

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.

(Matthew 10:33)

Most of Jesus' words are encouraging and inspiring. But occasionally, he says something that shakes us up. For example, Jesus told us that our righteousness had better not be like that of the Pharisees, or we will not get into heaven (Matthew 5:20). He told us that unless we eat his Body and drink his Blood, we will not have eternal life (John 6:54). He even said, "Woe to you who are rich" (Luke 6:24).

Of course Jesus is a God of mercy and love. But today's Gospel is one of those seemingly harsh messages that make us worry about our eternal happiness. What are we supposed to do with statements like these?

Let's look at St. Peter. He, the "Rock" of the Church, denied that he even knew Jesus! But rather than scolding Peter or saying, "I am going to deny you before my Father," Jesus simply asked Peter, "Do you love me?" (John 21:15, 16, 17). He knew that Peter felt deep remorse. He knew that Peter had wept bitter tears of sadness over his weakness. So Jesus' question was clearly an invitation to reconciliation.

In a similar way, Jesus knows that we are all weak. He knows that we all betray him in one way or another. And he treats us just as he treated Peter.

The key to understanding this unsettling passage from the Gospel is this: Where is your heart? Peter loved Jesus. He wanted nothing more than to serve Jesus. He wasn't a coward. He was just a human being, and human beings can be overcome by fear and temptation at times.

So for Peter, as well as for all of us, this is the important distinction: Are you a sinner who doesn't know how to love God? Or are you a lover of God who falls into sin? Peter was a lover of God. So were all the other apostles who fled at Jesus' arrest. They may have failed Jesus at that moment, but Jesus never failed them. And he won't fail us!

"Jesus, I love you. Teach me to remain steadfast." Jeremiah 20:10-13

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Jer 20:10-13, Ps 69:8-35, Mt 10:26-33
Monday	Gn 12:1-9, Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday	Gn 13:2-18, Mt 7:6-14
Wednesday	Gn 15:1-18, Mt 7:15-20
Thursday	Acts 12:1-11, Mt 16:13-19
Friday	Gn 17:1-22, Mt 8:1-4
Saturday	Gn 8:1-15, Mt 8:5-17
Sunday	2 Kgs 4:8-16a, Ps 89:2-19, Mt 10:37-42

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 24

5:15 PM For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

Sunday June 25

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Soul of Robert Jordan

Monday June 26

8:00 AM For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

Tuesday June 27

8:00 AM For all Fathers, Living & Deceased

Wednesday June 28

8:00 AM For all Liggins Family Fathers

Friday June 30

8:00 AM Intention of Xinia Jenkins

Weekly Offering

June 18, 2017

\$4,942.00 Tithes and Offering

295.00 Building Fund

1.00 "We Care"



Important Message

Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



Saturday August 19, 2017~9am to 5pm

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.

Parishioner Recognition Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court 220 in collaboration with the Church of the Transfiguration is presenting their 1st ANNUAL Parishioner Recognition Luncheon. The event is Sunday, August 6, 2017, from 1PM to 4PM at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street in L.A. They will recognize parishioners who have served the Church of the Transfiguration through their selfless acts of Care, Concern, Love for God's people and His Church. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...** Sunday, August 6, 2017 and join in helping us recognize these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish. This will be a fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss! **Tickets are on sale for \$50 in the rectory.**

Stewardship Thought

"Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." MATTHEW 10:32

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself.

Corrected List of Transfiguration School 2017 Graduates...

Najya Abdi, accepted to Immaculate Heart High School

Destiny Alexander, accepted to St. Bernard High School

Zariah Casanova, accepted to Bishop Conaty High School

Edwyn Cuellar, accepted to St. Bernard High School

Giselle De Leon-Ochoa, accepted to Bishop Conaty High School

*Simone Emezi, accepted to Immaculate Heart
and St. Monica High School*

Allen Griffin, accepted to St. Bernard High School

Wynter Hale, accepted to King Drew Medical Magnet

Samia Marine, accepted to St. Mary's Academy

Janel Merritt, accepted to Bishop Conaty High School

Leila Moore, accepted to Serra High School

*Irving Norwood III, accepted to Crespi, Loyola, Notre Dame,
and Harvard Westlake High Schools*

Annabelle Petit, accepted to St. Mary's Academy

*Brandon Richard, accepted to Loyola, Winward, Serra,
and St. Bernard High Schools*

Noah Shelby, accepted to Serra High School

*Dylan Taylor, accepted to Serra, St. Bernard
and Salesian High Schools*

Violet Walters, accepted to Bishop Montgomery High School