

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 23, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness. (Romans 8:26)

St. Paul spends much of the eighth chapter of his Letter to the Romans teaching about the Holy Spirit. Yet for all of Paul's words, the Holy Spirit can often be an afterthought in our daily lives.

What does the Spirit do? Paul says that the Spirit is our source of life (Romans 8:11, 13). He says that the Spirit lives in us and shows us how to live for God (8:4-6, 9). He says that the Spirit reminds us that we are God's children (8:16). Best of all, he says that the Holy Spirit "comes to the aid of our weakness" (8:26).

We all have weaknesses, don't we? One weakness we face is the way we respond to suffering or hardship. Temptation, sickness, addiction, division in families, financial problems, natural disaster—any of these challenges can leave us fearful and overwhelmed if we try to face them on our own. But with the help of the Spirit, we can start to see things from God's perspective and find the strength we need to keep moving forward.

Another weakness can be our struggle with prayer. The Spirit loves to help us pray! He helps us speak to God from our hearts and not just through rote prayers. He gives us a desire to pray for our loved ones. And he gives us the reassurance that our prayers have been heard.

It's easy to think that it's "just us"—that we are doing it all by ourselves. But this is just not true. Every holy thought that we have and every loving action that we take have their origin in the Holy Spirit. Every day, in good times and bad, the Spirit is with us, teaching us to ask God for what we need and filling us with grace.

So when you find the strength to push onward in a trying time, a renewed desire to love people, or a new insight into how to solve a problem, rejoice! It's the Holy Spirit coming to your aid.

"Come, Holy Spirit!"

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, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Wis 12:13-19, Ps 86:5-16, Mt 13:24-43
Monday	Ex 14:5-18, Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday	2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
Wednesday	Ex 16:1-15, Mt 13:1-9
Thursday	Ex 19:1-20, Mt 13:10-17
Friday	Ex 20:1-17, Mt 13:18-23
Saturday	Ex 24:3-8, Jn 11:19-27
Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5-12, Ps 119: 57-130, Mt 13:44-52

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 22	
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Samuels
Sunday July 23	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of Father Oscar Pratt, II
Monday July 24	
8:00 AM	Intention of Felisa Bayna
Saturday July 29	
5:15 PM	Soul of Ann Rawles
Sunday July 30	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of Knights and Ladies
12:15 PM	Souls of Henry Sr. and Leola Marine

Weekly Offering July 16, 2017

\$8,717.34	Tithe and Offering
185.00	Building Fund
31.00	"We Care"



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.

August Virtus Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session.

Transfiguration will hold two sessions on **Saturday August 12th** in the parish hall. The 3 hour Virtus session will be **9:00 AM to 12 noon**. This is for newcomers to the program.

Re-Certification is required every four years. The Re-Certification session will follow from **1:30 PM to 3:00 PM**. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place for either session.

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. **The honorees are: HELEN ARGUSTA, and DEREK MADERE.** 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

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." **MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38**

As children of God, we are all "good seeds," blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we share our talents and our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our stewardship we sow "good seeds" on earth to ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday August 19, 2017
9AM to 5PM**

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
AT KENNETH HAHN PARK**



If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.