

# Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 November 13

## From the Desk of our Seminarian Intern

Well, this is my very first time writing you. I'm not really a pastor – not yet anyway. Fr. Tang thought that it would be a great practice for me to write this week's column - so here we go!

Lately, I have been spending a lot of my time over at the elementary school visiting classrooms and getting to know the students. It's been a lot of fun! This week we celebrated the Feast of All Saints Day on Friday and the kids wrote stories about their favorite saints. They even dressed up like those saints too! Those of you who attend the 10:00 AM Mass this Sunday will have another chance to see the students in their saint costumes. It's a chance to see our youth "trying out" what it's like to be a saint.

Well, we have that same opportunity too. That's why we celebrate the Feast of All Saints Day – to remember that God really wants us to be saints. He knows that we're not perfect, but he loves us anyway. He wants us to keep trying – to keep practicing until we get it right. That's what Zacchaeus did in the Gospel today. He knew that he was a sinner, but wanted to be a saint so much that he climbed a tree!!

Jesus knew that Zacchaeus needed help, that's why he said, "Today I must stay at your house." Jesus wants to stay at our homes too; but we need to invite him. And that's really the only way that we can become saints, by inviting Jesus into our lives. When we invite Jesus into our lives, we begin to grow in holiness, little by little.

One of the ways that some of the students have been inviting Jesus into their lives is by altar serving. Just like Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus, these students have been climbing the steps of the altar to get a closer look at Jesus. They have been going out on a limb so to speak and helping Fr. Tang at one morning Mass during the school week. This is an opportunity that's open to all 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders who have already received their First Holy Communion. Anyone who is interested can either let Fr. Tang or myself know and we'll get you signed up.

I once heard someone say that, "The greatest tragedy of life is not becoming a saint". Well, this week's feast reminds us that we have another opportunity to try. Let's put our saint costumes back on and ask Jesus for a little bit of help. Let's take a little bit of time each day to listen and maybe we'll hear Jesus saying to us, "Come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house."

Blessings on your week!

~ *Brother Ethan*

## 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.

## EVENING PRAYER AND CONCERT FOR ALL SOULS

**Sunday, November 10, 2013 - 4:00 PM**

The Cathedral will celebrate All Souls with Evening Prayer and a performance of John Rutter's poignant "Requiem" for chorus and organ. Frank Brownstead, Director of Music at the Cathedral, will conduct, with Samuel Soria at the organ and Suzanne Waters as soprano soloist. Evening Prayer will begin at 4:00 PM followed by the concert. After the concert, the Choir will sing in the mausoleum as family and friends visit their loved ones and other guests take the opportunity to visit this beautiful sacred space located beneath the Cathedral.

## PETER CLAVER AWARDS PROGRAM

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

The event will take place on **Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> 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

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.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**What is 'relational bullying'?** Relational bullying is unwarranted, persistent, unwelcome behavior in the form of criticism, isolation, or fabricated allegations that can damage relationships. Examples include social exclusion ("You can't be with us"), spreading rumors ("Did you hear...?"), and withholding friendship ("I won't be your friend if you..."). Though relational bullying can often seem ambiguous to outside observers and often garners less attention than physical bullying or verbal bullying, it should not be discounted simply as normal, adolescent behavior. In fact, several recent studies suggest relational bullying is more strongly related to emotional distress and teen depression than any other form of bullying. Make sure your child's school does not tolerate such behavior among its students.

### VIRTUS TRAINING

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/staff and 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 Certification session. This includes parents and guardians who would like to volunteer at the school. There will be a session at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church on **Saturday, November 16, at 9:00 AM**. The session, "Protecting God's Children" lasts 3 hours. **Please call 323.610.0680 or 323.660.0034, to reserve a space.** Recertification is required every four years. A Re-Certification session will be held at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on **Saturday, November 9, at 10:00 AM**. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. **Please call 213.680.5215 to reserve a space.** You must have attended the 3 hour session.

### 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.

### ALTAR SERVERS NOVEMBER 9 & 10

<b>5:15PM</b> Jordan Baylis Sierra Black Jared Baylis	<b>8AM</b> Cori Chapman Delisa Madere Derek Madere	<b>10AM</b> Martin Hill Chris Robinson Lanigi Chimilio Maurice Burnett	<b>12:15PM</b> Kofi Karikari Logan Bush Nathan Burrell
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#### Mass Intentions

**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  
**Saturday November 9**  
5:15 PM Soul of Mary Brule  
**Sunday November 10**  
8:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed  
10:00 AM Soul of Vera Quant  
12:15 PM Intentions of all Parishioners

#### Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Wis 11:22-12:2, Ps 145:1-14, Lk 19:1-10
<b>Monday</b>	Rom 11:29-36, Lk 14:12-14
<b>Tuesday</b>	Rom 12:5-16b, Lk 14:15-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33
<b>Thursday</b>	Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10
<b>Friday</b>	Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8
<b>Saturday</b>	Ez 47:1-12, Jn 2:13-22
<b>Sunday</b>	2 Mc 7:1-14, Ps 17:1-15, Lk 20:27-38

#### Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, October 28, 2012	Sunday, October 27, 2013
\$3,226.58	\$3,752.53
281.22	334.07
160.70	190.90
Sacrificial Gift	Sacrificial Gift
Building Fund	Building Fund
"We Care"	"We Care"

#### ACCW District Meeting

Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
**Guest Speaker Ethan Southard**  
at St. Lawrence of Brindisi Parish, 10122 Compton Ave. L.A.

#### St. Agatha's Annual Holiday Boutique

Our S.H.A.R.E. Ministry invites you to their Annual Holiday Boutique on **Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 8am to 3pm in the Herbert Johnson Hall**. Featuring Author Sophia Berkley signing and reading from her book "Text Messages From The Heart Of A Ghetto Mom," Chinese Auction, Jewelry, Hand Crafted items, Decorated Ornaments, Gift Bags, Mary Kay, Aromatherapy gifts, Personalized Children' Books and many more one of a kind specialty gifts for Holiday and Kwanzaa gift giving will be available. St. Agatha Church: 2610 S Mansfield Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90016 (La Brea and Adams). Contact: 323.935.8127.