

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

Back in the 1930's and '40s, the Ink Spots quartet soared to Hit Parade prominence with their smooth harmonies on such songs as "If I Didn't Care," "My Prayer" and "Don't Get Around Much Anymore." One of their greatest hits was "I Don't Want to Set the World on Fire." The second line of the song explained the title: "I just want to start a flame in your heart."

When Jesus told his disciples, "I have come to set the world on fire," he was talking about setting the world afire with love for God. He wanted to start a flame in our hearts. Like lightning from the sky, sparking the start of a great forest fire, Jesus challenges us to be "on fire for the Lord," even if this meant division among families and friends.

What's your reaction to these words of our Lord? Jesus didn't say he actually wanted division, he merely said it was going to happen. In this day and age, all of us know divided families are not rare. The American Civil War saw brothers fighting against brothers across battle lines. Early converts to the Christian faith often found opposition in their own households. Catholics during the English Reformation under Henry VIII had to choose sides when family members converted to the Church of England. Christians in the German conquered European countries under the Nazi Regime had to join or resist. Today, we need to acknowledge that there are many different interpretations of what worship is and what is necessary for salvation. What is our reaction when a family member joins a fundamentalist or similar denomination? Yes, passion can be expected in those whose faith governs everything in their lives; sometimes however, this goes awry or even becomes fanatical and hostile. So, what's a good Catholic Christian to do? Well, as St. Francis of Assisi says so well, be a "Channel of God's Peace." Let's not forget that Jesus also preaches mercy, compassion, most importantly unconditional love and forgiveness!

Our elementary school started this Wednesday, and it's still not too late to enroll and yes, there is financial aid and/or scholarships for those who qualify. Please see Evelyn Rickenbacker, Principal, or give me a call in the rectory.

Blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

School News

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 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
Friday	August 23
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Teresa Godinez-Iniguez
Saturday	August 24
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Cynthia Lockett
Sunday	August 25
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Mary Brule
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ps 40:2-4, 18 Heb 12:1-4 Lk 12:49-53
Monday	Ps 106:34-44 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Ps 85:9-14 Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Ps 21:2-7 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Ps 40:5-10 Mt 22:1-14
Friday	Ps 146:5-10 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ps 145:10-18 Jn 1:45-51
Sunday	Ps 117:1-2 Heb 12:5-13 Lk 13:22-30
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Sacrificial Gifts



Sunday, August 12, 2012	Sunday, August 11, 2013
\$6,604.58 Sacrificial Gift	\$3,583.19 Sacrificial Gift
491.00 Building Fund	304.15 Building Fund
280.88 "We Care"	173.80 "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.



SAVE THE DATE

Friday, September 20, 2013

9:30 AM to 1:30 PM

ACCW District Meeting

held at Transfiguration Parish.

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.

DO NOT MISS the PREMIER PERFORMANCE of "Esther"

A new musical play from the Old Testament Book of ESTHER by our legendary HOWLETT "SMITTY" SMITH. It will be a Staged Reading with soloists & Howlett's harmony Choir.

Friday, August 23, 2013 at 7pm

First United Methodist Church of Inglewood

304 East Spruce Avenue

Inglewood, CA.

Donation: Free Will Offering

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.

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have a young child (infant to age 6) baptized, the next class will be on Saturday, August 24th from 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM for parents and Catholic Godparents. Please contact Chris and Sonya Robertson to reserve your space at 323.291.4846.

Did you know that, in order to baptize a child Catholic, the Church requires at least one Catholic Godparent? This is someone who must be confirmed, currently practicing and registered at a Catholic parish, and at least 16 years of age. In the eyes of the Church, a Godparent is not the one who would take legal custody of your child in the event that something should happen to you. Rather, a Catholic Godparent is the person who *helps* you to raise your child Catholic. A Catholic Godparent can help shop for your child's First Communion outfit, or purchase her/his first set of rosary beads and Bible, or take your child to Church when you're under the weather. A special aunt or uncle who is not a practicing Catholic, but has a strong zeal for their faith that you would like your child to have for the Catholic faith, can be recognized as a Christian witness on your child's Baptism Certificate.

Did you know that Transfiguration Church has a website? For parish news and activities go to: www.transfigchurchla.com

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, Vyldred 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.