

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 August 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Upon this rock I will build my church (Matthew 16:13-20)

For years, Mother Teresa of Calcutta was an object of international acclaim, a celebrity of sorts whom people wanted to meet. Yet not everyone who sought her out embraced her words about serving Jesus or finding God in the poorest of the poor. In a sense, Mother Teresa made people feel good. Here was a person freely serving the poor without wanting anything in return. How upbeat is that! In a similar way, Jesus had become a minor celebrity in his own time. Many people knew of him, but not many grasped who he was or the nature of his mission. But that changed somewhat when Simon Peter announced that Jesus was the Messiah and Son of God. Up to that point, Jesus had revealed himself through miracles and sermons. Now it was time to move to the next level—at least with his disciples. It was time to begin showing them what kind of Messiah he was, that he was out to do more than heal and forgive. He had come to establish a Church, not just pardon people's sins—and the disciples were destined to become that Church's pillars! Establishing the Church was the most important thing Jesus came to do. What good would it have been if he had stopped at redeeming us from sin? We would still have needed his ongoing grace to grow closer to him and help change the world. And that's exactly what the Church is for. As we are taught by his word and nourished by his Body and Blood, we can keep moving forward, becoming the holy people he longs for us to be.

“Jesus, thank you for making us into your people, your Church.

Teach us to love each other and to lay down our lives for each other—just as you did.”

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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

August 25th – Sts. Louis, King of France and Joseph Calasanz, Priest. St. Louis, born in 1214, became king when he was 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 to 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 St. John at Sebaste (Samaria) where tradition holds that he was buried there by his disciples.

Called to Serve,

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 23
5:15 PM Soul of Cynthia Lockett

Sunday August 24
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Intention of Virgie, and Peter Aguilar, Jr. and the Souls of Peter Sr., Sonya and Romalis Aguillar

Monday August 25
8:00 AM Souls of Eugene and Beverly Powell

Friday August 29
8:00 AM Intention of Mable Simon

Saturday August 30
5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

Sunday August 31
8:00 AM Souls of Karen Lee and Roland Hithe
10:00 AM Souls of William and Annie Rogers
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 16:13-20
Monday 2Thes 1:1-12, Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-17, Mt 22:23-26
Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-18, Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 24:42-51
Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25, Mk 6:17-29
Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30
Sunday Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2-9, Mt 16:21-27

Pastoral Council will meet Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 PM in the Peter Claver Room.

Luncheon for Newly Ordained

All are cordially invited to join the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and sponsoring members of the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in honoring Rev. John Palmer on Wednesday, September 10 at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City. Father Palmer will be joined by his fellow Ordinands of St. John's Seminary at this event. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved by calling John Maloney at 310.545.3993 or email serraclubofsouthbay@msn.com.

4th Annual Grand Marian Procession

All are invited to the 4th Annual Grand Marian Procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 13th to celebrate the 233rd Anniversary of the City of Los Angeles, which is named after our Blessed Mother, Our Lady Queen of Angels. Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and the Queen of Angels Foundation starting at 3 PM for a blessing and invocation at *Our Lady Queen of Angels Church at La Placita Olvera*, followed by a processional parade highlighted with banners, flags, color guards and bagpipers. The procession will conclude with a Rosary and Votive Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels celebrated by Archbishop Gomez. For more information, please call 213.687.2645, visit: www.thequeenofangels.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/queenofangelsfoundation

VITRUS Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school 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. Transfiguration will hold a Re-Certification session on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the hall. The session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Please call to reserve a place. You must have attended the 3 hour VIRTUS session. Re-certification is required every four years. The 3 hour VIRTUS session, "Protecting God's Children" will be held on **Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM and Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon** in the hall. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Please the rectory 323.291.1136 or the school 323.292.3011 to reserve a space. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylrded Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Felecia Johns who celebrated her birthday August 20th. Many blessings from your Parents, Transfiguration Office Staff, and Parish Family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Evelyn and Frank Rhodes
who celebrate their
40th Anniversary
this Sunday, August 24th.



Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on **Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.

August 17, 2014

Weekly Collection

\$5,342.62 Tithe and Offering
382.06 Building Fund
218.32 "We Care"

