

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 4, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

November is National Black Catholic History month and in lieu of my usual column which comments on the readings for the weekend, I thought we'd look at some famous Black Catholic Saints during this month. The first saint we will examine is St. Augustine of Hippo.

Historians tell us that there is more intimate knowledge available about St. Augustine than of any other individual in the whole world of antiquity. Augustine, the sinner, is all too well known. There is knowledge of him as a convert and the author of Confessions, but little is known of him as the Father of the Church and as a saint.

St. Augustine was born in the little town of Teggaste, Africa, on November 13, 354. He claimed that he learned the love of God from his mother Monica's breast, and that her early Christian training influenced his entire life. Augustine was highly educated, having studied at Madura, Africa, the University of Carthage, and Rome. He was brilliant, actually a genius, and he used his great intellect and talents to lead humankind to love God.

Augustine's thousands of letters, sermons, and tracts, combined with 232 books, instructed the Early Church and have relevance for the contemporary Church. It is said that Christian scholars through the ages owe much to Augustine and that the full impact of his psychology and his embryonic theology will be felt in the years to come. Augustine was truly a saint. He lived an austere life, performing great acts of self-mortification and penance. He once wrote, "I pray to God, weeping almost daily." Two of his most famous books are "Confessions," which is an autobiography, and the "City of God." The feast of St. Augustine is celebrated on August 28th.

Father Michael Tang

Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Jan Harvey, Donovan Haynes, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Lanny Ross, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, and Lilla Williams.

ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE

Marymount High School, a Catholic, independent, all-girls, college preparatory high school (grades 9-12), will hold its annual **ADMISSION OPEN HOUSE** for families and students in grades 5-8 and upper class transfer students on **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2012** from 1:00-4:00 PM, with check-in starting at 12:30. Marymount is located at 10643 Sunset Boulevard (across from UCLA) and has nine school bus routes throughout Los Angeles, making it accessible to all. Please visit our website to learn more, www.mhs-la.org, or call 310.472.1205, ext 220.

Faithful Citizenship

The California Catholic Bishops support the repeal of the death penalty. They write "We appeal to Californians to end a failed system of justice and choose life. Violence does not end violence. Killing in the name of the state will not end killing. The death penalty will not give us justice worthy of a good society. Respectfully, we call upon all Californians of good will to move toward a restorative justice that helps transform a culture of death into a culture of life." Join them in 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, at 2:00 PM

We offer guided tours and new student testing monthly. Please feel free to contact Mrs. Crockett in the main office at 323.292.3011.

PAPER DONATION

A Warm Thank You from Transfiguration School!

Special thank you goes to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rhodes 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.

IT'S HARVEST FESTIVAL WEEKEND

"It's A Champagne Lunch at Brunch." Join us for a very special Harvest Festival Event, Sunday, November 4th from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Donation is \$15.00.

Special thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the school for the Harvest Festival especially: The Ladies Auxiliary, Ms. Dawn Brinston, Mrs. Learie Apparicio, McDonald's on Crenshaw & 29th, Mr. Leslie Barnum, Mr. Paul Castile and Transfiguration Parishioners. We are very appreciative of all the support.

ATTENTION VENDORS!

Space is still available for Sunday, November 18th for Transfiguration Annual **Christmas Boutique** in the 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.

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 in the pew.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 3
5:15 p.m.	The Faithful Departed
Sunday	November 4
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Carol James
10:00 a.m.	Intention of All Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Martin Romer
Monday	November 5
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Tuesday	November 6
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Wednesday	November 7
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Thursday	November 8
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Friday	November 9
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
Saturday	November 10
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Ramona Alexander
Sunday	November 11
8:00 a.m.	The Faithful Departed
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Vera Quant
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-4,47,51, Mk 12:28b-34
Monday	Phil 2:1-4, Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday	Phil 2:5-11, Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday	Phil 2:12-18, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Phil 3:3-8a, Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Ez 47:1-12, Jn 2:13-22
Saturday	Phil 4:10-19, Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 12:38-44

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, October 30, 2011	Sunday, October 28, 2012
\$3,748.51 Sacrificial Gift	\$3,226.58 Sacrificial Gift
278.15 Building Fund	281.22 Building Fund
158.94 "We Care"	160.70 "We Care"

School Collection for the month of October was: \$1628.99. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

5:15 PM
 Carl Clay
 Caycee Chapman
 Matthew Madere

8:00 AM
 Amanda Johnson
 Johnathan Johnson
 Samantha Joseph

10:00 AM
 Brendan Wilkerson
 Gilberto Gonzales
 Maurice Burnett
 Anthony Roque

12:15 PM
 Emilio Ramirez
 Tyler Smith
 Allison Brown
 Alexis Brown

Did you know that Transfiguration Church has a new website? For parish news and activities go to: www.transfigchurchla.com