

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 22, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

He . . . broke down the dividing wall of enmity. (Ephesians 2:14)

In almost poetic language, St. Paul invites the Ephesians to marvel at the unity they are experiencing. Many of them were Gentiles, people who looked down on the Jews almost as much as the Jews looked down on them. And yet here they were worshipping Jesus—alongside of Jewish brothers and sisters! Through Christ, the centuries-old wall dividing them had been broken down, leaving only a bond of love.

But this wasn't the only time when Jesus brought Jews and Gentiles together. Probably the most important one happened about thirty years earlier, on the first Good Friday. That's when "Herod and Pontius Pilate, together with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel," overcame their differences . . . so that they could put Jesus to death (Acts 4:27). Of course, not everyone was in on the plot, but many were united in their hatred of Jesus.

Isn't it amazing how Jesus can take something horrible and make it a source of blessing? The devil had created a false and feeble unity in order to eliminate Jesus, but his plan backfired. This mock unity brought about the true unity that the Ephesians—and Christians everywhere else—were now enjoying. Where once there was Gentile versus Jew, slave versus free, and woman versus man, now there were only brothers and sisters witnessing to the Spirit's power to heal ancient divisions.

If Jesus can overcome centuries of division between Jews and Gentiles, surely he can heal the divisions in our lives. It may not happen overnight or in the way we expect, but it can happen—especially if we work toward it ourselves. So take one relationship today, whether you need to offer forgiveness, let go of resentment, or ask for forgiveness, and see what you can do to break down the walls. It won't happen overnight—just as it took time for the early Church. But if you persevere, it will happen.

"Come, Lord, and heal every division and wounded relationship."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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.

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 or
Call Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561.
Bus transportation available for \$15.

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.

Thank you

Transfiguration St. Vincent de Paul Society wishes to thank the parishioners who supported their yearly Walk-A -Thon. This fundraiser provided the ability to help those in need.

NATIONAL NEEDS COMBINED OFFERING

Next Weekend July 29, 2018 at all Masses

Sharing the Good News... Your Generosity

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Jer 23:1-6, Ps 23:1-6, Mk 6:30-34
Monday	Mi 6:1-8, Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	Mi 7:14-20, Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
Thursday	Jer 2:1-13, Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Jer 3:14-17, Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Jer 7:1-11, Mt 13:24-30
Sunday	2 Kgs 4:42-44, Ps 145:10-18, Jn 6:1-15

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 21

5:15 PM Soul of Ann Rawles

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

Saturday July 28

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday July 29

10:00 AM Soul of Daisy Pratt

Weekly Offering for July 15, 2018

\$3935.49 Tithe and Offering
93.00 Building Fund
31.00 "We Care"

Stewardship Thought

*"...come away by yourselves to a lonely place
and rest awhile." (Mark 6:31)*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

Did you know?

Amusement parks are great places to make memories as a family, but it's important to plan ahead to maximize fun and keep everyone safe. Go over the family rules in advance, and refresh information on the way there. Make sure that everyone follows the buddy system, with at least two people together at all times. Pick a predetermined meet-up site in the event of separations, and show children where they can go for help (information desk, park security). Keep an eye out for any adults that may approach children, and stay on top of children's locations at all times. For more tips and information go to: www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.