

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 August 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

To whom shall we go? (John 6:68)

Joshua, the Old Testament leader called to bring God's people into the Promised Land, has much in common with Peter, the fisherman Jesus chose to lead his Church. Both men knew what it meant to follow God when the going got rough!

As Moses' servant, Joshua heard the people murmur and grumble against God during their desert wanderings. As Jesus' disciple, Peter heard other disciples complain that Jesus' "bread of life" statements were too difficult to accept (John 6:60). Yet both men realized that God was at work in the powerful things they had witnessed: Joshua saw the Israelites' deliverance from slavery in Egypt; Peter, the healings and miracles worked by Jesus. Each leader expressed his conviction in a ringing declaration of faith (Joshua 24:15; John 6:68-69).

"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Never before had Peter met anyone who spoke words that gave life. Through Jesus, he had come to experience God's love and mercy. He also came to realize that Jesus spoke with God's authority and power. He saw him move people from unbelief to faith through his miracles and his preaching. As a conscientious witness to these wonders, Peter could only declare, "We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (6:69).

Just as he did for Joshua and Peter, God wants to show himself to you. He wants to convince you that he has a perfect plan for your life. What's really exciting about this prospect is that when God pours his grace on you and reveals his love to you, it changes you. Of course, it fills you with joy and faith. But it also gives you all the courage and strength you need to do what Peter and Joshua did—to stay close to the Lord when the going gets rough!

*"Lord, you are the Holy One who loves, hears, and rescues me. I believe your words.
I will follow you wherever you lead me—right up to the gates of heaven!"*

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

Petition of the 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, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, 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, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred 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.

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 22
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	August 23
8:00 AM	Soul of Mary Ann Mayer
10:00 AM	Intention of the Mayer Family
12:15 PM	Soul of Alberta Leon
Tuesday	August 25
8:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Saturday	August 29
5:15 PM	Intention of Esther Wheeler
Sunday	August 30
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Souls of the Arguilar Family & Intention of Virgie Arguilar
12:15 PM	Intention of Mary Jené

Readings for the week

Sunday	Jos 24:1-18b, Ps 34:2-21, Jn 6:60-69
Monday	Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-5
Tuesday	1 Thes 2:1-8, Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	1 Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1 Thes 3:7-13, Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1 Thes 4:1-8, Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Thes 4:9-11, Mk 6:17-29
Sunday	Dt 4:1-8, Ps 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23

Weekly Collection August 16, 2015

\$3,844.85 Tithe and Offering
355.00 Building Fund
40.00 "We Care"

The school collection for the month of July was \$1577.79.

Calling All Students Attending Public Schools!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will be the entire month of August on Sundays from 10AM to 12Noon. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

New Choir Members Welcome!

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Pool safety is about more than swimming

Swimming is a fun way to have some fun and beat the heat during the summer. Parents should teach their children about swimming safety, including how to identify and handle uncomfortable situations. Although you may be watching closely to make sure your kids are safe in the water, don't forget about when they're walking around, sitting out by the pool, using the restrooms or out of sight. Teach your children what to do when they feel uncomfortable at the pool, and let them know it is okay to walk away and find a parent or trusted adult at any time. For more information and a copy of the article called "Know the Rules...Summer Safety Tips to Teach Children" from the National Center for Missing and Exploited, email: jvienna@la-archdiocese.org

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 23rd – St. Rosa of Lima, virgin, formerly known as Isabel de Oliva, who died in 1617, at the age of 31 years. She was a Peruvian mystic, nicknamed "Rosa" because of her beauty. She lived a life of penance and solitude as a "Third Order" Dominican (O.P.). She cared for the sick, the homeless, and the elderly; she was the first declared saint of the New World in 1672; she is also patroness of florists and gardeners. She died in 1617. [*not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday*]

August 24th – St. Bartholomew, Apostle, who died in the 1st century. He was known as "Nathaniel" in John's Gospel; associated with St. Philip (May 3rd); he is said to have preached the gospel in India (along with Thomas, the Apostle) and in Armenia; he was said to have been flayed alive.

August 25th – Sts. Louis, King of France and Joseph Calasanz, Priest. St. Louis, born in 1214, became king when he only 22 years old. He married and became the father of 11 children and raised them with careful instruction in the Christian way of life. He excelled in penance, prayer, and his love for the poor. He had regard for peace among peoples, and for the temporal and spiritual welfare of his subjects. He died near Carthage in 1270. St. Joseph Calasanz, born in Aragon in 1557. He was well educated, became a priest, dedicated himself to the education of poor boys at Rome, and founded a society pledged to that work. He endured many trials, especially the calumnies of those who were jealous of his success. He died at Rome in 1648.

August 27th – St. Monica, born in Tagaste, northern Africa; patroness of mothers; after 33 years of prayer, she obtained the conversion of her husband, who was a dissolute pagan and later for her oldest son, Augustine, who became the bishop of Hippo. This was under the guidance of St. Ambrose (December 7th). She died at Ostia in 387.

August 28th – St. Augustine, bishop of Hippo, Africa, and doctor of the Church; born in Tagaste, northern Africa, and; after a dissolute life was baptized by St. Ambrose at the age of 33. He was noted for his "Confessions" and the "City of God," over 500 of his homilies are extant. He is considered a founder of monastic life in the West. His "rule of life" is "one mind and one heart of God." He is one of four great doctors of the Church, called the "doctor of grace."

August 29th – the "Passion of St. John the Baptist," - the dedication of the Church of St. John at Sebaste (Samaria), where tradition holds that he was buried by his disciples.