

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26 June 2016

Greetings,

For freedom Christ set us free. (Galatians 5:1)

Did you know that a battle is going on in your mind right now? That's what today's second reading tells us. When Paul speaks of the "freedom" that Jesus won for us, he is telling us that we can win this battle and be free from the attacks of sin and temptation (Galatians 5:1).

What is the battle for the mind? Simply stated, we all have an incredible number of virtues and gifts. We strive to be kind, generous, selfless, loving, patient, imaginative, intuitive, and so on. At the same time, we can also be selfish, prideful, angry, moody, greedy, deceptive, lustful, lazy, jealous, and so on. We all have sinful habits that need to be "put away" and virtuous impulses that we need to "put on" more and more (Ephesians 4:22, 24).

Every one of our decisions is influenced, in some way or other, by a combination of good and bad voices: the Holy Spirit, the devil, our family and friends, our memories, and our imaginations. These voices all offer us different ways to approach how we live and the choices we make. The question we face in every situation is "Who will I listen to? How will I decide?"

If you don't want to be controlled by the negative influences, you're going to need to do two things: let the Holy Spirit speak to you, and try your best to "take every thought captive" so that you can emphasize the upright thoughts and reject the negative ones (2 Corinthians 10:5). This means holding fast to everything you experience in prayer, the Eucharist, and Scripture.

Guard your mind as if you are carrying a valuable diamond in your pocket. Don't let any evil influence rob you of your joy and peace. Try to stay close to Jesus, and you'll find yourself winning this battle for your mind and becoming more like Jesus. You'll know the freedom that Christ came to give you.

"Jesus, help me win the battle for my mind. Give me the strength to say no to sin and yes to you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our sick...

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, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, 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, 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, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

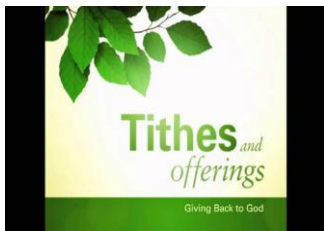
As part of the *Safeguard the Children* program, adult supervision is mandatory for all underage children.
Children should be accompanied to the restroom by an adult or guardian.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	June 25 Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	June 26 For Fathers Living and Deceased Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Henry Marine
Monday 8:00 AM	June 27 For Fathers Living and Deceased
Tuesday 8:00 AM	June 28 For Fathers Living and Deceased
Wednesday 8:00 AM	June 29 Soul of Henry Marine
Friday 8:00 AM	July 1 Soul of Beryl Davidson
Saturday 5:15 PM	July 2 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 12:15 PM	July 3 Soul of Andrew Leon

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:16b-21, Ps 16:1-11, Lk 9:51-62
Monday	Am 2:6-16, Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	Am 3:1-8, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Acts 12:1-11, Mt 16:13-19
Thursday	Am 7:10-17, Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Am 8:4-12, Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Am 9:11-15, Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Is 66:10-14c, Ps 66:1-20, Lk 10:1-20



WEEKLY OFFERING

June 19, 2016
 \$4,788.20 Tithes and Offering
 251.00 Building Fund
 30.00 "We Care"

Did you know?

The pace of online gaming is only growing. There is a small but real chance that victimization could occur when kids play and interact with others on phones, tablets, laptops, desktops and gaming consoles. A helpful way to teach children about handling problems is to encourage them to report issues when they arise. Internet service providers and gaming networks have systems set up to field complaints of abuse and then investigate them (in conjunction with law enforcement, when necessary). For more tips on how to help protect young people from vulnerabilities while playing online please email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213.637.7227 to receive a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Preventing Cyberbullying in Online Gaming, Part 2."

Stewardship Thought

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love."
 GALATIANS 5:13

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Venita Marine* in memory of her beloved husband **HENRY MARINE**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

in observance of Independence Day
Monday, July 4, and Tuesday 5, 2016

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday August 6, 2016
9AM to 5PM

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



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