

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG

The theme of wisdom dominates our liturgy this weekend. All of us act foolishly at times without thinking through our actions, so wisdom is a priceless thing which all of us need. The parables of the treasure and the pearl, which we hear in the gospel, have the same message: The kingdom of heaven is worth investing everything we have to acquire it. But we need the wisdom that comes from God to see this.

The parable of the net has the same message as that of the wheat and the weeds. In its present stage the kingdom contains both good and bad things. Only at the final judgment will they be separated.

If you can believe it, the last week of July is all ready upon us. Unfortunately like many teachers and students around the country, I am already looking to the end of summer and the beginning of the new academic year. This summer has been a busy one for me as Administrator and for our school. Several positive things have happened during the last several weeks and I would like to share them with you. I have been working closely with Kathy Anderson, Director of the Catholic Education Foundation and her staff. Kathy has been helping me find some financial assistance for our school. We have been courting donors and several of them have decided to assist us this academic year; there are more possible donors on the horizon. To date we have raised around 100K in funds to offer wait-listed students scholarship assistance and to secure new equipment for the school. Our enrollment is up from last year and things look like we will have a "full house" come August 15th when we begin the fall semester.

I have more projects that I am working on for the school, but as they are still in the planning process and I don't feel at liberty to share them with you at this time.

In the meantime, I ask all of you to continue to pray for our school; continue to pray for an increase in enrollment, continue to pray for more donors, and continue to pray for me in my work as its ambassador. More updates will be shared as the good news continues to happen. God bless you all!

SCHOOL NEWS

The school received a check in the amount of \$3785.00 from the Church of the Transfiguration. This was a donation from the proceeds from the Lenten Fish Fry's. We would like to thank Fr. Tang for donating these proceeds to the school and we would also like to thank the parishioners for your ever present support.

Just a reminder. The school still recycles e-waste.

Our collection of any unwanted electronics is an ongoing fundraising project. You can drop off your contributions in the school office at any time. Our next pick up at the school is this Friday, July 29th.

We are still enrolling students for the 2011-2012 school year!

School begins August 16th. If you are interested in enrolling your child(ren) or know anyone else who is, please contact the school office at 323.292.3011.

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 4th – Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 18th – School Open House and birthday celebration.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, July 17, 2011

\$3621.42 Sacrificial Gift
182.00 Building Fund
364.00 "We Care"

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5-12, Ps 119:57-77, Mt 13:44-52
Monday 2 Cor 4:7-15, Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday Ex 33:7-11, Mt 13:16-17
Wednesday Ex 40:29-35, Mt 13:44-46
Thursday Ex 40:16-38, Mt 13:47-53
Friday Lv 23:1-27, Lk 10:38-42
Saturday Lv 25:1-17, Mt 14:1-12
Sunday Is 55:1-3, Ps 145:8-18, Mt 14:13-21

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 23

5:15 p.m. +Jenny Cruz

Sunday, July 24

8:00 a.m. +Harry Johnson

10:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

12:15 p.m. Int. of the Levi Family

Monday, July 25

8:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Tuesday, July 26

8:00 a.m. +Alton Bill

Saturday, July 30

5:15 p.m. +Elise Jourdain

Sunday, July 31

8:00 a.m. +Rosaline Ellis

10:00 a.m. Int. of the Knights & Ladies of Peter Claver

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, JULY 24

Country Breakfast after all Masses in hall

TUESDAY JULY 26

6:00-9:00 PM VIRTUS Training – hall

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

Fingerprinting by appointment only-hall

6:00 Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL-SJRM

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, JULY 28

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, JULY 29

7:00 PM Alanon-PCRm

PETITION FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Angelique Black, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Mary Captain, Ida Cathcart, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Myrna Cook, James Cooper, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Edith Foster, Sr. Sharon Francis, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Mary Harrison, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Mignon Johnson-Fields, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vydred Manor, Elaine Martini, Doreen Mayers, Monique Van Noy, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Carol Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Velma Shaw, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Clara Sterling-Radcliff, Ken Ruff, Ruby Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Keith Wansell, Bridget Ward, Lubertha Weathers, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.

SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

JAZZ BRUNCH

12:30 PM to 4:00 PM - Donation \$50.00

*The Monsignor Buckley Endowment Fund
for Transfiguration School Presents*

**Chris Nunō Sextet, Marianne Lewis
and other Guest Artists**

Tickets on sale after Mass and in the Rectory

COUNTRY KITCHEN BREAKFAST

Join us for a Country Kitchen Breakfast in the parish hall on **Sunday, July 24th** after all Masses. Biscuit smothered in delicious gravy with a side of eggs, chicken sausage, juice and coffee. Other items on sale such as: Frozen Gumbo and **HAROLD AND BELLE'S** Famous Bread Pudding.

DON'T MISS OUT...

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

On Sunday on **Sunday, August 28** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul third stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH GATHERING

KENNETH HAHN PARK (BROWN AREA)

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BASEBALL TEAM SHIRT & CAP



Saturday, August 13th

from 9am to 5pm

Featuring Transfiguration Line Dancers

GAMES-PRIZES-FOOD-FUN

Please see Deacon Greg regarding transportation.

ATTENTION

PARISH/STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS

In June, the Archdiocese "Safeguard the Children Parish Committee" conducted a Pre-Audit visit at our parish and school. At present, we are not fully in compliance. They have informed us that to be in compliance, **all Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Musicians, Ushers, Baptism Team, Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, and those adults who help with Altar Servers** must be finger printed and must also attend a VIRTUS Training session.

VIRTUS TRAINING

Tuesday, July 26th at 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM is the 3 hour Protecting God's Children Certification session. Those who have been finger printed or will be finger printed need to take this initial class, training is in the hall. Contact the rectory offices for more information and to sign up for these classes.

AUGUST FINGERPRINTING AT TRANSFIGURATION

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, **"All parish/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 finger printed by the Archdiocese. On **Friday, August 5, 2011**, Transfiguration will be hosting a fingerprinting session for the Los Angeles area parishes. The hours are 12:00pm - 3:40pm and 5:20pm - 7:20pm. Please contact the Parish Office at 323.291.1136 this week to set up an appointment, as these time slots fill up quickly.

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 Parish Office to be recorded. It is important we document your training certificate to comply with Archdiocese guidelines.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE JULY 30 & 31, 2011

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Jordan Baylis	Christopher Goosby	Brendan Wilkerson	Chris Robertson
Jared Baylis	Andrea Mckinley	Anthony Roque	Nia Robertson
Zakiya Pleasant	Amanda Johnson	Maurice Burnett	Zoe Sims
Hadiya Pleasant	Kalaya Morack	Matthew Young	Caycee Chapman
George Tonado		Antonio Sutton	
Gilberto Gonzales			
Elvia Tizando			