

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

Greetings,

□ you of little faith. (Matthew 14:31)

Have you ever seen a toddler take a few wobbly steps and then tumble to the ground? You would probably be shocked if you saw his mother or father angrily rebuke him for falling. That's not what parents do. They bend down with a smile to lift the child up, embrace him, and encourage him to try again.

That's a great way to understand Jesus' words to his disciples in today's Gospel. He loves them. He loves Peter's bold attempt to walk toward him on the waves. He knows that Peter is taking an important step toward a confident mature faith. He also knows that Peter's flop into the water won't be the end of the story. Far from being a failure or a disaster, it will become a milestone on his journey of discipleship. Yes, Peter had "little faith," but he did have faith!

Jesus looks at us with love when he sees our attempts to follow him. He applauds our successes, and he reaches out to help us when we fail. He is quick to come to our aid if we take a misstep or start to doubt. He knows that each step reflects our growth toward maturity.

Try something new today, just as Peter did. You probably won't want to step out onto your nearest body of water, but there are plenty of other things you can do. Just choose one. Think about something that might have arisen in your thoughts recently. Perhaps you would like to help the less fortunate; try it. You could set up one time to volunteer to serve meals to the homeless. You don't need to have the perfect words to say to the people you'll meet. Just take that first step. Jesus will be with you, ready to lift you up if you stumble.

You may be surprised to find that trying something new strengthens your "little faith" and brings you closer to Jesus.

"Thank you, Jesus, that you look at me with love.

Make me bold to try to follow you in a new way today. I believe that you will be with me."

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

August 19 & 20, 2017 Mission Appeals

On behalf of Bishop Roberto C. Mallari, DD from the Diocese of San Jose, Nueva Ecija, Philippines, Father Cesar Vergara & Father Manuel Guico will conduct the Mission Appeals at Transfiguration Church on the weekend of August 19-20, 2017. The Diocese of San Jose (created and established on February 16, 1984) is located approximately 160 kilometers north of Manila. Total population is around 789,107 whose inhabitants speak two languages - Tagalog and Ilokano. It is mostly an agricultural community with poor tenant-farmers producing rice, corn, onions, fruits and vegetables. Annually typhoons devastate the rice crops of many poor farmers. There are also indigenous communities (tribal native groups) scattered in far flung mountains and villages. Eighty percent are Roman Catholics served by 44 diocesan & religious priests in 21 Parishes & 9 Parochial Schools. Presently there are 4 retired Priests (3 priests reside at "Bahay Pari" - retirement home) and 2 priests with severe medical issues. We also have 19 seminarians studying & preparing for the priesthood. Around 24 Sisters from 7 different religious congregations serve in diverse ministries and apostolates. In order to support and sustain their pastoral programs and evangelization activities, the diocese will rely on your generosity and financial support.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9-13, Ps 85:9-14, Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Rv 11:19; 12:1-10, Ps 45:10-16, Lk 1:39-56
Wednesday	Dt 34:1-12, Mt 18:15-20
Thursday	Jos 3:7-17, Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Is 56:1-7, Ps 67:2-8, Mt 15:21-28

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 12

5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Keys

Sunday August 13

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
12:15 PM Intention of Lauren Warner

Tuesday August 15

8:00 AM Soul of Juanita Chapron

Saturday August 19

5:15 PM Souls of Rose Santa Marina and Basil Raymond

Sunday August 20

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Intention of Felecia Johns
12:15 PM Soul of Gilbert Leon

Weekly Offering

August 6, 2017

\$7,658.51 Tithe and Offering
30.00 Building Fund
66.00 "We Care"



Thank you

Dear Parishioners:

Cross Catholic Outreach wishes to thank you for the welcome extended to Father O'Rourke on our recent visit to your parish. On behalf of the poorest of the poor, we thank you for having shared in their lives. May our Lord continue to bless all of you for your love and support.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Cynthia Richardson* in memory of her beloved mother **BARBARA KEYS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

2017 Lenten Fish Fry & Raffle

Thank you, Transfiguration parish for supporting this year's Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle and a special thanks to those outside of our Parish who supported us as well. **This year's net proceeds were \$6,900.00.** The proceeds from 2016 for the Fish Fry and Raffle were \$5,488.22.

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 24, 2017. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. **Registrations** will take place every Sunday in August from 10AM to 12 Noon outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. **EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN IS A MEMBER AND THERE ARE NO DUES.** The next gathering will be Friday, September 15, 2017 at Ascension Catholic Church, 517 W. 112th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044. The day begins at 9:30AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome. Please see our parish representative **Helen Argusta** if you have any questions.

Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, August 27** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy.

Las Vegas Casino Trip

Join the fun...Las Vegas Casino trip on **September 18, 19, and 20, 2017**. For more information call 213.369.4889.

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, Willie Goods, 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, Gloria McClaurin, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Lawrence Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriquez, 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, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.



ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
AT KENNETH HAHN PARK
SATURDAY AUGUST 19, 2017 - 9AM TO 5PM



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