

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 9, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

You have revealed them to little ones. (Matthew 11:25)

Life is an adventure for little children. Give a young boy a toy fire engine, and he'll spend hours putting out a giant fire. Give a young girl a doll, and she'll treat it as her own child. Children are also imaginative. Give them the box from a large appliance, and they'll quickly turn it into a rocket ship, a sports car, or a house. Children also keep things simple. They believe everything their parents tell them. They make friends almost immediately. They give affection freely and without suspicion.

We adults, on the other hand, ask far too many questions. We like to think things through. We weigh the pros and cons of a decision carefully and examine every angle. While that's generally a good thing, too much examination can become a hindrance. This is especially true when it comes to issues of faith. That's why Jesus encourages us to be "little ones" (Matthew 11:25).

Following Jesus should be simple and adventurous as well. For instance, we might try using our imagination in prayer by picturing ourselves in biblical times. We can imagine Jesus as he multiplies the loaves or walks on water. We can cross the Red Sea and journey to the Promised Land with the Israelites. We can place ourselves on the battlefield and witness David slaying the mighty Goliath. Using our imagination this way, we can imitate an inquisitive child and ask all manner of questions: "How can Jesus be everywhere at the same time? What does an angel look like?"

Don't settle for the same old routine! Be bold, and launch yourself on a new adventure. Try this experiment when you're at Mass today. During the Eucharistic prayer, ask Jesus to take you to the upper room with him. Watch as he celebrates the very first Eucharist with his apostles. What does the scene look like? What is Jesus saying to you?

Go ahead and dare to be a child again.

"Here I am, Jesus, ready for a new adventure with you today."

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, 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, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Zec 9:9-10, Ps 145:1-14, Mt 11:25-30
Monday	Gn 28:10-22, Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday	Gn 32:23-33, Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday	Gn 41:55-42:24, Mt 10:1-7
Thursday	Gn 44:18-29, Mt 10:7-15
Friday	Gn 46:1-7, Mt 10:16-23
Saturday	Gn 50:15-26, Mt 10:24-33
Sunday	Is 55:10-11, Ps 65:10-14, Mt 13:1-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday July 8

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday July 9

8:00 AM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz
10:00 AM Soul of Abria Payne
12:15 PM Soul of Lynda Pratt

Saturday July 15

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday July 16

8:00 AM Soul of Marian Fussey
10:00 AM Souls of Jerona Bill and Patricia Williams
12:15 PM Soul of Anita Kennedy

Weekly Offering

July 2, 2017

\$8,798.43 Tithe and Offering
140.00 Building Fund
126.00 "We Care"



Important Message

Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Join us today for
Coffee & Donuts
in the hall.

Parishioner Recognition Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Council and Court 220 in collaboration with the Church of the Transfiguration is presenting their 1st ANNUAL Parishioner Recognition Luncheon. The event is Sunday, August 6, 2017, from 1PM to 4PM at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street in L.A. They will recognize parishioners who have served the Church of the Transfiguration through their selfless acts of Care, Concern, Love for God's people and His Church. **The honorees are: HELEN ARGUSTA, DEREK MADERE, AND SYLVIA TUREAUD.** Please **Mark Your Calendar...** Sunday, August 6, 2017 and join in helping us recognize these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish. This will be a fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss! **Tickets are on sale for \$50 in the rectory.**

Stewardship Thought

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." - MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

NATIONAL NEEDS COMBINED OFFERING

Next Weekend July 16, 2017 at all Masses

Sharing the Good News... Your Generosity

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday August 19, 2017

9AM to 5PM

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



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