

# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 15, 2018

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world. (Ephesians 1:4)*

In June of last year, the United Nations estimated that there were 7.6 billion people living on Earth. In an even more jaw-dropping statistic, the Population Reference Bureau has estimated that approximately 108 billion people have lived on Earth since the beginning.

So can you imagine that before God created the world, in the midst of these 108 billion people who would live in it, he knew you perfectly and chose you to be with him?

When we hear that God chose us before the foundation of the world, it can sound so theoretical. We think of “us” as a universal group: God’s people. And while we are all part of this large group, we are not just anonymous members of the crowd. God’s love for us is not generalized. It is personal and specific. He loves you for who you are. He loves you in the best way you can be loved.

As overwhelming as this may sound, let this truth sink in today. Even if there were 100 trillion people, it doesn’t matter. You—with all your quirks and idiosyncrasies—were in God’s mind and in his heart from the beginning. He created you with a specific purpose, and he longs for you to be with him forever!

Here’s one way to ponder this amazing truth: take today’s second reading, and wherever you see the word “us,” substitute your name. For example, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed [your name] in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as he chose [your name] in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him” (Ephesians 1:3-4). Reread the whole passage slowly a couple of times. Proclaim it out loud. Let God expand your understanding of how much he loves you. Then bask in that love today.

*“Father, I am so amazed to know that I am in your heart.  
Help me to trust and rely on your personal love today and every day.”*

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

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## **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Darnell Stang, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



**Saturday August 18, 2018~9am to 5pm**

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

## REJOICE

### Gospel Extravaganza

**Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:00PM**

at the Hyatt Regency Anaheim, 11999 Harbor Blvd.  
Garden Grove, CA 92840.

#### Featuring:

#### CHOIRS from the Greater Los Angeles Area!

Proceeds benefit the "Educate the Religious" Fund  
Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver,  
Ladies of Grace, Western State District.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at [www.kofpc.org](http://www.kofpc.org) or

Call Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561.

Bus transportation available for \$15.

## ATTENTION

### Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS/ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

### Summer Retreat

You are invited to St. Bernadette Catholic Church Women Moving in the Spirit Summer Retreat on Saturday July 21, 2018 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM. Register by July 18, 2018... fee is \$22.00. For more information contact Carolyn James at 323.394.5441.

## Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Am 7:12-15, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 6:7-13
Monday	Is 1:10-17, Mt 10:34-11:1
Tuesday	Is 7:1-9, Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday	Is 10:5-16, Mt 11:25-27
Thursday	Is 26:7-19, Mt 11:28-30
Friday	Is 38:1-22, 7-8, Mt 12:1-8
Saturday	Mi 2:1-5, Mt 12:14-21
Sunday	Jer 23:1-6, Ps 23:1-6, Mk 6:30-34

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday July 14

5:15 PM Soul of Robert Evans and Intention of Mabel Walton

### Sunday July 15

8:00 AM Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz  
10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell  
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday July 22

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, and Wilfred Morgan Jr.  
10:00 AM Intention of Father Bernard Viagappan  
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

## Weekly Offering for July 8, 2018

\$5,941.05	Tithe and Offering
560.00	Building Fund
81.00	"We Care"

## Stewardship Thought

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts."*

(MARK 6:8)

How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.

## Did you know?

Rules about politeness seem to be in contradiction to the rules we teach children about avoiding predators and responding to behaviors that make them uncomfortable. It's important to expand on the idea of saying "no" when someone asks them to cross a boundary. Explain that there are situations where being rude is acceptable, if that's what it takes, and help them understand that being polite has its limits. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Exceptions for Children on Society's Rules about Being 'Polite'" go to: [www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles](http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles).