

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 July 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

He withdrew again to the mountain alone. (John 6:15)

Did you ever think that Jesus would let the crowd make him their king after he had multiplied the loaves and fishes? That may be what they wanted, but Jesus chose otherwise. He chose humility.

In today's second reading, Paul tells the Ephesians and all of us, "Live in a manner worthy of the call you have received" (Ephesians 4:1). We tend to reduce this invitation to specific points of action: I have to do this good thing, and I have to avoid that temptation. But what if Paul were urging us to imitate Jesus first and foremost in our dispositions – especially in our humility?

True humility means trying to avoid building ourselves up in the eyes of others. It means trying not to judge people harshly or bring them down in hopes of elevating ourselves. It means even avoiding the pride that can pop up when other people remark on our humility!

How can we learn from Jesus how to be meek and humble of heart? The answer may be found in the way we yield ourselves to God and let his grace shape our hearts and our minds. When we stop trying to earn God's approval or achieve other people's recognition and allow ourselves to be fed and strengthened by Jesus instead, grace multiplies – just as the loaves multiplied when Jesus offered them to his Father. Yielding to the Lord like this will open us to the grace we need to do those things we find hard to do on our own. It will keep us from promoting ourselves because we will be keenly aware of how much we owe the Lord.

Today, tell Jesus that you want his grace to help you view yourself a bit more humbly and view other people a bit more highly. Tell him that without grace, it is impossible to be humble. Ask him over and over again, and watch as he transforms your heart.

"Lord, give me the grace to be just as humble as you were the day you fed the five thousand."

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

Saturday August 22nd from 9^{AM} to 5^{PM}

Creole and Mardi Gras Style

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday July 25
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday July 26
8:00 AM Soul of Leonard George De'Coud, Sr.
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Soul of Cora Porter

Saturday August 1
5:15 PM Soul of Robert Evans

Sunday August 2
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Ruth Vendange
12:15 PM Soul of Andrew Leon, Sr. and Jr.

Readings for the week

Sunday 2 Kgs 4:42-44, Ps 145:10-18, Jn 6:1-15

Monday Ex 32:15-34, Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-28, Mt:13:36-43

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35, Jn 11:19-27

Thursday Ex 40:16-38, Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1-37, Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1-17, Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Ex 16:2-15, Ps 78:3-25, 54, Jn 6:24-35

Creole Kitchen Fundraiser

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 220 will be hosting a Creole Kitchen in fundraising efforts for brother Greg Warner, Jr. who will be studying abroad in China this fall. The event will be held at St. Brigid Parish Hall on Sunday, July 26, 2015 from 9:00 AM until 3:30 PM. The menu will consist of catfish and chicken wing baskets, gumbo bricks, a crawfish boil, and more. If you have any questions you may contact Greg Warner, Jr. or Greg Warner, Sr. for any further information. Your support is extremely appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW?

As part of the *Safeguard the Children* program, adult supervision is mandatory for all underage children. **Children should be accompanied to the restroom by an adult, parent or guardian at church/mass.**

Thank you

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores would like to thank everyone for supporting Bundle Sunday. Thank you for helping those in need.

Weekly Collection July 19, 2015

\$6,694.02 Tithe and Offering
250.50 Building Fund
51.00 "We Care"

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, 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, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Theresa Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.



Have you always had a desire to sing, in particular to sing with a choir? Here is your opportunity! Come and sing with us, your own Transfiguration Adult Choir. Experience the joy of praising God in song in a very special way! If you have any questions please contact Oscar Pratt, Director.

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

SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN PROGRAM

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All school/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 attend a Virtus Certification session. This includes parents and guardians who would like to volunteer at the school.

There will be a Re-Certification session on **Saturday, August 8, 2015** in the parish hall from 10:00 AM - 11:30AM. Re-Certification is required every four years. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place. You must have attended the 3 hour session.