

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 October 2016

Dear Parishioners,

I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity. (Luke 18:11)

Have you ever been around someone who has a knack for putting people down? It seems they feel good about themselves only when they're degrading someone else. Although we can't say for sure, that could be part of this Pharisee's motivation for thanking God that he's not like everyone else. He may be acting more out of fear and insecurity than out of pure pride or arrogance.

How about you? It's doubtful that you spend all your time judging everyone else. But are there other ways that you compare yourself? When you see someone's weakness, do you use that person as a measuring stick to judge yourself—"Am I doing better than him or worse?"

This spirit of comparison is something to watch out for; it can take the joy right out of your faith! If you find yourself thinking that way, remember that God isn't comparing you to anyone. He loves you just as you are. No matter how many times you hear that, it can still carry a hint of surprise. After all, we all need improvement, don't we? But this love of God must be the starting point for any genuine spiritual growth we experience. He just loves us, and there's nothing we can do to make him love us any less!

As a point of reflection today, try meditating exclusively on God's love for you. Don't dwell on your sins. He already knows about them! Just sit in his presence, and think of all the ways he cares for you. He sent his Son to die for you. He planned from all eternity that you would be part of his kingdom. He's constantly sending grace and blessings to keep you in his love. If you reflect on this long enough, you won't worry about how your neighbor is doing. You'll be too busy thanking God!

"Thank you, Father, for loving me just as I am right now.

Thank you too for your grace, which can always help me become more like you."

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, 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.

Stewardship Thought

*"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."* LUKE 18:14
Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be humbled by God's abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Sir 35:12-18, Ps 34:2-23, Lk 18:9-14
Monday	Eph 4:32-5:8, Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Eph 5:21-33, Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 6:1-9, Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Eph 6:10-20, Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
Saturday	Phil 1:18b-26, Lk 14:1-11
Sunday	Wis 11:22-12:2, Ps 145:1-14, Lk 19:1-10

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 22

5:15 PM Intention of Brianna Katz

Sunday October 23

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

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

12:15 PM Soul of Emilia Molina

Friday October 28

8:00 AM Intention of Brianna Katz

Saturday October 29

5:15 PM Soul of Jared Onga

Sunday October 30

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Souls of Williams & Hayzetta Patterson

12:15 PM Souls of Rene, Romalis, Sonya & Peter Arguilar, Sr.



WEEKLY OFFERING

October 16, 2016

\$4,632.75 Tithe and Offering

673.00 Building Fund

36.00 We Care"

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.

Transfiguration 50 + Club is planning to go to the taping of **Dr. Ken Show at Sony Studios**. If you are interested in going with us please contact Cynthia Richardson at 323.750.0723.

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.



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Mr. Wilfred Morgan**, in memory of his beloved wife **YVONNE**, and his daughters **JACKELINE** and **DILCIA**, and his son **WILFRED, JR.** Please contact the rectory for more details if you wish to donate flowers.

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, Jayden Dunn, 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, Vyldred 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.