

From the Administrator's Desk

The Lord will rescue me from every evil thread and will bring me safe to his heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:18)

This passage sounds a lot like today's psalm: "The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them" (Psalm 34:8). It shouldn't surprise us, though. One thing Paul became very good at was taking a truth from Scripture and reworking it so that it reflected his experience. This is precisely what he did in today's passage. Reflecting on his many years of preaching the gospel, he knows that even then, as his life was drawing to a close, God would continue to fulfill the promise proclaimed in this psalm.

Of course, this is not a magic formula. We can't make God do something just by saying the right words. But it's a very effective technique that saints through the ages have used to lift their hearts and minds to God. Try this experiment. Take a Scripture verse that touches on something you're experiencing, and then proclaim it throughout the day. Does the beauty of the sunrise take your breath away? "The heavens declare the glory of God!" (Psalm 19:1). Going to confession? "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endures forever!" (Psalm 136:1). Looking for motivation? "I have the strength for everything through him who empowers me!" (Philippians 4:13). Preparing to take your spouse on a date? "They are no longer two, but one flesh" (Matthew 19:6). The possibilities are as broad and deep as the Scriptures themselves!

Proclaiming Scripture in this way can provide a springboard for meditation. It can draw your attention upward to heaven. It can give you a new perspective and lift your attitude. Most of all, it can help reshape your thoughts and bring you more in line with the mind of God.

"Heavenly Father, thank you for your work!

Help me to proclaim it through my day so that I can keep my mind and heart close to you!"

Saints of the Week

June 30th – First Martyrs of the Church of Rome – begun by Emperor Nero after the burning of Rome in 64 A.D., many of the faithful were tortured and slain. The pagan writer, Tacitus, testifies to these martyrdoms as does Clement the Bishop of Rome in his letter to the Corinthians 5 & 6.

July 1st – Blessed Junipero Serra, priest, O.F.M. (Franciscan) missionary; established nine (9) of the California missions; baptized over 6,000 native peoples; recognized as a builder of the state of California; "an exemplary model of the selfless evangelizer" (Pope John Paul II). He was from Petra, Majorca, Spain, who died in 1784, buried in San Carlos Borromeo Cathedral in Monterey, California.

July 3rd – St. Thomas, Apostle, who died in the first century. His doubting gave way to faith when he saw the Risen Lord. He is associated with the founding of the Church in South India; patron of builders, India, and Pakistan.

July 4th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal; named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (patroness of the Parish in Altadena, CA). She was queen and mother, lover of the poor; peacemaker in the royal family; later a Franciscan tertiary; patroness of Catholic Charities. She died 1336.

July 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria, a doctor who became a priest; a popular preacher, who in 1530 founded the "Clerics Regular of St. Paul" ("Barnabites") in Milan for the reform of society; today they number ca. 350; he sought collaboration between the clergy and the laity; he promoted frequent Communion.

July 6th – St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr, who died in 1902 at the age of eleven. She was stabbed to death preferring to die than be raped. She knew her assailant, ca. 17 or 18, worked for the family. His conversion led to her canonization in 1950, the largest crowd ever assembled at that time in Rome. Her mother and her assailant were present at her canonization. She is the patroness of teen-aged girls. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

Called to Serve

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 28
5:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Sunday	June 29
8:00 AM	Intention of Brandi Arceneaux
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Andrew Leon
Saturday	July 5
5:15 PM	Intention of Cynthia Richardson
Sunday	July 6
8:00 AM	Souls of Louis and Estelle Collins
10:00 AM	Intention of Mary Ann Mayer
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Acts 12:1-11, Ps 34:2-9, Mt 16:13-19
Monday	Am 2:6-16, Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	Am 3:1-12, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Am 5:14-24, Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29
Friday	Am 8:4-12, Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Am 9:11-15, Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Zec 9:9-10, Ps 145:1-14, Mt 11:25-30

June 22, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$4,010.20 Tithes and Offering
313.60 Building Fund
179.20 "We Care"

Save the Date



Saturday August 16th

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

KENNETH HAHN PARK

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday July 1
7 PM Bible Study-*hall*
Wednesday July 2
6 PM Line Dancing-*hall*
Thursday July 3
7 PM Choir Rehearsal-*church*
Friday July 4
Office Closed

Eugenics and Ethics Conference and The Pope St. John Paul II Recognition Dinner Saturday, July 26, 2014

The National Catholic Bioethics Center in Philadelphia, Archbishop Jose Gomez and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are cosponsoring a one day Eugenics and Ethics Conference (8am-5pm, \$40 per person) entitled "Designer Babies – Whose Design" at The Center at Cathedral Plaza, Our Lady of the Angels Cathedral, corner of Hill and Hope Streets in Los Angeles. The conference is open to the public. Register on line at la-archdiocese.org. The Conference will be followed in the evening by The Pope St. John Paul II Recognition Dinner (5:30p-10p, \$250 per person) to be held in the Thousand Cranes Room of the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Downtown. This event is also open to the public. All proceeds from the dinner benefit the NCBC programs for education and training in bioethics and to raise awareness regarding genetics, genetic testing, and ethical policy concerns. Register on line or for additional information about the dinner contact Dr. Vincent Fortanasce at (626) 445-8481 – 24/7 310-994-9904 or Email Dr. Fortanasce at: FortanasceMD@gmail.com. View all Conference and Recognition Dinner info, and all Speaker Bios and Conference Format Topics online at visitationchurch-la.com or at la-archdiocese.org.

DID YOU KNOW: Tips for summer camp safety...

Summer is almost here. School is almost out, and a whole host of new opportunities for recreation and relaxation await. Maybe you are sending your children to a music or sports camp? Or maybe they have been invited by their friends to go camping in the mountains or at the beach? Whatever the situation, it is important to remember that parents still have the responsibility of controlling access that new people will have to their children. If your children are attending a summer camp, insist that counselors or anyone else who might have access to your children have undergone an application process that includes a criminal background check and reference checks. For a copy of the VIRTUS article "Summer Safety Tips can help prevent Sexual Abuse" VIRTUS article contact bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brandi Arceneaux, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Vivian Burgess, Joyce Barnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. *Matthew 14:14*