

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 26, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

In the Gospel this weekend, we hear how many people left Jesus and walked no more with him. Many today still leave him. However, by the grace of God each of us are here. Every Sunday gives us an opportunity to confirm our faith in him who alone has the words of everlasting life.

The First Reading deals with a covenant-renewal ceremony that took place at Shechem shortly after the people had entered the Promise Land. Joshua called upon them to make a choice to serve the God of their fathers or to serve other gods. All the tribes of Israel declared, "We will serve the Lord."

In a similar way, Jesus called upon the people who had listened to his discourse on the Bread of Life to make up their minds whether or not they were going to believe in Him and follow him. Sadly, apart from the Twelve, many deserted him. Even among the Twelve, a traitor lurked.

Even though Jesus was sad to see those people leaving Him, he let them go. It wasn't great crowds that excited him. What mattered to him was the authenticity and sincerity of those who stayed.

Just as Mark's account of the ministry in Galilee ends on a note of disbelief, so it is here. And in Peter's reaction, we have John's parallel to the synoptic scene at Caesarea Philippi.

This summer was a busy time for many, but especially for our Junior Knights. Under the direction of Maurice Simon, aka "Uncle Moe," the young men helped make our parish plant more beautiful. The Junior Knights painted the Roxton handicap ramp, Third Avenue exterior wall, the school lunch benches and the flower sacristy where the Altar Servers dress. Many thanks to each of you for a job well done!

Blessings on your week!



Petition for the Sick

Eddie Aguilar, Virgie Aguilar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Jan Harvey, Lee Harrison, Donovan Haynes, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Robert Jordan, Elizabeth Labrae, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Lanny Ross, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Stan Robotom, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Whyne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Patricia Williams.

Up Coming Event



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Featuring

**ELECTRIC SPAGHETTI BAND
& Catering by THE CREOLE CHEF**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Doors open at 12:30 PM)

The Monsignor Buckley Endowment

for Transfiguration School

TICKETS \$45.00 & ON SALE AFTER MASS

Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Only

Sacrificial Gift

Sunday, August 21, 2011

\$3,552.97 Sacrificial Gift

313.11 Building Fund

178.92 "We Care"

Sunday, August 19, 2012

\$3287.32 Sacrificial Gift

287.50 Building Fund

164.29 "We Care"

Readings for the week

Saturday

Ez 43:1-7ab, Mt 23:1-12

Sunday

Jos 24:1-18b, Ps 34:2-21, Eph 5:21-32

Monday

2 Thes 2:1-17 Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday

2 Thes 2:1-17, Mt 22:23-26

Wednesday

2 Thes 3:6-18, Mk 6:17-29

Thursday

1 Cor 1:1-9, Mt 24:42-51

Friday

1 Cor 1:17-25, Mt 25:1-13

Saturday

1 Cor 1:26-31, Mt 25:14-30

Sunday

Dt 4:1-8, Ps 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23

Celebrating 75 Years
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

New Student Testing & Guided Tours

Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM
 Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 2:00 PM
 Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM
 Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 2:00 PM
 Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 2:00 PM
 Sunday, February 2, 2013 at 2:00 PM

To schedule an appointment for testing, a tour of the school, or get information regarding tuition, contact Mrs. Crockett in the school office at 323.292.3011.

Harvest Festival

Saturday, November 3rd at 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM

You've all heard by now about the great plans that are underway for this year's harvest festival!

Look out for new things like: BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION LUNCHESES, ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET, WHITE ELEPHANT AUCTIONS & COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT. KEEP WATCHING! MORE TO COME!

PTO – Harvest Festival Chair – Stephanie Moore

A WARM THANK YOU TO: Roy & Desiree Edwards who donated a Netbook and a \$20 Best Buy Gift Card. With this donation we will be able to renew our subscription to National Geographic and American Girl magazines in our library. Mrs. Joyce Hithe who donated a \$25 Staples Gift card which will be used for the purchasing of school supplies for the 3rd Grade Class. Also, to the anonymous donor who donated a case of copy paper from Staples. Once again, thank you all for your generosity.

PAPER DONATION: We are in need of copy paper. If you can assist, please contact the office at 323.292.3011. We truly appreciate you help!

Religious Education

We invite all Public School Students ~ Kindergarten through High School to attend the Religious Education Program. The program includes First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Registration will take place on all Sundays in August and September 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon next to the hall in the lunch area. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate.

Saturday	August 25
5:15 p.m.	Intention of Beverly Ann Powell
Sunday	August 26
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Gilbert Leon
Friday	August 31
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Chester Keyes
Saturday	September 1
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Romana Alexander
Sunday	September 2
8:00 a.m.	Int. of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Intention of Helen Argusta
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Michele Starks

From the Deacon

On Saturday, August 11th once again we had a wonderful church gathering at Kenneth Hahn Park. Putting together this event takes a lot of time and the help of many people and organizations to make it a success. Special thanks to the Knights and Junior Knights who shopped, loaded and unloaded the trucks, and the cooked. The success of the church gathering could not have happen without the support of various church ministries like The Ladies Auxiliary, Extraordinary Ministers, Seniors, Ushers, Lectors, Choir, St. Vincent de Paul, Newton Family, and Myrtle Middleton. Many parishioners assisted with the set up and clean up or some type of financial support. Our church gathering this year was truly a family affair. **THANK YOU** to all our parishioners for their support.

Deacon *Greg Patterson*

Child Care During Mass

We NEED your HELP!!!! We want to add child care during the 10 AM Mass so parents will be encouraged to come to church and hear God's message to them, while their children are safely cared for. If you would be willing to help with child care one Sunday a month, please call the rectory and let Jo Ann know or call Jan Llewellyn at 626.840.8210 with questions, suggestions or to volunteer. THANKS in advance!!!

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 celebrated their anniversary on August 24th.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for a few good men and women who wish to be members of the "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion." We see you sitting in the pews each Saturday and Sunday and we want you to consider joining us. It is a ministry of administration of Holy Communion during the Mass and a ministry of bringing the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to the people of God. If you are fifteen years of age or older, baptized and confirmed catholic, faithfully participate in the Sunday Eucharist and sincerely try to live the Gospel message, we want you, and our parish families need you. Please sincerely consider being part of this ministry group. There will be a mandatory meeting on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 AM in the Church for all existing and new candidates. If you sincerely consider being part of this ministry and have questions, please see a minister in the sanctuary or patio area after each Mass. You may also call the Rectory 323.291.1136 and leave your name and telephone number. We look forward to hearing from you.