

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

With such affection . . . (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

Isn't it remarkable how easy it is to think it's our job to teach, judge, or lead other people? We see this everywhere—at work, in our parish, in schools, even at home. The problem is that in our zeal, it's easy to forget about the most important quality: love.

In today's second reading, St. Paul recalls how dedicated he and his companions were in nurturing the believers in Thessalonica. He and Silvanus and Timothy made it their goal to share the gospel with them. They talked about Jesus' resurrection and the new life he had won for them. They talked about the power of the Holy Spirit to change their lives. They talked about the lure of sin and about our need to stay alert and on guard.

As he focused on points of doctrine like these, Paul was careful to speak about them in terms of love: God's love for the Thessalonians and the Thessalonians' call to love each other in return. For Paul, this was the most important thing. Love was the glue that held everything together. "We were gentle among you," he tells them, adding that he and his companions treated them "as a nursing mother cares for her children" (1 Thessalonians 2:7). What a tender image!

In what many people have called the greatest chapter in Scripture, Paul told the Corinthian believers about the centrality of love (1 Corinthians 13). Having powerful spiritual gifts or great faith or deep knowledge are as nothing without love, he wrote.

So whatever you do today, make sure it is built on a foundation of love. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you God's love for you more deeply and more personally so that you can love him in return. Ask him to help you share your love with just one person today. It doesn't have to be a grand gesture; it just has to be sincere. God can take it from there.

*"Thank you, Lord, for your gift of love.
Help me to love people as faithfully as you love me."*

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - MATTHEW 23:12

Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other's needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus' example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other's needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God's plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace.

DID YOU KNOW?

Disasters: Is your family prepared?

Families may become separated during the chaos of a disaster, especially when evacuation is required. It is important to plan for your family's safety. Develop and regularly practice emergency plans at home with all family members and designate a location where your family could gather in the event of separation. For more tips, visit: <http://www.missingkids.com/Disasters>.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, 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, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Mal 1:14-2:10, Ps 131:1-3, Mt 23:1-12
Monday	Rom 11:29-36, Lk14:12-14
Tuesday	Rom 12:5-16, Lk14:15-24
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Ez 47:1-12, Jn2:13-22
Friday	Rom 15:14-21, Lk16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-27, Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Wis 6:12-16, Ps 63:2-8, Mt 25:1-13

Mass Intentions

Saturday	November 4
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	November 5
8:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
10:00 AM	The Knights of Peter Claver Councils, Courts and Junior Divisions
12:15 PM	Soul of Jouna Pierre
Monday	November 6
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Tuesday	November 7
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Wednesday	November 8
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Thursday	November 9
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Friday	November 10
8:00 AM	Souls of the Faithful Departed
Saturday	November 11
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	November 12
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Lawrence Payne, Jr.



Weekly Offering October 29, 2017

\$6,243.00 Tithe and Offering
145.00 Building Fund
6.00 "We Care"

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who donated toiletries at the October 28th Marian Procession. The items were delivered to the Alexandra House, a Catholic Women's shelter. Sister Judy and the staff, send God's blessings to all, along with their sincere expression of appreciation for your generous donations.

PCAP

11th Annual Peter Claver Awards Program Luncheon: Come out and celebrate with this year's honorees **Most Reverend Alexander Salazar, Reverend Bruce Correio, Deacon Douglass Johnson, Sr., and Deacon Charles Mitchell**, on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at the Proud Bird Restaurant at 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$60. If purchased after November 5th tickets are \$75. Call Mable Simon at 323.296.1501 and Thelma Foye at 323.294.4530 to make your purchases.

In Observance of Veterans Day
the Church Office will be closed on
Monday, November 13, 2017

Please join us for our ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE Sunday, November 26, 2017

Transfiguration Parish Hall After all Masses.

New and Exciting Vendors

Jewelry, Accessories,
Christmas Ornaments,
Baked Goods, Yummy Food,
and Much More
Holiday Sale Items...



*Enjoy great music and
FREE picture taken with Santa*

Something for Everyone!

COME CHECK IT OUT!

For more information, call Vickie Race 310.259.6430
or Evelyn Payne 323.291.8325.

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 23 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.

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.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **TRANSFIGURATION KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER COUNCIL, COURT 220 AND JUNIOR DIVISION**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory.

RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, November 21 "To Jesus through Mary" by Deacon Mark Race at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.