

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 8, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

We have a new altar! Or at least a new *mensa* (which means altar stone or the flat stone forming the top of an altar in a Roman Catholic church.) When the Liturgical Design Committee from the Archdiocese came to suggest and approve changes to our church in January, they suggested that we get a more substantial *mensa* for our altar.

As funds for our sanctuary refurbishment project are limited, this new *mensa* for our altar is a gift from Fr. Lawrence Seyer, Pastor of Our Savior Church at USC and the people of his parish. The new *mensa* is of travertine marble and is incised with five crosses that symbolize the five wounds of the crucified Christ. Carnevale and Lohr, the same company that provided the massive altar in the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels downtown, fabricated it.

As tradition dictates, we have taken the occasion to imbed the following relics into the altar:

St. Candidus was a member of the Theban Legion, a group of Christian soldiers recruited by Maximian Herculius in Upper Egypt. When Maximian ordered all his soldiers to join in offering sacrifice to the pagan gods for the success of their expedition, the members of the Theban Legion refused to take part in the rites.

Candidus, known as the *senator militum*, was among the leaders of the Theban Legion who led the opposition to Maximian, noting that "we are your soldiers, but we are also servants of the true God. We cannot renounce Him who is our Creator and Master, and also yours even though you reject Him." Maximian, seeing no hope of overcoming their constancy, ordered that the entire Legion be put to death. This all occurred near Aguanum (c. 287) and September 22nd is the day that Candidus and his companions are commemorated in the Roman Martyrology.

For many centuries, the principal relics of Candidus and his companions were preserved in a 6th century reliquary at the Abbey founded by St. Theodore of Octodurum.

Saint Vibiana is a third century virgin martyr of the Roman Catholic Church. For over a century she was patroness of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles where she was honored with a memorial feast on September 1. The remains of Vibiana were rediscovered on December 9, 1853 in ancient catacombs near the Appian Way. A marble tablet adorned her tomb upon which was inscribed "to the soul of the innocent and pure Vibiana", above a laurel wreath. A wreath was a symbol of martyrdom among ancient Christians.

Since 2002, the relic remains of Vibiana are housed in the mausoleum of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The former Cathedral of Saint Vibiana in Los Angeles, California was dedicated to her. In 2006 at the request of Cardinal Mahony, Pope Benedict the XVI approved the naming of Our Lady of the Angels as principal patroness of the Archdiocese.

Blessed Junípero Serra O.F.M. (November 24, 1713 – August 28, 1784) was a Majorcan Franciscan friar who founded the mission chain in Alta California of the Las Californias Province in New Spain—present day California, United States. Fr. Serra was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 25, 1988.

The relics in our altar are important as they signify our relationship to the ancient church, our archdiocese, and finally to the state of California. The altar with its new *mensa* will be rededicated at some time in the not too distant future.

God bless you all and have a great week!



Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, July 3, 2011
\$3,016.42 Sacrificial Gift
225.21 Building Fund
128.69 "We Care"

Sunday, July 1, 2012
\$5,904.61 Sacrificial Gift
494.19 Building Fund
282.38 "We Care"

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5, Ps 123:1-4, Mk 6:1-6a
Monday	Hos 2:16-22, Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Hos 8:4-13, Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Hos 10:1-12, Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Hos 11:1-9, Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Hos 14:2-10, Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Is 6:1-8, Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Am 7:12-15, Ps 85:9-14, Mk 6:7-13

GUADALUPE CELEBRATION

The Archdiocese and the Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a historic event called the Guadalupe Celebration at L.A. Coliseum on Sunday, August 5, 2012. The event will be a celebration of Our Lady featuring prayer, music, and speakers. The event is free but you do need a ticket to attend. For more information and to reserve your tickets please contact Ms. Godinez at 323.292.5165 or leave a message of how many tickets you need.

School News

New Student Testing & Open House Sunday, July 8th at 2:00 PM. Call the school office for an appointment 323.292.3011.

Transfiguration School Choir will not be singing during the month of July. The **choir will return in August, 2012.**

SAVE THE DATE: The School is currently working on plans for a **BIGGER & BETTER HARVEST FESTIVAL in the FALL 2012.** All profits will go towards the financial betterment of Transfiguration School.

Congratulations to Sr. Carol Brong who celebrates' her 50th year as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet! Sr. Carol was a former principal of Transfiguration Catholic School.

Thank you to the parents who volunteered their time to clean and water plants around the school grounds on Monday. We are very blessed to have such caring parents.

Thank you to the various parishioners and parish organizations for the scholarship donations at graduation. You are in our prayers!

Church Gathering...

KENNETH HAHN PARK

Saturday, August 11th

9:00 AM until 5:00 PM

**Location: Blue Section
near the community center!**

*Join in the fun and relaxation with
family and friends.*

FREE

HOT DOGS, BURGERS, POP CORN,
SNOW CONES, CAKE, FRUIT, SODAS, GAMES
AND PRIZES FOR EVERYONE...

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS ARE NEEDED...

Contact Ella Hartley at 323.291.7925 or
Deacon Greg in the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	July 7
5:15 p.m.	+Estelle Collins
Sunday	July 8
8:00 a.m.	Int. of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	+Ruth Habing
12:15 p.m.	+Agnes Wilson
Tuesday	July 10
8:00 a.m.	+Agnes Wilson
Wednesday	July 11
8:00 a.m.	+Teresa Keller
Thursday	July 12
8:00 a.m.	+Clarus Rice
Friday	July 13
8:00 a.m.	+Anthony Jaquil
Saturday	July 14
5:15 p.m.	Int. of Cynthia Fortier
Sunday	July 15
8:00 a.m.	+Harold Goosby, Mignon Barr, & Louise Bordenave
10:00 a.m.	Int. of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	+Napoleon, Annie & Donna Collins

Re-Certification Training

At **Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church** on Wednesday, July 25 at 6:30 PM. Please make an appointment by calling 323.734.8888 for Shannon.

July Fingerprinting

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 fingerprinted by the Archdiocese. There are two Fingerprint sessions this month: Saturday, July 14th at St. Columban, 125 Loma Dr, Los Angeles: 10:00 AM to 1:40 PM and 3:20 PM to 5:20PM. For an appointment, call 213.250.8818; and Wednesday, July, 18th at Our Lady of Loretto School, 258 N. Union Avenue, Los Angeles: 12:00 PM to 3:40 PM and 5:20 PM to 7:20 PM. For an appointment, call 213.483.5251.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Eddie Aguilar, Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Jan Harvey, Lee Harrison, Donovan Haynes, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Ned Kennedy, Elizabeth Labrae, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Lanny Ross, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Jerome Simon, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Stan Robottom, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Patricia Williams.

Altar Servers Schedule ~ July 14 and July 15

5:15 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM	12:15 PM
Irwin Lagarde	Delisa Madere	Anthony Roque	Emilio Ramairez
Joshua Green	Derek Madere	Spencer Fuller	Logan Bush
Arianna Foster	Noelle London	Maurice Burnett	Kalaya Ramsey
		Gilberto Gonzales	Deija Rideaux