

Welcome to the Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 October 2016

Greetings Parishioners,

When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth? (Luke 18:8)

What a peculiar way to end this parable! Why did Jesus link his second coming to the story of a persistent widow? Let's look at a couple of possible answers.

Perhaps this widow represents the Church. While we have been given the Eucharist, the Scriptures, and many other gifts and blessings, we are still waiting for Jesus to return. While we wait, we can feel as if we are "aliens and sojourners," living apart from our true home (1 Peter 2:11). We can feel quite defenseless against temptation and the lies of the devil. At times we can feel as desperate for help as this widow, longing for deliverance.

Do you think life will be this way when Jesus comes again? Not at all! He will usher in a perfect world marked by peace and harmony. There will be no more sickness, divorce, poverty, division, war, or death. The wolf and the lamb, the leopard and the goat, and the calf and the lion will all live together peacefully (Isaiah 11:6). When Jesus comes again, life is going to be fantastic, beyond our wildest imagination!

This is where a second possibility comes in: We as a Church must be vigilant until the day when Jesus returns. Like the widow, the challenging circumstances that we live in call for one response: persistence, especially in prayer. We need to pray every day, "Come, Lord Jesus!" And we need to pray continually for our daily bread, for forgiveness, and for strength against temptation.

The application of this parable to our daily lives is much less about Jesus finding faith when he returns and much more about our call to be persistent and hopeful in prayer. May we all pray for an outpouring of grace upon the Church and the world. May we all be vigilant in prayer so that we won't fall to temptation. May we all keep our hearts aflame for him as we persist in prayer for his return in glory.

"Lord, help us to persevere and put our whole hope in you until the day you come again."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

All Souls Mass

We will celebrate **All Souls Mass on Sunday, November 6, 2016**. 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 **FROM NOVEMBER 2015 UNTIL OCTOBER 2016**. This special celebration will take place at all Masses. If you have grieved the death of a loved one during this time please call the rectory to give their name.

RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, October 18 "How do Catholics Interpret the Bible?" by Fr. Kenneth Keke and **Tuesday, November 1** "Who is Jesus?" by Carolyn James, MA at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Eula Dupré* in memory of her beloved daughter **ANGELA DUPRÉ and Roland Davidson** in loving memory of his wife **BERYL DAVIDSON**.

The flower arrangement at the crucifix was donated by **Sandy Quant**, in memory of her mother-in-law **VERA QUANT** and *Joe Baker* in memory of her husband **TIM BAKER and VIRGILIAN LORENZO**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Ex 17:8-13, Ps 121:1-8, Lk 18:1-8
Monday	Eph 2:1-10, Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday	2Tm 4:10-17b, Lk 10: 1-9
Wednesday	Eph 3:2-12, Lk 12:39-48
Thursday	Eph 3:14-21, Lk 12:49-53
Friday	Eph 4:1-6, Lk 12:54-59
Saturday	Eph 4:7-16, Lk 13:1-9
Sunday	Sir 35:12-18, Ps 34:2-23, Lk 18:9-14

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 15

5:15 PM Soul of Rose Mary Felton-Carter

Sunday October 16

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Souls of Vera Quant, Tim Baker & Virgilian Lorenzo

12:15 PM Souls of Angela Dupré & Beryl Davidson

Saturday October 22

5:15 PM Intention of Brianna Katz

Sunday October 23

8:00 AM Soul of Gwen Harmon

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

12:15 PM Soul of Emilia Molina



WEEKLY OFFERING

October 9, 2016

\$7,828.00 Tithe and Offering

161.00 Building Fund

51.00 We Care"

World Mission Sunday, October 16, 2016

Today we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Its theme is "Mercy Changes the World". Please keep the Missions in your prayers and be generous in today's offering for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

Women's Retreat - November 4-5-6, 2016

Join the women of Transfiguration for a Women's Retreat at Serra Retreat in Malibu. Please pick up a registration form from one of the Extraordinary Ministers or call Thelma Foye 323.294.4530.

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 church exits.

Virtus Training October 29, 2016

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session. **Transfiguration will hold two sessions on Saturday, October 29, 2016 in the parish hall.** Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is not child care. The 3 hour Virtus session will be 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. This is the first Certification you must attend. Re-Certification is required every four years. The Re-Certification session will follow from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. You must have attended the 3 hour session in 2012. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place for either session.

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

Donations of Turkeys, Dressing, Canned Yams and Green Beans are needed...

Before you deliver your donations to the rectory please call the office at 323.291.1136.

The Knights of Peter Claver #220 will prepare their 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 office at 323.291.1136.** Dinners will be delivered to your home.

Christmas Boutique Vendors!

Santa | Music | Food | BakedGoods | Jewelry & More!

Vendor spaces are available for

Transfiguration Annual Christmas Boutique on Sunday, November 27th

in the hall. Tables are \$35. Vendor

spaces are available on first come

basis! Your payment will reserve your space. **No spaces are held without a payment.** To obtain a Vendor Application call the Rectory office at 323.291.1136.



Happy 91st Birthday to

Mr. Roland Davidson

who celebrated his birthday on
Friday, October 14th.

~From your church family!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, 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, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, 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, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.