

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 8, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

A thorn in the flesh . . . (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Many theologians have guessed as to what Paul was referring to. Some say it was something physical like a chronic eye problem, migraines, or a speech impediment. Some say Paul was talking about temptations from the devil. Still others say Paul was referring to those “false apostles” who do a “great deal of harm” (2 Corinthians 11:13; 2 Timothy 4:14). Whatever it was, this “thorn” caused Paul a great deal of distress.

Now, compared to last Sunday’s Gospel, which told us that Jesus heals people who have faith in him, today’s reading tells us that even people who have great faith are not always healed. Paul had great faith, and he begged the Lord to deliver him, but the thorn remained.

Let this sink in for a moment: Paul the miracle worker, a man through whom people were healed just by touching his clothes, was himself not healed (Acts 19:12). Clearly, healing is a mystery that we cannot fully understand.

But here is what we can understand: God, our heavenly Father, knows us intimately (Jeremiah 1:5). He knows why Paul was not healed of this thorn. He knows why Francis of Assisi was not healed of his eye disease. He knows why some of our loved ones continue to suffer as well.

God knows all of the thorns in our lives—spiritual, emotional, and physical—and he knows the plans he has for our lives. In many cases, we won’t find the answers to these mysteries until we are united with the Lord in heaven. But that doesn’t mean we should lose our faith. If anything, these mysteries should deepen it! Sometimes, the only answer is to pray for courage, resiliency, and steadfastness. Sometimes, the only answer we have is to trust God and have faith in “what we do not see” (Hebrews 11:1).

This is exactly what Paul did. He trusted that God’s grace would be sufficient for him. And it was sufficient—just as it can be for all of us.

“Lord, help me to deal with the thorns in my life. Jesus, I surrender them to you.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, 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 Duhon, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Darnell Stang, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



Saturday August 18, 2018~9am to 5pm

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

REJOICE

Gospel Extravaganza

Friday, August 3, 2018 at 7:00PM

at the Hyatt Regency Anaheim, 11999 Harbor Blvd.
Garden Grove, CA 92840.

Featuring:

CHOIRS from the Greater Los Angeles Area!

Proceeds benefit the "Educate the Religious" Fund
Sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver,
Ladies of Grace, Western State District.

Tickets can be purchased for \$10 at www.kofpc.org or
Call Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561.

Bus transportation available for \$15.

Peter Pence Offering

Next week our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Offering, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Through your generosity, we can cast the peace of Christ upon the world.

Did you know?

Drowning is the second leading cause of death for people ages 5-24. Families need to talk to their children about safe habits to use whenever they go to the pool or beach. Children should never go in the water if they don't know how to swim, and should never swim alone or without a lifeguard present. For parents, avoiding distractions is critical when supervising swimming children.

For more tips, go to <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles>.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ez 2:2-5, Ps 123:1-4, Mk 6:1-6
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

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 7

5:15 PM Soul of Ladys Montano

Sunday July 8

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Anthony Evans

12:15 PM Soul of Angela Dupré

Monday July 9

8:00 AM Souls of Adele Burgess and Alice Tenette

Saturday July 14

5:15 PM Soul of Robert Evans and Intention of Mabel Walton

Sunday July 15

8:00 AM Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz

10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for July 1, 2018

\$8168.33 Tithe and Offering

355.00 Building Fund

41.00 "We Care"

Stewardship Thought

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" (EZEKIEL 2:2-3)

God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work.

However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us?

Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.

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.