

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 August 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

What can we do? (John 6:28)

You've probably heard of the Rubik's Cube, a puzzle requiring tremendous concentration to solve. You must move the parts of the cube in an exact sequence to master it. Many start out enthusiastically, only to give up after a few minutes, frustrated by the puzzle's complexities.

You could say the crowd in today's Gospel is treating Jesus like a kind of puzzle. They can't seem to figure him out. He was a prophet, no doubt. But he said and did things that stretched their laws and traditions in uncomfortable ways. What did he mean about being the "bread of life" (John 6:35)? How could he do things that only God could do, like heal the sick or forgive sins? They couldn't get their minds around him because they hadn't yet started thinking "outside of the cube."

Still, you have to admire their tenacity. Even when Jesus gives them an answer that they don't understand, they try a different tack. "When did you get here?" "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" "What sign can you do?" They really want to know, and they're not about to give up! And as we will see at the end of this chapter, no one was more tenacious than Peter. After having heard Jesus give so many baffling – and seemingly scandalous – answers, he decides to keep following him. "Master," he asks, "to whom shall we go?" (John 6:68). There's no one else who speaks with the same authority, passion, and love. All I can do now is stay with you until it all makes sense.

How tenacious are you? Sometimes we want to know exactly what God is doing in our lives – Should I stay at this job? Should I marry the person I'm dating? Why wasn't my loved one healed when I prayed? Sometimes there isn't a yes or no answer, and other times we just have to wait. Whatever happens, stick with it. Stick with Jesus, and you will be rewarded!

"Lord, I believe that you are my 'bread of life.' Help me hold fast to you" (John 6:35).

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

Saturday August 22nd from 9AM to 5PM

Creole and Mardi Gras Style

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 1
5:15 PM	Soul of Robert Evans
Sunday	August 2
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Soul of Ruth Vendange
12:15 PM	Souls of Andrew Leon, Sr. and Jr.
Sunday	August 9
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Keys

Readings for the week

Sunday	Ex 16:2-15, Ps 78:3-25, 54, Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-25—14:1-35, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Dn 7-14, Mk 9:2-10
Friday	Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 6:41-51

Weekly Collection July 26, 2015

\$4,521.50 Tithes and Offering
136.00 Building Fund
49.00 "We Care"



Have you always had a desire to sing, in particular to sing with a choir? Here is your opportunity! Come and sing with us, your own Transfiguration Adult Choir. Experience the joy of praising God in song in a very special way! If you have any questions please contact Oscar Pratt, Director.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, 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, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Theresa Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

RE-CERTIFICATION SESSION

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All school/parish staff and 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 Certification session. This includes parents and guardians who would like to volunteer at the school. There will be a Re-Certification session on **Saturday, August 8, 2015** in the parish hall from 10:00 AM -11:30AM. Re-Certification is required every four years. This session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Please call 323.291.1136 to reserve a place. You must have attended the 3 hour session.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

AUGUST 2ND – Sts. Eusebius of Vercelli, a bishop and Peter Julian Eymard, a priest. St. Eusebius, who died in 371, is considered the founder of the Canons Regular in the West; exiled to Palestine by Emperor Constantius. St. Peter Julian Eymard, who died August 1, 1868, founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament in 1856, today numbering ca. 900 members. He was devoted to the worship and apostolate of the Eucharist as the center of the life of the Church and society. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

AUGUST 4TH – St. John Mary Vianney, Priest, born in Lyons, France in 1786; became a priest after overcoming many difficulties; became well-known in the town of Ars, thus being named the "Cure of Ars." He was marvelous in his preaching, mortification, prayer, good works, and an outstanding confessor. People came from many surrounding regions to seek his counsel. He died in 1859.

AUGUST 5TH – The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four Station Churches in Rome. After the Council of Ephesus in 431 declaring Mary as "God-bearer," Pope Sixtus III erected on the Esquiline Hill this oldest basilica in the West dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God.

AUGUST 6TH – The Feast of the Transfiguration inserted in the General Calendar by Pope Callistus III in 1457 (This Feast observed since the 5th Century) celebrating the defeat of the Turks at Belgrade 40 days before the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross (September 14th)

AUGUST 7TH – Pope St. Sixtus II and companion martyrs and St. Cajetan Priest. Sixtus and 4 deacons were arrested while celebrating the Eucharist and were decapitated that same day by the order of the Emperor Valerian August 6th, 258. St. Cajetan Priest, who co-founded the "Theatines" ("Congregation of Clerks Regular") with Gian Pietro Carafa, who later became Pope Paul IV in 1524- a Congregation devoted to reform, prayer, and ministry, especially to the poor and the sick.

AUGUST 8TH – St. Dominic de Guzman, a Priest, founder of the Dominicans (O.P. –Order of Preachers): an elective, fraternal form of community life devoted to contemplation, study, and preaching.