, Lk 12:1-7
Saturday 2 Tm 4:10-17b, Lk 10:1-9
Sunday Is 45:1-6, Ps 96:1-10, Mt 22:15-21

October 5, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,234.93 Tithe and Offering
404.26 Building Fund
231.00 "We Care"



All Souls Mass

All Souls Mass will be on Sunday, November 2, 2014. The Church of the Transfiguration will offer a liturgy for the repose of the souls of those from our church family who have gone home to the Lord. This special celebration will take place at all Masses. If you have grieved the death of a loved one during the **PAST 12 MONTHS FROM NOVEMBER 2013 UNTIL OCTOBER 2014**, please call the rectory to give their name. Please accept our continued prayers.

Re-Certification session on Tuesday, October 14

Transfiguration will hold a Re-Certification session on Tuesday, October 14, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the parish hall. The session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Children are not allowed to attend. Child care is not provided. You must have attended the 3 hour VIRTUS session. Re-certification is required every four years. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a space. **Latecomers will not be admitted.**

Bus Trip to Harrah's

Join the fun and exciting trip to Harrah's casino on Saturday, November 1st! For more information and to sign-up call 213.369.4889.

Transfiguration School Drumline & Cheerleaders

will perform at St. Bernard Football games on **OCTOBER 30, NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2014 AT 3:00 PM.**

Altar Servers Schedule for October 18 & 19, 2014

5:15PM	8:00AM	10:00AM	12:15PM
Ruben Martinez	Delisa Madere	Martin Hill	Samia Marine
Marc Anthony	Cori Chapman	Alonzo Hill	Maurice Burnett
		David Brown	Gilberto Gonzales
		Lanigi Chinilio	

Rosary Procession & Marian Mass

The month of October is dedicated to the holy rosary, one of the best known of all Catholic devotions.

The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was October 7th.

Fr. Bernard will hold a Rosary Procession at Transfiguration on Thursday, October 30th.

At 5:30 PM everyone will meet in the patio to recite the rosary with some reflections of Saints on Mother Mary.

At 6:00 PM a Marian Mass will be offered for the intentions of the devotees to Mother Mary.

At 7:00 PM there will be a Sprinkling Rite with Holy water from Lourdes.

The knights of Peter Claver LADIES AUXILIARY Transfiguration Court 220 presents:

"A Breezy Summer" Jazz Lunch with live music!

Sunday, October 19, 2014 from 12 noon to 3 PM in the hall...

Get your tickets **NOW**... Adults: \$35. Diamonds and Children (12 & under): \$20.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Nancy Goosby, Jacqueline Holman, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Cynthia Richardson, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.