

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 30, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

When I was a young boy in Catholic grammar school, the sisters taught us to pray the Angelus as the noon bell rang. Then, it seemed like little more than a recitation of the Hail Mary punctuated by call and response. The faster it went, the sooner we could start lunch and recess—and that was the real importance of the bell.

The Angelus, with its reminder of the mystery of God's love and the human vocation, came back to me as I reflected on the scriptures for this weekend. On this weekend before the Fourth of July, we are invited to recall our Christian vocation and how it intersects with our place in history as citizens of the United States.

The Gospel portrays those semi-willing disciples as lacking what they probably thought they were protecting: freedom. A Bob Dylan song claims, "You're gonna have to serve somebody....It may be the devil or it may be the Lord, but you're gonna have to serve somebody." This is the message we get from Paul in the Second Reading from Galatians. In Paul's vision of humanity, we are either slaves to self (seeking self-perfection through the law, wealth, status, pleasure, group affiliation, etc) or graced with freedom to live for Christ in love. For Paul, the paradox is that true freedom comes from God and enables us to give a free response of self-donation.

Please keep Father Joseph Idomele and his mother in your prayers. As many of you know, Father Joseph's mother's health has taken a turn for the worse, and they are both back home in Nigeria where she is with family and loved ones during these remaining days or weeks of her life. We have encouraged Father Joseph to stay with her as long as is necessary, as this is the best thing a son can do for his mother during her remaining time here on earth. When Father Joseph returns to Los Angeles he will be meeting with the Vicar of Clergy to determine how he may best serve the people of God. We sure miss him, but we know that he is where he needs to be.

Happy Fourth of July and blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

RECTORY OFFICES CLOSED

Mon. July 1 to Wed. July 3

due to repair work

AND

Thurs. July 4 & Fri. July 5

in observance of Independence Day

Office re-opens July 8.

During this time, Jo Ann and Fr. Tang will be checking messages.

Please feel free to **CALL** the office, if there are any emergencies.

PASTOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Parish & School Calendar Meeting

(Fiscal Year 2013- 2014) This year we are postponing the calendar meeting due to the Administrative changes in the school. As you know, the school has first choice for all fundraising and activity dates. **Please Note:** All dates are subject to change for possible **RENOVATION** of the hall.

The Bereavement Committee

is actively seeking volunteers, especially Men and Young Adults. Please join us in serving this compassionate and fulfilling ministry. Call the Rectory for Deacon Greg at 323.291.1136 for more details.

SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS

MONDAY, JULY 1 TO FRIDAY, JULY 26
FROM 8AM TO 2:00 PM

EXTENDED CARE 2:00 PM TO 5:00 PM

A FEW SPACES ARE AVAILABLE
No School on July 4 & 5th.

REGULAR SCHOOL BEGINS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013
7:45 AM to 3:30 PM

MANDATORY SUMMER READING

for all students grades K-8.

PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL AT 323.292.3011,
IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH
9 AM to 5 PM

KENNETH HAHN PARK
Celebrating a year of Faith

There will be a meeting for anyone who would like to help with the annual church picnic. The meeting *will be Thursday, July 11 in the hall* at 6:30 PM. If you have any questions, contact Deacon Patterson in the rectory or e-mail dcn431@aol.com. Thank You!

~Deacon Greg Patterson

Did You Know?

Victim's Assistance Ministry

The Archdiocesan Office of Victim Assistance Ministry periodically offers a support program for adult survivors of childhood abuse or neglect: A Faith-Based Response to Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse and Neglect. This recovery program uses a psycho-educational model. The model is "educational" in that it teaches how the trauma of childhood abuse and neglect typically impacts individuals. It is "psycho-educational" in that it provides tools for participants to safely examine and regulate their feelings, thought patterns and behavior. The entire program is presented in the context of prayer for God's healing and is not a psychotherapy group. The program follows a ten week format and is available in both English and Spanish. The dates, time and location of the next groups will be determined by interest. If you are interested please call Victims Assistance Coordinator, Suzanne Healy at 213.637.7650.

Saturday 5:15 p.m.	June 29 Soul of Edmund Richards
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	June 30 Soul of Roland Hithe
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Patricia Riley
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
Monday 8:00 a.m.	July 1 Soul of Ronald Lindsey
Saturday 5:15 p.m.	July 6 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	July 7 Souls of Louis & Estell Collins
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Dorothy Campbell
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Yula Wilkes

Readings for the week

Sunday	1Kgs 19:16-21, Ps 16:1-5, Lk 9:51-62
Monday	Gn 18:16-33, Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday	Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29
Thursday	Gn 22:1-19, Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67, Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Gn 27:1-29, Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Is 66:10-14, Ps 66:1-20, Lk 10:1-20

Sacrificial Gifts



Sunday, June 24, 2012
\$2,683.30 Sacrificial Gift
242.90 Building Fund
138.80 "We Care"

Sunday, June 23, 2013
\$7,000.00 Sacrificial Gift
589.13 Building Fund
336.65 "We Care"

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.