

# TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

14 August 2016

*Dear Parishioners,*

... keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:2)

At one point during the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land, God told them to make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. That way, anyone who was bitten by a serpent could look at the bronze snake and live (Numbers 21:8-9). Likewise, Jesus told Nicodemus, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3:14-15).

On one level, fixing our eyes on Jesus is a physical action. We look at the cross hanging in our church or our home, and the very image fills us with wonder. On a deeper level, the author of Hebrews is asking us to fix our "spiritual eyes" on Jesus—the eyes of our hearts, so to speak, so that we can come in touch with the mind of Christ.

As we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will see his tender love for us. He knows us intimately. He never looks down on us, threatens us, or rejects us. He is always calling out to us, "Come to me . . . and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28).

As we fix our eyes on Jesus, we will hear him telling us that we can count on him. We will hear him say, "My word is unchanging" (1 Peter 1:25). "My salvation is unchanging" (Hebrews 7:24-25). "My love is unchanging" (Jeremiah 31:3). "My gifts are unchanging" (James 1:17). And "I myself am unchanging" (Malachi 3:6).

So today, fix your eyes on Jesus, so that the presence of God can become your strength. Like Moses, insist on being in his presence (Exodus 33:13-15). Like King David, confess that you can't live without him (Psalm 27:8). You will find your time with Jesus becoming the most important part of your day. Why? Because just as Jesus promised Nicodemus, you will find yourself being lifted up to heaven!

"Lord, I fix my eyes on you. You are the author and perfecter of my faith."

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

## **Pray for our sick...**

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 13</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Keys
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 14</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Juanita Chapron
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Intention of Mary Jené
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 15</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Juanita Chapron
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 20</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of Feleica Johns
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 21</b>
8:00 AM	Soul of Bernard Brule
10:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

## DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Jer 38:4-10, Ps 40:2-18, Lk 12:49-53
Monday	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-10ab, Lk 1:39-56
Tuesday	Ez 28:1-10, Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ez 34:1-11, Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ez 36:23-28, Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ez 37:1-14, Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ez 43:1-7b, Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 66:18-21, Ps 117:1-2, Lk 13:22-30



## WEEKLY OFFERING

**August 7, 2016**  
\$6,208.05 Tithe and Offering  
75.00 Building Fund  
1.00 We Care™

## Mission Co-Op Offering

### Next Weekend August 20 & 21, 2016

Each year the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites missionaries to come and share with us the work of the Gospel being accomplished in the Missions. The money collected goes specifically to each diocese or religious community making the appeal in the parish. The Missions depend upon your generous support.

## AUGUST VIRTUS TRAINING

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a Virtus Training session.

Transfiguration will hold two sessions on **Saturday, August 27** in the parish hall. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care.

The 3 hour Virtus session will be from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon. This is the first Certification you must attend. Re-Certification is required every four years. The Re-Certification session will follow from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. You must have attended the 3 hour session in 2012. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place for either session.

## Stewardship Thought

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth?"

No, I tell you, but rather division." LUKE 12:51

Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today's world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

## Religious Ed Registration

Registration for Sunday Religious Education for students from Kindergarten to High School will take place on the following Sundays: August 14, 21, 28 and September 4 from 10AM to 12Noon. The program will begin on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It is religious instruction for all Public School Students. It also includes the First Communion and Confirmation program.

## Thank you

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

## Thank you

The Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores would like to thank everyone for supporting Bundle Sunday. Thank you for helping those in need.

## Saints of the Week

**August 15<sup>th</sup>** – The ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is not a holyday of obligation. Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** – St. Stephen of Hungary, born in 969; crowned king of Hungary by Pope Sylvester II in 1000. He was just, peaceful, and pious; exactly observed the laws of the Church and sought the welfare of the people. He was renowned for his charity to beggars. He became known as the "Apostolic King" and apostle of Hungary. He died in 1038.

**August 19<sup>th</sup>** – St. John Eudes, Priest; in 1643, founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (known as the "Eudists," today numbering ca 450 religious) for training the clergy. He also founded the "Sisters of the Good Shepherd" to assist morally endangered women, especially prostitutes; promoted a cult to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary. He died 1680.

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – St. Bernard of Clairvanx, Abbott and Doctor of the Church; reformer and spiritual author ("On Loving God" and 86 sermons on the "Canticle of Cantiles"; denounced injustice and worked for peace; he died in 1153; patron of Gibraltar. [St. Bernard High School, Playa del Rey, is named after his patronage]

**August 21<sup>st</sup>** – Pope St. Pius X – he undertook Liturgical and canonical reforms, especially Communion for children and frequent Communion for adults; he wished "to renew all things in Christ." He is a patron of sick pilgrims. He died August 20<sup>th</sup>, 1914. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]