

# Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 July 2015

## From the Administrator's Desk

*His heart was moved. (Mark 6:34)*

In today's Gospel, we see Jesus both encouraged and discouraged. He was encouraged because the apostles had just returned from a very successful missionary trip. They had healed some people, delivered others from demons, and brought many to conversion. But he was also discouraged because John, his friend and kinsman, had just been beheaded.

With this good and bad news on his mind, Jesus took a practical approach and invited the apostles to a quiet place for a time of rest (Mark 6:31). At least he tried to. A crowd of people followed them. So Jesus changed his plans and began to teach them.

In a sense, you could say that the "compassionate" Jesus overruled the "practical" Jesus. He saw beyond his needs and the needs of his disciples and focused instead on the needs of the people coming to them. You could say that his eyes were opened to a much wider picture. The apostles' eyes were opened as well. They gave up their plans for rest so that they could minister to the people.

Of course, Jesus wants us to be practical. He wants us to have our lives in order and to set goals and achieve them. But he also wants us to be flexible enough to be able to put aside our plans when the need arises and when the Spirit prompts us to.

The key is learning how to sense the Spirit's promptings so that what is practical and planned doesn't overshadow what is compassionate and spontaneous. You may sense a prompting to speak to someone after Mass or in the grocery store. You may sense that God wants you to put your arms around your husband or child or that you should put aside what you are doing and read Scripture for a few minutes. Whenever something like this happens, try to act on it. You never know what miracles may result!

*"Holy Spirit, help me to be open to your promptings.*

*I don't want to be so regulated that I can't hear your voice. Lord, make me as flexible as you are!"*

Called to Serve,  
~Deacon Mark Race

## ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

**Saturday August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9<sup>AM</sup> to 5<sup>PM</sup>**

*Creole and Mardi Gras Style*

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



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday July 18**  
5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Samuels

**Sunday July 19**  
8:00 AM Intention of Walita Keyes  
10:00 AM Soul of Anita Kennedy  
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

**Monday July 20**  
8:00 AM Soul of Lynda Pratt

**Tuesday July 21**  
8:00 AM Intention of Fr. Oscar Pratt, II

**Saturday July 25**  
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

**Sunday July 26**  
8:00 AM Soul of Leonard George De'Coud, Sr.  
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.  
12:15 PM Soul of Cora Porter

### Readings for the week

**Sunday** Jer 23:1-6, Ps 23:1-6, Mk 6:30-34

**Monday** Ex 14:5-18, Mt 12:38-42

**Tuesday** Ex 14:21—15:1, Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday** Ex 16:1-15, Jn 20:1-18

**Thursday** Ex 19:1-120b, Mt 13:10-17

**Friday** Ex 20:1-17, Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday** 2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28

**Sunday** 2 Kgs 4:42-44, Ps 145:10-18, Jn 6:1-15

### Volunteers Needed

Lectors are needed at all Masses, particularly, the 8 AM Sunday Mass. God is calling you to minister to our Parish community. This is a great way to demonstrate your appreciation for the many gifts bestowed on you. If you are available to read, please contact Liz Quinn at 323.295.8875.

### DID YOU KNOW?

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 parent or guardian at church/mass.**

## St. Vincent dePaul

### BUNDLE SUNDAY

This **Sunday, July 19** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. The truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy.

### Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

### Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **MARIE JEAN**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

### Weekly Collection July 12, 2015

\$7,090.05 Tithe and Offering  
861.50 Building Fund  
103.50 "We Care"

### HAVE YOU BEEN FINGERPRINED?

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to be fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. The dates for July are: **Our Lady of Loretto:** Friday, July 24th, 250 N. Union, Los Angeles 90026; 12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:00pm - 7:20pm. For appointment call 213.483.5251. **St. Monica:** Tuesday, July 28th, 725 California Ave., Santa Monica 90403; 12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:00pm - 7:20pm. For appointment call 310.566.1500.



Have you always had a desire to sing, in particular to sing with a choir? Here is your opportunity! Come and sing with us, your own Transfiguration Adult Choir. Experience the joy of praising God in song in a very special way! If you have any questions please contact Oscar Pratt, Director.

### VIRTUS TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

All adults who work with or around children are required to attend a VIRTUS Training Program and receive certification. If you have received VIRTUS Certification or Re-Certification Training at a site outside Transfiguration, please bring your certificate to the Rectory Office to be recorded. It is important we document your training certificate to comply with Archdiocese guidelines.