

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 October 13

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pope Francis' first action after being elected was to remain on the ground floor with everyone else, rather than climb the steps to the throne from which past popes received the pledges of the cardinals. His first words to the faithful were a call for them to pray for him. Pope Francis has focused his attention on the poor. He doesn't live in the papal apartments but rather in the Casa Santa Marta residence inside the Vatican, where he eats dinner in the company of lower-ranking priests and visitors.

Likewise our Gospel this weekend contrasts a proud Pharisee and a humble tax collector as they come to pray in the temple. Jesus uses the story to teach us that the ones who exalt themselves will be humbled, and the ones who humble themselves will be exalted. The Pharisee's prayer is actually a description of his spiritual condition as he sees it: He's in very good shape. The tax collector's prayer is one of the sources of the ancient Jesus prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."

As Pope Francis says, "(We) need to demonstrate real humility (and repentance for specific, concrete sins, and not be) sinners with that humility that looks like a little angel face. If we cannot achieve the humility that enables us to see ourselves as sinners, we will never understand the beauty of salvation Jesus brings us."

How we examine our lives on a daily basis and grow spiritually is something to think about this week. Do we come to church just to be seen and then go home and gossip and hurt others? Is our faith an honest faith, or are we lying to ourselves and to others? It's good to remember that we can cheat ourselves and others, but in the end we can never cheat God Spend some time the next few days reflecting on who you are both "inside and out."

Blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Maintenance/Logistics: PT position available at retreat center in the San Gabriel Valley. If you are interested in applying, please submit resume to jobapp920@live.com.

Administrative Assistant: FT position available at retreat center in the San Gabriel Valley. We are seeking an experienced individual who is detail-oriented, well organized and proficient in MS Office. If you are interested in applying, please submit resume to jobapp920@live.com.



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3rd

Daylight Saving
Time ends:

Set clocks back 1 hour

NOVEMBER 1ST

First Friday Daily Mass
at 1:00 PM with School Children
No 8AM Mass



DID YOU KNOW? Save a baby: No bed sharing

Did you know that October is sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) awareness month? Every week one baby dies in Los Angeles County while sleeping. Do not bed share with your baby. Your baby should always sleep on his or her back for naps and at night. The back sleep position is the safest, with no increased risk of choking on vomit. Place your baby on a crib alone and do not use pillows, blankets, quilts, or other soft surfaces. Keep soft items away from baby's face. Make sure anyone who takes care of your baby knows this. To learn more about SIDS/Safe Infant Sleep Practices, please visit: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/mch/sids/sids>.

PETER CLAVER AWARDS PROGRAM

The **Most Reverend Bishop Edward Clark** will be the honoree for the **7th Annual Peter Claver Awards Program Luncheon**.

The event will take place on Sunday, November 17th at 1:30 PM at the Proud Bird Restaurant.

The price is \$60. See Mable Simon or Thelma Foye, our parish representative for tickets.

SCHOOL NEWS

Thank you to **Gerry Richardson** for the paper donation.
Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper.
We truly appreciate your help! Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - NOVEMBER 1-3, 2013

Theme: "Keeping Hope Alive in Challenging Times"

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.

Please join us for the All Souls Day Mass celebration on Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Holy Cross Cemetery ~ Risen Christ Chapel

5835 W. Slauson Avenue, Culver City, CA 90230

ORDINATION INVITATION

John Palmer, who served as a seminarian intern at Transfiguration in 2009-10, will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacon on **Saturday, November 2nd at 10:00 AM** by Bishop Edward Clark at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 501 N. Bedford Drive, Beverly Hills, 90210. All are welcome to attend (no tickets are needed); and light refreshments will follow. For more information, please contact John at jpgalmer@goodshepherdbh.org.

ALL SOULS MASS ~ SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2013

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.

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.

PETITION OF THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Brian Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Benito Sinclair, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, and Lubertha Weathers.

Mass Intentions

Saturday October 26

5:15 PM Soul of Virgilia Lorenzo

Sunday October 27

8:00 AM Intentions of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Romalis Aguillar
12:15 PM Souls of Margaret & Paul Brinton

Saturday November 2

5:15 PM Souls of the Faithful Departed

Sunday November 3

8:00 AM Soul of Viola Fears
10:00 AM Intentions of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Intentions of Angela Dupré

Readings for the week

Sunday	Sir 35:12-18, Ps 34:2-23, Lk 18:9-14
Monday	Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25, Lk 13:22-30
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30, Lk 13:18-21
Thursday	Rom 8:31b-39, Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Rv 7:2-14, Mt 5:1-12a
Saturday	Wis 3:1-9, Rom 5:5-11
Sunday	Wis 11:22-12:2, Ps 145:1-14, Lk 19:1-10

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, October 21, 2012

\$3,282.86 Sacrificial Gift
229.10 Building Fund
130.91 "We Care"

Sunday, October 20, 2013

\$4,176.96 Sacrificial Gift
327.50 Building Fund
187.14 "We Care"

Verbum Dei High School

Verbum Dei High School is now accepting applications. The application deadline for priority acceptance for the 2014-2015 school year is January 24, 2014. For more information and or/or applications forms, contact the Admissions Office at 323.564.6651 ext. 6620.

Attention Quilters!

African-American Quilters Of Los Angeles present their 2013 Quilt Show Saturday, November 2nd from 10 AM to 4 PM at Carson Community Center in Carson, CA. Admission \$7.00, Free Parking, Over 250 Quilts, Vendors, and Demonstrations! For more info go to www.easysite.com/AAQLA or call Sylvia Q. at 323.293.5004.