

# Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20, 2017

## *Greetings.*

My house shall be called a house of *prayer*. (Isaiah 56:7)

Around the year AD 350, a popular and powerful bishop named John Chrysostom preached a series of sermons on the Sacrament of Marriage. John had been inspired by St. Paul's letters to describe for his congregation the beauty of marriage and family life. He called it a wonderful path to holiness. He spoke about the way each spouse is called to be like Jesus—selflessly giving all that they have to their spouse and family and to love their family with the same dedication that Jesus has for his Church (Ephesians 5:25).

Chrysostom told his congregation that God wants every family to see themselves as a “little church,” a sacred place where Christ is honored and where each family member is drawn to deeper holiness. He urged his people to keep their marriages pure and to guard their children's faith against the corrupting influences of the world. So moving were his sermons that more than 1,500 years later, the Fathers of Vatican II called Catholics to see their families as “domestic churches.”

God wants all of us to see our homes as miniature versions of the Church. Every home is meant to be a place of peace and love, a place of humility and service. It's meant to be a house of prayer, a place where Jesus is welcomed and revered.

May we all stand firm against any philosophy that reduces our homes to marketplaces or to merely functional living situations. May we all find creative ways to incorporate prayer in our homes—whether that means praying one decade of a Rosary each evening or reading a psalm together every morning. May we make it a point to express our love and appreciation to each other with our words and with warm embraces.

It doesn't take much to make our homes into houses of prayer. It just takes a willing heart and an openness to God's blessing. Even if we make mistakes along the way, we can be sure that we will make progress.

“Lord, show us how to love each other as you love the Church.”

Called to Serve,

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

### **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, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Lawrence Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, 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.

## Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 56:1-7, Ps 67:2-8, Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1-22, Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 16:13-20

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday August 19

5:15 PM Souls of Rose Santa Marina & 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

### Thursday August 24

8:00 AM Soul of Lynda Pratt

### Friday August 25

8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

### Saturday August 26

5:15 PM Soul of Edmund Richards

### Sunday August 27

8:00 AM Soul of Bernard Brule

10:00 AM Soul of Lynda Pratt

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

## Weekly Offering

### August 13, 2017

\$5,606.00 Tithe and Offering

454.00 Building Fund

31.00 "We Care"



## Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Renette Raymond* in memory of her loved ones **ROSE SANTA MARINA AND BASIL RAYMOND**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

## M. C. AND JO ANN NEWTON



Love begins in a moment, grows over time,  
and last for eternity...

Congratulations from your family and church family.

## Stewardship Thought

"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." - ROMANS 11:29

God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.

## 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. **Registration** 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. 112<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Las Vegas Casino Trip

Join the fun...Las Vegas Casino trip to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino on **October 23, 24, 25, 2017**. For more information call 213.369.4889.

## Did You Know

High school may be a time when teenagers begin to think about dating, making communication between teens and their parents even more important. Consider having an open, honest conversation with your teen about dating and appropriate relationships. Talk about what they want out of a relationship, and what their values are. Make sure they know how to communicate what they feel comfortable with, and what makes them uncomfortable. Talk with them about Catholic morals, and make sure they know you are always available. To request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Talking with Your Teen about Dating Safety" email [jvienna@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:jvienna@la-archdiocese.org) or call 213. 637.7227.

