

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5 July 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

I am sending you ... (Ezekiel 2:3)

Rebellious, stiff-necked, obstinate. Why would God go to the trouble of sending Ezekiel to speak his message to people who didn't seem inclined to listen? It seems like a waste of time. But that's how lavish God is with his love!

God wants to speak to his people! In Old Testament times, he sent prophets. Then he sent his Son. Now, he is sending us as his messengers. It's a safe conclusion that God really wants to speak to his people! His longing to connect with us can't be contained.

Today's first reading also tells us that our disposition doesn't change God's desire to speak to us. He sent Ezekiel to speak his word to a people he knew was hard-hearted. He didn't tell his prophets to avoid them. He didn't send them just to the holy, the expectant, and the receptive. We see this also in today's Gospel reading: Jesus spoke to the people in his hometown, even though many of them rejected him.

Thank God that he is so persistent! You may be in a particularly receptive place in your life right now. Praise God for that! But maybe you're struggling. Perhaps you've been hurt and you're not inclined to listen to God talk to you about a certain area of your life. It doesn't matter. He still wants to reach out to you and give you a taste of his love and guidance.

You can be sure that God will be sending you messengers today, so keep your eyes open! Look in the usual places like Mass and your loved ones. But give him permission to speak to you in unexpected ways as well – maybe through a television commercial or a street sign or some other unusual way. Let his word break into your heart. Allow the wave of his desire for you to wash away any obstacles. He is sending his word to you. Receive it, and let it lift you up!

*"Lord, I am amazed that even when I am moody or withdrawn, you keep speaking to me!
Thank you for your relentless love."*

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday August 22nd from 9AM to 5PM

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

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 4
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	July 5
8:00 AM	Souls of Estelle & Harry Collins
10:00 AM	Soul of Mary Ann Mayer
12:15 PM	Soul of Angela Dupré
Monday	July 6
8:00 AM	Soul of Ruth Fowler Jackson

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5, Ps 123:1-4, Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a, Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-57, Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-21, Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-30, Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-32, Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Eph 1:3-14, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 6:7-13

Weekly Collection June 28, 2015

\$5,673.50 Tithe and Offering
87.00 Building Fund
5.00 "We Care"



The School Collection for the month of June was **\$1,618.04**.
Thank you for your generosity.

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. Thank you again.

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

in observance of Independence Day
on Monday, July 6, 2015

St. Vincent de Paul

BUNDLE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, July 19** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift 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.

Women Moving in the Spirit presents

"It's Time to Make a Decision...To Change"

St. Bernadette invites you to join them on Saturday, July 18, 2015 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. \$20.00 Registration Fee... Continental Breakfast and Lunch included. Bring your Bible! For more information call Carolyn James at 323.394.5441 or Carole Walker at 323.547.6290.

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, 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, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

July 4th – St. Elizabeth of Portugal; named after her great-aunt, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (patroness of the Parish in Altadena, CA). She was queen and mother, lover of the poor; peacemaker in the royal family; later a Franciscan tertiary; patroness of Catholic Charities. She died 1336.

July 5th – St. Anthony Zaccaria, a doctor who became a priest; a popular preacher, who in 1530 founded the "Clerics Regular of St Paul" ("Barnabites") in Milan for the reform of society; today they number ca. 350; he sought collaboration between the clergy and the laity; he promoted frequent Communion. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

July 6th – St. Maria Goretti, virgin and martyr, who died in 1902 at the age of eleven. She was stabbed to death preferring to die than to be raped. She knew her assailant, ca 17 or 18, worked for the family. His conversion led her canonization in 1950, the largest crowd ever assembled at that time in Rome. Her mother and her assailant were present at her canonization. She is patroness of teen-aged girls.

July 9th – St. Augustine Khao Rong, priest and companion martyrs, martyred between 1648 ad 1930. 87 of these martyrs were born in China and were children, parents, catechists, or laborers, ranging from ages 9 to 72 years. This group included four Chinese priests; 33 for foreign-born martyrs or women religious, especially from the Order of Preachers (O.P.-Dominicans) (including St. Francis Capillas, January 15th, 1648 R.I.P. proto-martyr of China). St. Augustine Khao Rong, a Chinese soldier who accompanied the prisoner, Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse, of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, to his martyrdom in Beijing. Moved by the Bishop's courage, Augustine sought baptism and not long after was ordained a diocesan priest; martyred in 1815; beatified in groups at various times, these 120 martyrs were canonized October 1st, 2000 by Pope John Paul, II.