

Welcome to

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4 October 2015

Dear Friend,

I want to personally thank you for joining us today at the Church of the Transfiguration.

What God has joined together, no human being must separate. (Mark 10:9)

Today's readings could not be more appropriate! This morning, Pope Francis will open the Synod on the Family. For the next three weeks, he will meet with bishops from around the world to talk about the joys and the challenges of family life today. Together, they will ask how the Church can best serve and reach out to all families, no matter their situation. So how encouraging that we hear about God's power to take two married people and make them into "one body" (Genesis 2:24)!

Yet the Gospel reading brings a note of sadness and challenge since it focuses on divorce and remarriage. Jesus' words can sound harsh, especially if we have been through a divorce or if a loved one is part of a wounded or broken marriage.

Think about the pain that divorced couples feel. A relationship that began with high hopes has devolved into rejection and pain. What once was "one body" has been torn apart (Genesis 2:24). Does Jesus really sit in condemnation? No. He doesn't dwell on what went wrong in the past. He wants to meet us where we are and offer us healing and restoration.

If you are divorced, know that Jesus loves you deeply. Think about his encounter with the woman at the well (John 4:4-42). He didn't condemn her, even though she had been married five times and was living with a man who was not her husband. Instead, he brought her to repentance, healed her, and sent her home to proclaim the good news.

Our Father wants to mend the wounds that happen in every relationship. He wants to reconcile us, transform us, and use us to proclaim his kingdom. So let's pray for the synod, that the Spirit will help the bishops find just the right way to announce this healing, transforming power of God for every family!

"Jesus, continue to guide your Church. Pour your grace on every family. Let your love flow through us so that we can be your witnesses."

Let's enjoy this journey together!

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Thank you

Thanks to everyone who **donated toiletries** and other miscellaneous items at the Mass Honoring Mother Mary. Your donations were given to the Alexandria House, which is a transitional residence facility, which provides safe housing for single women and women with children. The items were well received as their pantry was empty. The House expressed their sincere gratitude for your generous donations and they send God's blessings to each of you.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **LILLIAN SANCHEZ** in memory of her mother *Adelaida Sanchez*. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Be Humble, Be Simple and bring Joy to Others.

-St. Madeline Barat

Weekly Devotion

WHEN GOD COMES

My God, what joy is when you come to us in daily visitation; what peace is ours when by your coming we find life anew. Come, O come to live with us and reign within, now and forever. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Sunday Gn 2:18-24, Ps128:1-6, Mk 10:2-16
Monday Jon 1:1—2:1,11, 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 Wis 7:7-11, Ps 90:12-17, Mk 10:17-30

WEEKLY COLLECTION September 27, 2015

\$5,449.50 Tithe and Offering
24.00 Building Fund
38.00 "We Care"



Mass Intentions

Saturday October 3
5:15 PM Intention of Mary Jené
Sunday October 4
8:00 AM Soul of Adelaida Sanchez
10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of Beryl Davidson
Sunday October 11
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Souls William and Annie Rogers and the Deceased Members of the Knights of Peter Claver 220
12:15 PM Souls of Angela Dupré and Beryl Davidson

RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, October 6 "Salvation History" by Fr. Stanley Ihuoma and Tuesday, October 20 "How do Catholics Interpret the Bible?" by Fr. Michael Okechukwu at Holy Name of Jesus (Acacia Center), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

Did You Know? Teach your children how to handle bullies

Many schools have started initiatives focused on eliminating bullying, and teaching kids how to be kind to each other and learn together. At home, you can show your children how to defend themselves, friends or classmates with firm, polite statements, if others are teasing them. Talk with your kids about bullying – what's happening, who's doing it, and how to stop it. For more information on bullying and in-school conflicts, <http://kidshealth.org/parent/emotions/feelings/bullies.html>.

Making a difference in Life for God is Easy!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Dear God, please embrace those who are sick and hurting today and let them feel the warmth of your Love. Amen!



Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Theresa Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

The Carpenter, a two-act musical concert by Howlett Smith featuring all original music will be performed by The Harmony Choir & Soloists The Howlett Smith Trio + 1, **Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 4pm** at Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church, 4211 W. Adams Blvd, L. A. Freewill Offering!

The Knights of Peter Claver "Ladies Auxiliary" #220
Chicken & Waffle Breakfast
OCTOBER 18, 2015
Transfiguration Parish Hall
ALL ARE INVITED!

Annual "Pray for a Cure for Cancer Mass"
OCTOBER 24, 2015
at 12:30 P/M
Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.
For more information, please contact
Dn. Mark or Vickie Race at
310.259.6430.