

# Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 7, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend we hear again the great parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable Jesus tells us that God wants us to care for one another. The priest and the Levite stand condemned for a sin, not of commission but of omission—they refused to help the man who was robbed and beaten. Sins of omission may be our worst sins, yet we don't always think of them as sins.

The First Reading is part of Moses' farewell speech to the Israelites. He exhorts them to commit themselves to the Lord by observing his commandments. Whereas previously these commandments were considered as being external to them, now they are presented as springing from within themselves. They are written in their hearts, and therefore not far away from them or beyond their strength. Jesus reduced the commandments to two which we hear about in the Gospel.

The lawyer's question was meant to embarrass Jesus. But Jesus cleverly put the onus back on the lawyer. So the lawyer tries again: he seeks casuistically to know to whom the commandment "love your neighbor" applies. Basically what Jesus says to him is: our neighbor is anyone, regardless of class, color, race, or creed, who needs our help.

Many of you might have heard in the Prayers of the Faithful last week about the passing of Fr. Joseph Idomele's mother, Grace. Grace has been ill for the last several months and it was a blessing that Fr. Joe could be with her when she actually died. All of us would be so lucky as to have a priest son hold our hand as we meet our God in heaven. We do not know when Fr. Joe will return back to Los Angeles, but I'm sure that he will appreciate your prayers and Mass cards which can be sent to Holy Name Church. Blessings on your week and continue to enjoy these weeks of summer.

*Father Michael Tang*

## School News

### Regular School Begins

Wednesday, August 14, 2013  
7:45 AM to 3:30 PM

### Mandatory Summer Reading

for all students grades K-8.

*Call the office at 323.292.3011, if you have any questions.*

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday July 13

5:15 p.m. Intention of Cynthia Richardson

### Sunday July 14

8:00 a.m. Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. Intention of Gerry Richardson

12:15 p.m. Soul of Lillian White

### Saturday July 20

5:15 p.m. Soul of Barbara Samuels

### Sunday July 21

8:00 a.m. Souls of Mignon Barr & Louise Bordenave

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## Readings for the week

**Sunday** Dt 30:10-14, Ps 69:14-37, Lk 10:25-37

**Monday** Ex 1:8-22, Mt 10:34-11:1

**Tuesday** Ex 2:1-15a, Mt 11:20-24

**Wednesday** Ex 3:1-12, Mt 11:25-27

**Thursday** Ex 3:13-20, Mt 11:28-30

**Friday** Ex 11:10-14, Mt 12:1-8

**Saturday** Ex 12:37-42, Mt 12:14-21

**Sunday** Gn 18:1-10a, Ps 15:2-5, Lk 10:38-42

## Sacrificial Gifts

### Sunday, July 8, 2012

\$5,908.68 Sacrificial Gift

490.84 Building Fund

280.48 "We Care"

### Sunday, July 7, 2013

\$5,740.57 Sacrificial Gift

490.43 Building Fund

280.25 "We Care"

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, July 14

12PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting-*PCRm*

### Wednesday, July 17

6:00 PM Line Dancing-*hall*

6:30 PM CCL

### Thursday, July 18

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal-*church*

### Saturday, July 20

Cherrywood/Leimert Block Club BBQ

### Sunday, July 21

*National Needs Combined Collection*

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-*church*

## Church Picnic



**SATURDAY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 AM to 5 PM**

**KENNETH HAHN PARK**

*Celebrating a year of Faith*

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

*~Deacon Greg Patterson*

### **Pastor Scholarship Fund**

Transfiguration School is accepting new students in all grades. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to new 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **SENATE BILL 131**

Archbishop Gomez is asking all Catholics to contact their Assembly members and Senators and urge them to vote "No" on Senate Bill 131. Simply tell your elected officials to vote "No" because this legislation fails to protect all victims of childhood sexual abuse, discriminates against Catholic schools and other private employers, and puts the social services and educational work of the Church at risk. The Bishops of the California Catholic Conference believe it is urgent for all Catholics to act now.

To contact your Elected Officials, visit our webpage: [www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org](http://www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org).

### **Background on SB-131**

1. Senate Bill 131, now before the California Legislature, would suspend for one year a deadline (called a "statute of limitations") to give childhood sexual abuse victims the chance to sue their abusers' employers for damages resulting from their abuse.

2. SB-131 is not good legislation because it does not protect all children. In fact, the bill only allows lawsuits to be filed by children who were abused in religious and other private schools and organizations such as the YMCA or Little League. Children who were abused by public school teachers or other public employees are specifically **not protected** by SB 131. That means this legislation offers no protection for the 92 percent of California's children who attend public schools or for children in foster care or in other public settings.

3. SB-131 unfairly targets only Catholic-run and other private institutions because it only allows lawsuits against private schools and organizations and specifically exempts public schools and other public institutions. The sexual abuse of children is a social reality. It is not limited to private institutions. Any legislation that seeks to deal with this grave problem should be applied to protect victims in all institutions in society — public and private— equally.

4. SB-131 does nothing to increase penalties against the actual abusers of children. The bill allows for monetary damages to be imposed on private employers. But it does not impose any civil or criminal penalties on the perpetrator.

### **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, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laurette Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, 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.