

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

We hear in the Gospel this weekend that Jesus came to the house of Martha and Mary. Martha got completely carried away by the details of hospitality, but Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and listened to him.

There is much that has happened this week to distract us from the Lord and his wish that we be at peace with him and with one another...our challenge this next week is to put the past behind and try to enable the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth!

The First Reading and the Gospel are hospitality stories. Hospitality was an esteemed virtue in the ancient world. It is still a highly regarded and necessary virtue.

In the First Reading we see how, when three visitors suddenly appeared to Abraham, he reacted with instinctive hospitality, and how Yahweh rewarded his hospitality. This sets the scene for Martha and Mary who welcome Jesus to their home. We see the contrast in the two of them. It's not that what Martha does is unimportant. It is just that Mary has chosen something even more important. Mary's priority is to listen to the words of Jesus.

The story of Martha and Mary can be seen as a parable in action. Whereas the parable of the Good Samaritan, which we heard last week, stressed the importance of practical love in the life of a disciple, this one stresses the importance of contemplation. Both of these are necessary, and have to be integrated into our lives. It is interesting to know that Martha is the patron saint of waiters and waitresses.

Have a great week!

Father Michael Tang



Volunteer Painters Are Needed!

Call Fr. Tang, in the rectory
at 323.291.1136.

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 20
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Sunday	July 21
8:00 a.m.	Souls of Mignon Barr & Louise Bordenave
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Monday	July 22
8:00 a.m.	Soul of David Heiser
Tuesday	July 23
8:00 a.m.	Soul of David Heiser
Thursday	July 25
8:00 a.m.	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Saturday	July 27
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Ramona Alexander
Sunday	July 28
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Rosalin Ellis
10:00 a.m.	Intention of Children, Grandchildren and Great Grand Children of Mary Ann Mayer
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Gn 18:1-10a, Ps 15:2-5, Lk 10:38-42
Monday	Ex 14:5-18, Jn 20:1-18
Tuesday	Ex 14:21-15:1, Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-15, Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
Friday	Ex 20:1-17, Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8, Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	Gn 18:20-32, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 11:1-13

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, July 15, 2012	Sunday, July 14, 2013
\$3,965.49 Sacrificial Gift	\$3,364.82 Sacrificial Gift
337.93 Building Fund	289.26 Building Fund
193.10 "We Care"	165.29 "We Care"

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 21
National Needs Combined Collection
2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-church

Wednesday, July 24
6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall
6:30 PM CCL

Thursday, July 25
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal-church

Saturday, July 26
Summer School Ends

Church Picnic



SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH

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. 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 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.



**We Celebrate
Nelson Mandela
on his 95th Birthday
July 18th.**

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, Laretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred 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.

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.

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.