

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 16, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG

The question put to Jesus in our Gospel today is whether or not it was lawful for Jews to pay taxes to Caesar. The question was a serious one and it really put Jesus in a bind. If he said it was lawful, he would be regarded as a traitor to the Jewish cause. If he said it was unlawful, he could be denounced as fomenting rebellion against Rome. In his answer Jesus recognizes that the State has a role, but its power is limited and does not and cannot supplant God. As Christian Catholics we give God something that we do not give to any earthly ruler. That thing is worship; the Gospel this weekend invites us to reflect on the quality of our worship and whether or not God is first in our lives.

Starting November 27th, which is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the new liturgical year, all parishes in the United States will be required to use a *new translation* of the Mass. In the next several weeks, I will be explaining the changes that will need to be made in this column. **Please make a point to read and study these informative questions and answers so you will understand the changes and the impact they will have on our celebration of the Eucharist.**

1. Will the Mass be changed?

The essence of what we know of the Mass will not be changed; but the way we celebrate it will be quite different. While the basic structure will remain, many of the prayers and responses of the liturgy have been newly translated into English from the original Latin. In addition to this, new memorials and feasts for recently canonized saints, new prefaces for the Eucharistic prayers, and new instructions for the overall celebration of liturgy have been added. The major change however is the new translation of the actual words of the Mass.

2. The current Mass: A translation from Latin.

As many of you might remember, in the Roman rite of the Church, Mass was said in Latin for centuries and centuries. After the Second Vatican Council, which occurred in the 1960's, the Mass was translated into the local language of a given country. This was done to encourage active participation by the people. The official Latin Mass was found in a book called the *Missale Romanum* or the Roman Missal; it was this text that was translated in the local languages of the peoples of our world.

Next week, I will discuss why the new translation is needed and the Mass parts, which will be changed. In the meantime, enjoy your week; God bless you all!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 15

5:15 p.m. +Manfred Rawles

Sunday, October 16

8:00 a.m. +Eddie Mae Foye

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

12:15 p.m. +Milton and Barbara Keys

Monday, October 17

8:00 a.m. Int. of Lance Martin

Saturday, October 22

5:15 p.m. +Elsie Jourdain

Sunday, October 23

8:00 a.m. +June Jackson

10:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 45:1-6, Ps 96:1-10, Mt 22:15-21

Monday Rom 4:20-25, Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday 2 Tm 4:10-17b, Lk 10:1-9

Wednesday Rom 6:12-18, Lk 12:39-48

Thursday Rom 6:19-23, Lk 12:49-53

Friday Rom 7:18-25a, Lk 12:54-59

Saturday Rom 8:1-11, Lk 13:1-9

Sunday Ex 22:20-26, Ps 18:2-4,47,51, Mt 22:34-40

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Education Class

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-church

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

6:00 PM Religious Education Class-PCRm

6:30 PM CCL-SJRm

6:30 PM Line Dancing-hall

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

9:30 AM School Rosary

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

World Mission Sunday

Breakfast after all Masses - hosted by 8th Grade Class

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Education Class

2:00 PM Liturgy Team Meeting-PCRm

SCHOOL NEWS

*Breakfast hosted by 8th Grade Class - Sunday, October 23rd
 United Nations Day Celebration - Monday, October 24th
 Celebration begins at 9:30 AM in the Church.*

*Rosary in the Yard - Wednesday, October 26th
 Come join us for an afternoon of praying the Rosary at 2:00 PM.*

*New Student Testing - Thursday, October 27th at 3:00 PM.
 Call the School Office for more information.*

*School Halloween Parade - Friday, October 28th
 Come join us for our annual at 1:30 PM.*

*Harvest Festival – Saturday, October 29th
 This year's Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, October 29th from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Unfortunately for those attending 5:15 PM. Mass that evening, you will need to come a little early to find parking on the street, as the lot will be occupied. As a "consolation prize", however, any food not sold by 5:00 will be available for you after Mass.*

The school is inviting you, your family and friends to come out and enjoy our Harvest Festival this year! There will be food, games, a Haunted House, a costume contest and more! Pre-Sale tickets will be available after all Masses this weekend and next so that all parishioners can get in on the savings!

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

On the weekend of **November 6th** all parishioners are invited to discuss the needs and future direction of our parish. Pastoral Council members will hold a round table discussion in the hall after all masses. A reflection sheet will be included in the bulletin at a later date.

REGISTERING NEW PARISHIONERS

Sunday, November 6th we will be **registering new parishioners**; if you have been attending Transfiguration, but have not registered, now is the time to do so! This is the day to bring friends to Mass and invite them to be part of our warm and loving parish family.

There will be no **Bingo** on November 6, 2011.

DID YOU KNOW? Help Reduce Abuse Statistics

Nationally, more than 2 million reports of abuse or neglect of minors are made each year. Only a small percentage of child abuse is ever reported. Learn how to spot suspected abuse or neglect, and how to report it to the proper authorities. For more information, please contact those in your parish who are in charge of programs to safeguard children. Or please call the Archdiocesan Safeguard the Children office: 213.637.7227. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213.637.7650.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Doreen Mayers, Johnny Moll, Yvonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Rita Outam, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Ruby Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.

ALL SOULS MASS

On Sunday, November 6, 2011, 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 2010 UNTIL NOVEMBER 2011**, please call the rectory to give their name. Please accept our continued prayers.

FAITHFUL DEPARTED MASSES

During **November** our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses. Additional envelopes are at the exits of the Church.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE ~ RESERVE NOW!

Reserve your space for Sunday, November 20th for Transfiguration Annual Christmas Boutique in the Parish hall. Table Rental is \$35 - Kitchen and Bar \$40. Craft, Gift items, and Food (cooking area is limited) are welcome. For more information please call: Jo Ann Levi at 323.291.1136 or Stephanie Moore at 323.481.2415.

PETER CLEAVER AWARD PROGRAM

The Sixth Annual Peter Claver Award Program Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 at Cal-State Dominguez Hills, at 6:30 PM. One of the recipients this year is Deacon Gregory Patterson for his work in the community. Tickets are available for \$75.00 from Deacon Greg, Mabel Simon, or Thelma Foye.

ALTAR SERVERS ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday October 22

5:15pm Nia Robertson, Chris Robertson,
Zakiya Pleasant, Hadiya Pleasant

Sunday October 23

8:00am Delisa Madere, Derek Madere,
Lisa Crockett, Christopher Goosby
10:00am Anthony Roque, Brendan Wilkerson,
Maurice Burnett, Spencer Fuller
12:15pm Emilio Ramirez, Allison Brown,
Alexis Brown, Kalaiya Ramsey

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, October 10, 2010
 \$6,626.07 Sacrificial Gift
 349.02 Building Fund
 209.41 "We Care"

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Sunday, October 9, 2011
 \$5,800.71 Sacrificial Gift
 464.41 Building Fund
 265.38 "We Care"

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

**DONATIONS OF TURKEYS, DRESSING, CANNED
 YAMS & GREEN BEANS ARE NEEDED...**

The Knights of Peter Claver #220 prepares an Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, November 24 for those who are unable to cook, or need a meal. **Please provide us with your name, address, phone number, and how many dinners by calling Jo Ann Levi in the rectory at 323.291.1136.** Dinner will be delivered to your home.