

# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 2, 2017

*Dear Parishioners,*

Can something be done for her? (2 Kings 4:14)

In a farewell speech at the end of his September 2015 trip to the United States, Pope Francis told the people gathered at the Philadelphia International Airport, "Your care for me and your generous welcome are a sign of your love for Jesus and your faithfulness to him."

That sounds like something Elisha the prophet would have said to the woman we meet in today's first reading. She and her husband extended to Elisha an open invitation to come and stay with them whenever he was in town. They even went so far as to offer him a furnished room free of charge whenever he needed a place to stay.

Generous giving without expecting a reward seemed to be this family's motto. And yet, even if they didn't expect it, this elderly couple did receive a reward. Grateful for their hospitality, Elisha prayed, and God gave them a child.

Now, Scripture is clear that we are saved by Jesus alone, not by our actions. But it's also clear that God rejoices when we give our time, our treasure, and our talents in service to his people. Our acts of generosity move his heart, and he responds by pouring out his grace.

Does this mean that we should try to be generous so that God will reward us? Not exactly. Our generosity is a response, a reflection of the good he has done for us. We give generously so that we can show the world what God's generosity looks like. We go out of our way for people because we want to bring his love to them. This is why Pope Francis keeps urging us to give, to reach out, and to show God's love.

So sit down today, and try to come up with some ways you can give more to the poor, serve more in your parish or community, or be a more loving witness to the people around you. Know that the Lord rejoices in whatever you do for him.

"Lord, show me how to be a witness of generous love."

Called to Serve,

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## **Pray for the Sick**

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, 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, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emerson Young.

## Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	2 Kgs 4:8-16a, Ps 89:2-19, Mt 10:37-42
Monday	Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29
Tuesday	Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday	Gn 21:5-20, Mt 8:28-34
Thursday	Gn 22:1-19, Mt 9:1-8
Friday	Gn 23:1-19, Mt 9:9-13
Saturday	Gn 27:1-29, Mt 9:14-17
Sunday	Zec 9:9-10, Ps 145:1-14, Mt 11:25-30

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday July 1

5:15 PM Soul of Ann Rawles

### Sunday July 2

8:00 AM Soul of Gwen Harmon  
10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners  
12:15 PM Soul of Barbara Starks

### Friday July 7

8:00 AM Soul of Lynda Pratt

### Saturday July 8

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday July 9

8:00 AM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz  
10:00 AM Soul of Abria Payne  
12:15 PM Soul of Lynda Pratt

## Weekly Offering

June 25, 2017

\$3,537.52 Tithe and Offering  
140.00 Building Fund  
16.00 "We Care"



The *school offering* for the month of June was **\$1,910.15**.

## Important Message

### Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Join us today for  
**Coffee & Donuts**  
in the hall.

## Parishioner Recognition Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court 220 in collaboration with the Church of the Transfiguration is presenting their 1st ANNUAL Parishioner Recognition Luncheon. The event is Sunday, August 6, 2017, from 1PM to 4PM at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street in L.A. They will recognize parishioners who have served the Church of the Transfiguration through their selfless acts of Care, Concern, Love for God's people and His Church. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR...** Sunday, August 6, 2017 and join in helping us recognize these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish. This will be a fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss! **Tickets are on sale for \$50 in the rectory.**

## Stewardship Thought

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."*

-MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness". "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!

## RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

*in observance of Independence Day*

**MONDAY JULY 3, and TUESDAY 4, 2017**

# SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday August 19, 2017**

**9AM to 5PM**

# ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

**AT KENNETH HAHN PARK**



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