

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 21, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

The theme of the liturgy this weekend is authority as service. The First Reading is an excerpt from the prophet Isaiah's fourth Servant Song. The Servant offers his life in atonement for the sins of his people. His death will be the beginning of glorification for him and will be a source of blessings for others. By reflecting on passages such as this, the early Christians came to an understanding of the saving sufferings and death of Jesus.

In the Gospel we see how far the apostles are from this spirit of self-sacrifice. James and John want the top places in the kingdom of Jesus. Obviously they thought that his kingdom would be modeled on worldly kingdoms, where those in high places enjoy honor, power, and glory. But Jesus tells them that his disciples are not to imitate the Gentiles, whose rulers lord it over people. In his kingdom, service is what makes one great. Jesus would set the example himself. He came "not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many," (reference to his saving death). Authority in the Church of Jesus must beat the unmistakable stamp of service.

I want to thank everyone who played a part in enabling my installation Mass, especially Evelyn Payne who did a remarkable job as Commentator. The liturgy was beautiful and showcased the wonderful talents of both our parish and school.

Speaking of the school, I would like to announce that we will be receiving a new playground for our pre-school through the Kaboom program headquartered in Washington, D.C. You might remember that we collected signatures last year for this project. We were turned down several times, but this last effort finally worked.

We need to offer a matching amount of \$8500, but I have already secured a donor for this. The playground will be built early in the New Year and we will be soliciting volunteers to help with the actual project and others to feed and refresh our workers.

The Catholic Education Foundation, who has given us 100K in scholarship monies this year to assist the children of Transfiguration School, enabled the acquisition of this playground. God bless and have a great week everyone!

Fr. Michael Tang

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Greetings from Transfiguration Church,

The 24th Annual Celebration of the Public Safety Mass will be on Sunday, October 28th at 10:00 AM. This year will have a little different twist to it. The gathering will be followed by a Halloween costume contest. There will be six categories with nice prizes, so be creative. The categories will be *Scariest, Most Original, Funniest, Best Police Officer, Best Firefighter* and *Best Other First Responder*. Two gifts valued at \$50.00 will be given along with four gifts of \$25.00 each. Also, please plan to stay and mingle a while in the Hall and picnic area for fellowship with parishioners and First Responders. There will be a delicious lunch buffet for only \$9/ plate and \$1 for drinks. Dessert vouchers/tickets will be available at \$2, \$4 and \$6 each for a real gourmet assortment of scrumptious treats. Plan to pay at the Hall entrance. Please plan to attend and show our support for those who serve and protect us. Thank you,

~Fr. Mike McCullough

ANNUAL REGIONAL CONGRESS ~ OCTOBER 27, 2012

Here is an opportunity to grow in the knowledge of your Catholic Faith, deepen your spirituality, and increase your catechetical, liturgical, and leadership skills. On Saturday, October 27, 2012 you are invited to attend the Annual Regional Congress at St. Mary's Academy. The day includes three workshops, prayer and liturgical experiences, music and exhibitors. For more information please see Ms. Godinez on Sunday, October 21 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 noon at the Religious Education Office.

Faithful Citizenship

Mother Teresa reminds us, "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Teresa Flores realized that when her only son was killed and the prosecutor asked her to assist in getting the death penalty for the murderer. She simply said, "And break another mother's heart. There is no way I will help you do that." Join in ending the cycle of violence by voting *Yes on Proposition 34*.

School News

Celebrating 75 Years
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

New Student Testing & Guided Tours

Sundays, November 4, December 2,
 January 27, February 3, at 2:00 PM

To schedule an appointment for testing, a tour of the school, or get information regarding tuition, contact Mrs. Crockett in the school office at 323.292.3011.

HISTORY!!!

Endeavour shuttle passed in front of Transfiguration Church on Sunday morning. **It was amazing!!!** There were alumni, children, staff, parishioners & parents!!! If you have any pictures to share please email them to the school so that we can post on our website. (Email is transfigschool@att.net).

United Nation's Day is Wednesday, October 24, 2012. Come visit with us and visit a school of many nations on that day.

PAPER DONATION

A Warm Thank You from Transfiguration School!

Special thank you goes to Mrs. Sandra Soberanis for the paper donation. We truly appreciate your help! Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Don't forget to mark the dates on your calendar.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

Festival 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Swap Meet 8:00 AM-6:00 PM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4th

Brunch 11:30 AM-2:30 PM; Bingo 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Parents and parishioners can purchase tickets for food and games. Presale tickets will be available from October 15th thru October 31st.

No presale tickets will be available after October 31, 2012.

ATTENTION VENDORS!

Reserve your space for Sunday, November 18th for Transfiguration Annual **Christmas Boutique** in the Parish hall. Oblong and Round Tables are \$35 - For more information or to reserve your space please call: Jo Ann Levi at 323.291.1136 or Stephanie Moore at 323.481.2415 ~ sjmoor@pacbell.net.

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:15 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Monday

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday

8:00 a.m.

Thursday

8:00 a.m.

Friday

8:00 a.m.

Saturday

5:15 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

October 20

Souls of Ruth and Henry Blanc Jr.

October 21

Int. of all Parishioners

Int. of Cynthia Richardson

Soul of Ned Raymond Kennedy

October 22

Int. of Brandi Arceneaux

October 23

Int. of Jeanette Fruge

October 25

Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

October 26

Int. of Edmund Richards

October 27

Soul of Ramona Alexander

October 28

Int. of all Parishioners

The Souls of the Aguilar Family

Int. of Michele and Barbara Starks

Readings for the week

Sunday

Is 53:10-11, Ps 33:4-22, Heb 4:14-16

Monday

Eph 2:1-10, Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday

Eph 2:12-22, Lk 12:35-38

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

Jer 31:7-9, Ps 126:1-6, Heb 5:1-6

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, October 16, 2011

\$3,882.06 Sacrificial Gift

339.78 Building Fund

194.16 "We Care"

Sunday, October 14, 2012

\$4,209.97 Sacrificial Gift

297.22 Building Fund

169.84 "We Care"

WOMEN'S RETREAT - NOVEMBER 2-4, 2012

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 the rectory.

ALL SOULS MASS

All Souls Mass will be on Sunday, November 4, 2012, 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 a loved one who died during **NOVEMBER 2011 until OCTOBER 2012**, please call the rectory to give their name. Please accept our continued prayers.

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 22 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. Dinners will be delivered to your home.