

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 7, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

May I never boast except in the cross. (Galatians 6:14)

The church in Galatia was struggling. The people there had gladly welcomed Paul's simple message: Jesus Christ died for their sins, rose for their salvation, and was now inviting them to embrace that salvation through faith and baptism. But after Paul left Galatia, other people arrived with a more complicated message: if you don't embrace all of Jewish law, especially circumcision, your salvation is incomplete. You have to become a Jewish convert as well as a Christian.

When Paul got wind of this, he fired off a harsh letter of rebuke. "Are you so stupid?" he asked. "It is those who have faith who are children of Abraham," not just those who are circumcised (Galatians 3:3, 7).

For Paul, the issue went to the heart of the gospel message. If the Galatians embraced circumcision, they would be perpetuating the old division between Jew and Gentile that Jesus had come to destroy. Not only that, but they would be feeding the lie that Jesus belongs only to a certain class or type of people. "There is neither Jew nor Greek," Paul told them, "there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (Galatians 3:28).

This is one of the most powerful truths of our faith: in Christ, every division is wiped out. Being a Christian is not a matter of deciding who is "in" and who is "out." Neither are there different "levels" or "classes" of believers. There's only everybody. We are all equally sinners who are equally loved by God and forgiven by the cross. The question is whether we will accept this salvation and let God's love heal our divided hearts and change our divisive actions.

Paul never wanted to "boast" about anything that made him feel special or better than other people (Galatians 6:14). The gift of God's merciful, liberating, transforming love outshone everything else. This love is available to you today at Mass. Come and taste it. Let it break down every division in your heart.

"Jesus, reduce me to love!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" LUKE 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, many of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 66:10-14c, Ps 66:1-20, Lk 10:1-20
Monday	Gn 28:10-22a, Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-42:24a, Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-45:5, Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-30, Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 49:29-50:26a, Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Dt 30:10-14, Ps 69:14-37, Lk 10:25-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 PM	July 6 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 7 Soul of Randall Williams Soul of Lynda Pratt Soul of Rose Ball
Saturday 5:15 PM	July 13 Soul of Gene Otoyó
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	July 14 Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Janet Booker Intention of Aaron and Briana Katz

Weekly Offering for June 30, 2019

\$3967.00 Tithes and Offering
645.00 Building Fund
55.00 "We Care"

"Have You Remembered"

your parish or school in your will or trust?

Our correct legal title is:

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles,

A Corporation Sole for the benefit of:

(Transfiguration Church or Transfiguration School)

For further information,

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday August 17, 2019

9AM to 5PM



AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

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

ATTENTION

Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS/ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

Did You Know?

Key information, resources to safeguard children are available at Archdiocese's website

The safety and well-being of the faithful is of the utmost priority for all Catholic parishes, schools and ministries. As part of our commitment, the Archdiocese has updated the www.archla.org/protect website with valuable information and resources on how to protect our children and young people from child sexual abuse.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Tiffany and Jacqueline Williams** in memory of **RANDALL WILLIAMS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Ramona Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.