

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 11, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

In this weekend's Gospel, we are told to be ready when the master comes and knocks. Perhaps you've had the experience of running in a race. Or maybe you've been a spectator at the L.A. Marathon or watched a race on T. V. Either way, you're familiar with the words, "Ready, Set, Go!"

At the word "Ready", the runners' feet go into the blocks, and at "Set", the runners are poised, ready to spring forward. Then "Go" sends them off. Perhaps the most important of those three commands is the first: "Ready." Ready means months and months of practice and conditioning. Ready means a commitment to training has been made.

During the ministry of Jesus, the parable of the watchful servants was directed at his contemporaries, inviting them to recognize that their long-awaited master, the messiah, had arrived in the person of Jesus. He was knocking at the door, waiting to be welcomed, ready to feed them with the bread of the word and the bread of his very self. However, many, like the servants in the parable, were otherwise preoccupied and did not recognize or welcome Jesus.

After the death and resurrection of Jesus, the Gospel writer Luke and his community adapted the parable to refer to the second coming of Jesus. To be prepared to welcome him, the disciples are to live and pray and serve in a spirit of hopeful anticipation. At this level of development, the idea of the master waiting on his servants at table becomes the messianic banquet that the faithful hoped to share forever.

We continue to await the second coming of Jesus almost 20 centuries later. It devolves upon us to take the words of the Gospel to heart. **Most importantly we are to keep in mind that Jesus comes to us daily and longs to be recognized and cared for in the poor and needy with whom he identified: "Whatever you do for these least ones, you do for me."**

If you can believe it, Transfiguration Elementary School starts back this coming Wednesday. For those of you who might not know, our excellent curriculum is enhanced by a bevy of Fine and Performing Arts: music, dance, and studio arts. As there is still time to register, please spread the news among family and friends about our wonderful school. We have scholarship aid for those who qualify. For more information about tuition and finances, please call the rectory or speak to Evelyn Rickenbacker, Principal at the school.

Blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

School News

Regular School Begins

Wednesday, August 14, 2013

7:45 AM to 3:30 PM

PAPER DONATION: As we begin our school year we are in need of copy paper – if you can assist, please contact the School Office 323. 292.3011.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 10
5:15 p.m.	Intention of Jeroline Richards
Sunday	August 11
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Tony Middleton
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Jo Ann & Victoria Levi
Monday	August 12
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Sylvester Bono
Tuesday	August 13
8:00 a.m.	Souls of Thomas Stanley, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Coignet, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Linus Coignet, Sr.
Thursday	August 15
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Elena Grant-Cahir
Friday	August 16
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Margarita Vasquez Monterrozo
Saturday	August 17
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Manfred Rawles
Sunday	August 18
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Gilbert Leon

Readings for the week

Sunday	Wis 18:6-9, Ps 33:1-22, Lk 12:32-48
Monday	Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Rv 11:19a, Lk 1:39-56
Friday	Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Jer 38:4-10, Ps 40:2-18, Lk 12:49-53

Sacrificial Gifts



Sunday, August 5, 2012
\$5,250.00 Sacrificial Gift
480.00 Building Fund
160.00 "We Care"

Sunday, August 4, 2013
\$6,583.91 Sacrificial Gift
552.01 Building Fund
315.44 "We Care"

Calling All Students Attending Public Schools!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will be after all Sunday Masses in August. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

THE PARISH HALL
will re-open next Sunday for



**Thank you for your patience during
the past few weeks...**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Holy Day of Obligation

Thursday, August 15th ~9:30 AM Mass with School
No 8 AM Mass

Pastor Scholarship

Transfiguration School is accepting new students in all grades. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to new students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Celebrating a Year of Faith



KENNETH HAHN PARK
SATURDAY AUGUST 17TH
9 AM to 5 PM

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

~Deacon Greg Patterson

SENATE BILL 131

Archbishop Gomez is asking all Catholics to contact their Assembly members and Senators and urge them to vote "No" on Senate Bill 131. Simply tell your elected officials to vote "No" because this legislation fails to protect all victims of childhood sexual abuse, discriminates against Catholic schools and other private employers, and puts the social services and educational work of the Church at risk. The Bishops of the California Catholic Conference believe it is urgent for all Catholics to act now. **To contact your Elected Officials**, visit our webpage: www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org.

Request for Facility Usage

All calendar dates, church, hall and Pastoral Center rooms request must be in writing (**no exceptions**). A description of how you will use these rooms **must** be submitted to Jo Ann Levi in the rectory 2 weeks prior to your requested date. If you need to cancel or change a date please re-submit the date in writing. This will eliminate a lot of confusion. Please **do not** schedule a date before checking with Jo Ann in the rectory at 323.291.1136.

Bulletin & Pulpit Announcements

All bulletin and pulpit announcements must be **WRITTEN** by the organization, individual or community partners and submitted to Jo Ann Levi in writing **2 weeks** prior to making the announcement. **Please do not assume it is okay to make a pulpit announcement without approval.** Thank you for your cooperation. If there are any questions please contact the rectory at 323.291.1136.

**Don't have Healthcare Coverage?
Get Free or Low Cost Coverage!**

ONE LA South LA Cluster Healthcare Events at
St. Brigid Church, 5214 Western Avenue, L. A.

Sun., August 11th, 9 am – 2 pm Eligibility Screening
(Bring proof of monthly income)

Sun., August 18th, 9 am – 2 pm Healthcare Enrollment

To receive an enrollment appointment on August 18th,
please attend the screening on August 11th.

For more information, please contact ONE LA
(English and Spanish) 213.743.0005.

Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.