

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 July 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

"Who Art in Heaven"

The symbol of the heavens refers us back to the mystery of the covenant we are living when we pray to our Father. He is in heaven, his dwelling place; the Father's house is our homeland. Sin has exiled us from the land of the covenant, but conversion of heart enables us to return to the Father, to heaven. In Christ, then, heaven and earth are reconciled, for the Son alone "descended from heaven" and causes us to ascend there with him, by his Cross, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Jesus welcomes everyone, rich and poor, Jew and Gentile, slave and free. He has established a group where no one ever has to be turned away. We often read the first two parables in today's Gospel as accounts of a person's joy at discovering the kingdom of God. But we can also read them as pictures of God's joy "discovering." With great joy, God sacrificed his greatest treasure, his Son, in order to bring us to himself. Such a high price shows us how deeply he wants us to belong to him. God doesn't let us into his kingdom reluctantly. Believe it or not, you are a treasure to him! This can be hard to believe sometimes because it's not the way we usually look at ourselves. But you really are like treasure hidden in a field, out of view, not recognized. It's only when God's Kingdom is revealed that you will be fully unveiled – but even now, God sees the beauty in you, and he rejoices in it. This passage isn't just about us. It's about every single person God ever created. He paid the exact same price for each of them, from the greatest saint to the worst sinner. No one is excluded; no one is rejected; no one is barred. That treasure hidden in a field? It has a wide variety of gemstones and precious metals in it. Not all of them shine as brightly – at least not now. But each one is of immeasurable value to our Father. You are, and so are the people who are very different from you.

"Father, thank you for giving everything to bring me into your kingdom."

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Saints of the Week

July 29th – St. Martha, the sister of Mary and Lazarus, good friends of Jesus; model of hospitality and faithful disciple; confessed her faith in Jesus as the Son of God; patroness of housewives, waiters, and waitresses; died in the first century.

July 30th - St. Peter Chrysologus, a bishop, meaning of "golden speech" for his exceptional preaching ability; 170 of his homilies are extant; he died in 450.

July 31st – St. Ignatius of Loyola, a priest; formerly a soldier; converted to God; undertook theological studies in Paris; founded the "Society of Jesus" (Jesuits) in Rome; approved by Pope Paul III in 1540; through his writings and training of his disciplines, they won great praise for the renewal of the Church; he authored the "Spiritual Exercises;" at his death in 1556, the Order numbered ca. 1,000; today numbering ca. 19,200; devoted "Ad Majorem Dei gloriam" ("For the Greater Glory of God"). He is the patron saint of retreatants and soldiers.

August 1st – St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop and doctor of the Church; founder of the Redemptorists, (C.Ss. R.), today numbering & St. P. ca 5,600. He had been a lawyer. He opposed "Jansenism," Stressing Christ's love and Mary's intercession; master of moral theology; patron of moral theologians and confessors.

August 2nd – Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, a bishop and Peter Julian Eymard, a priest. St. Eusebius, who died in 371, is considered the founder of the Canons Regular in the West. Exiled to Palestine by Emperor Constantius. St. Peter Julian Eymard, who died August 1, 1868, founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856, today numbering ca. 900 members. He was devoted to the worship and apostolate of the Eucharist as the center of the life of the Church and society.

Called to Serve

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 26
5:15 PM	Soul of Edmund Richards
Sunday	July 27
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Lynda Pratt & Intention of Fr. Oscar Pratt II
12:15 PM	Intention of Virgie Aguillar
Saturday	August 2
5:15 PM	Soul of Lorenza Arzu
Sunday	August 3
8:00 AM	Souls of Karen Lee and Roland Hithe
10:00 AM	Soul of Leona Roland
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	1 Kgs 3:5-12, Ps 119:57-130, Mt 13:44-52
Monday	Jer 13:1-11, Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday	Jer 14:17-22, Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday	Jer 15:10-21, Mt 13:44-46
Thursday	Jer 18:1-6, Mt 13:47-53
Friday	Jer 26:1-9, Mt 13:54-58
Saturday	Jer 26:11-24, Mt 14:1-12
Sunday	Is 55:1-3, Ps 145:8-18, Mt 14:13-21

July 13, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,490.95 Tithe and Offering
403.13 Building Fund
231.50 "We Care"

TRANSFIGURATION



Saturday, August 16th @ 9 AM to 5 PM

KENNETH HAHN PARK

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

The Week Ahead

Sunday, July 27

National Needs Combined Collection

8 AM-1:30 PM St. Vincent de Paul Society Bundle Sunday

Wednesday, July 30

6:30 PM Line Dancing (hall)

Thursday, July 31

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 3

Second Collection

Have you been fingerprinted?

SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 2014

10:00am - 1:40pm & 3:00pm - 5:20pm

St. Gregory Nazianzen Church

900 S. Bronson Ave.

Los Angeles 90019

For appointment call 323.935.3429 or 323.935.4224

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 2014

12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:00pm - 7:20pm

St. Cecilia Church

4230 S. Normandie Ave.

Los Angeles 90037

For appointment call 323.294.6628

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2014

12:00pm - 3:40pm & 5:00pm - 7:20pm

Corpus Christi Church

15100 Sunset Blvd.

Pacific Palisades 90272

For appointment call 310.454.1328

Come Join the Experience!

Deacon Doug Johnson and Soul C.L.I.M.B. Presents: "A Day of Eating, Praying, and Exhilaration," at the Carusco Catholic Center (USC) on August 2, 2014, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. For more information you may contact any of our team members: Joseph Edwards, Floy Hawkins, Kim Brown Porter or call Deacon Doug directly at 323.251.1881/email: deacondougj@gmail.com. Donation is \$20 in advanced and \$25 at the door. So..."Herald the Word!" **Promotional: BRING FOUR (4) or MORE to the event, your Admission is Free!** Please sign up early.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brandi Arceneaux, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.
Matthew 14:14

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY...

The sun shines for only so long each day,
and it's up to you to make the most of it!