

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 2, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG

History is littered with stories of good tenants and wicked landlords. In the Gospel we have a story of wicked tenants and a good landlord. The parable is an allegory of God's dealings with God's people. The landowner is God. The vineyard is Israel. The wicked tenants are the people of Israel, but more especially the religious leaders who had been given charge of the vineyard by God. The servants are the prophets sent by God and so often rejected and killed. The son is Jesus himself, whom they also killed.

Like the parable of the two sons, this parable was directed at the chief priests and elders. It was meant as a warning, but it went unheeded. The tenants came to a bad end, Jerusalem was destroyed, and the Gentiles replaced the Jews as God's people. All of this would have been very clear to the Gospel writer's (Matthew) readers.

Last weekend some of you might have noticed that we published a comparison of last year's collection with the current one. Unfortunately, during July and August, (the first two months of the fiscal year), the collection is **\$14,000 less** than it was at this time last year. The Finance Council met this week and discussed the situation; it was agreed upon that the best strategy would be to be transparent. As such we will publish a report every quarter in the bulletin, so that everyone knows where the parish is financially. I know that all of you try to be as generous as possible, that many of you are on fixed incomes, and economically times are extremely difficult. Thank you for all that you do to support our parish. God bless you all and have a great week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 1

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m. +Wendell Lagarde, Sr.

10:00 a.m. +Elsie Jourdain

12:15 p.m. Int. of Anthony Young, Sr.

Monday, October 3

8:00 a.m. + George Spurseal

Tuesday, October 4

8:00 a.m. +Bruce Odell

Wednesday, October 5

8:00 a.m. Int. of Jane Tiffany

Thursday, October 6

8:00 a.m. Int. of Mary Jo & Bill McKenna

Friday, October 7

8:00 a.m. Int. of Mary Lou Smith

Saturday, October 8

5:15 p.m. +Clay and Cynthia Lockett

Sunday, October 9

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Mass of Thanksgivings

12:15 p.m. Int. of Ernest Williams

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

6:00 PM Religious Education Class-PCRM

6:30 PM CCL-SJRM

6:30 PM Line Dancing-hall

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship-Church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

9:30 AM School Mass

11:00 AM Eucharistic Adoration

6:00 PM Benediction

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

1:00-5:00 PM Seniors Meeting-hall

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

12:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting

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

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting-PCRM

4:30 PM Oscar Pratt Benefit Concert-hall

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 2PM IN THE PATIO!

Transfiguration will have a blessing of the animals/pets on Sunday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. The parish held their 1st ceremony last year and it was very well-received.

The Blessing of the Animals is an annual event in which animals receive God's blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. His feast day is celebrated October 4th.

The short ceremony will take place in the patio. It is open to people of any and all faiths who would like to have their animals blessed by Fr. Tang.

HOWLETT SMITH'S NEW MUSICAL

Transfigurations' own Howlett Smith has composed a new musical called "Los Angeles, My Home." "Los Angeles, My Home" is a brilliant panoramic history of the City of The Angels. It will be presented at the Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, on Sunday, October 16 at 4:30 PM. Admission fee is \$15.00 per person. For more information, contact Dr. Gwen Wyatt at 323.292.9227. CDs of the musical are available now in our rectory.

Coming Soon!

"An Evening of Music with Oscar Pratt and Friends"

Enjoy an evening with **Oscar Pratt** - a singer of Great and Beautiful Songs.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 4:30 PM

DONATION \$20.00

Transfiguration Parish Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Is 5:1-7, Ps 80:9-20, Mt 21:33-43

Monday Jon 1:1-2:2,11, Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday Jon 3:1-10, Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Jon 4:1-11, Lk 11:1-4

Thursday Mal 3:13-20b, Lk 11:5-13

Friday Jl 1:13-15;2:1-2, Lk 11:15-26

Saturday Jl 4:12-21, Lk 11:27-28

Sunday Is 25:6-10a, Phil 4:12-20, Mt 22:1-14

RCIA INQUIRY

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? "Come and See" Inquiry group will be meeting on Sunday's after the 10:00 AM Mass. Please contact the rectory to register.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, September 26, 2010

\$5,628.65 Sacrificial Gift

304.28 Building Fund

182.57 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, September 25, 2011

\$3,567.81 Sacrificial Gift

278.09 Building Fund

158.91 "We Care"

SCHOOL NEWS

High School Night - Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 PM in hall.

E-Waste Collection - Saturday, October 15th

Bring your electronic items such as TV's, VCR's, phones, and toasters etc. We will be in the schoolyard to collect items from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

United Nations Day Celebration - Monday, October 24th

Celebration begins at 9:30 AM in the Church.

Rosary in the Yard- Tuesday, October 25th

Come join us for an afternoon of praying the Rosary at 2:00 PM in the school yard.

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. There will be karaoke, games, a Halloween costume contest, lots of good food and more! To minimize our out-of-pocket expenses, all monetary donations are welcome. Save the date and come out to support your parish's school children!

CALLING ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will take place this Sunday from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Our Lady of the Angels Region in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to the Annual Regional Congress, Saturday October 22nd from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The congress will take place at St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood. This year's Theme: Live the Freedom of the Spirit. To request a registration book call 310.216.9587 or register at <http://www.la-archdiocese.org>

DENIM & DIAMONDS DANCE

The Knights of Peter Claver, **Ladies Auxiliary of Transfiguration** will be hosting the 1st Annual Denim and Diamonds Dance on Saturday, October 15 in the parish hall from 7:00 PM to midnight. There will be complimentary appetizers; A no-Host Bar; and a Fashion Competition in three categories: Best Western Dressed; Blingiest Bling; and Most Original Outfit. Proceeds will help support needs of the Parish and School. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale after Masses or call Geraldine Buffett at 310.323.9491 or Geri Richardson 310.671.2569.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, November 20th

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

More details next week...

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2012 REVIVAL

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

January 13, 14 & 15, 2012 @7pm nightly

The Revivalist will be

Father Charles "Chuck" Andrus, SSJ