

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 26, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Master, to whom shall we go? (John 6:68)

Preparing the Israelites to recommit themselves to their covenant with God, Joshua recounted the many ways God had delivered them from their enemies. He reminded them that God had chosen them to be his people and given them the Promised Land as their inheritance. In return, God asked them to honor and serve him alone (Joshua 24:1-15).

Today at Mass, we will have yet another opportunity to recommit ourselves to our new covenant in Christ. Our enemies may not be the sword or spear of other nations. But like our ancestors in the faith, we face battles against fear, pride, ignorance, and complacency. We may not have to conquer a piece of land, but God wants all of us to become witnesses to our love for Jesus and his people.

This is a high calling, so it's a good thing that Jesus has promised to give us himself as our strength for the battle. We are blessed that he offers us his own life so that we can find the grace to love unconditionally and forgive seventy times seven times—just as he does.

Many disciples who heard Jesus' teaching on the Bread of Life could not accept it. Why would they need his flesh and blood to have life with God? They already had the Law of Moses. But Peter saw through these objections and proclaimed: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). Just as God was the Israelites' only hope in conquering the Promised Land, Jesus was Peter's only hope in living a life of purity, love, and freedom.

You are about to receive Jesus in Communion. Look closely at the Host and the chalice. You are receiving something that has astonished believers for two thousand years. You may not understand this great mystery, but you can still echo Peter's words: "Master, where else can I go? You alone can give me what I need."

"Jesus, I know that I am weak, but you are strong. Help me to follow you wherever you go."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship Thought:

*"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...
As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (JOSHUA 24:15)*

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord.

A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission.

If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 23, 2018. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. **Registration** is taking place this Sunday August 26 from 10AM to 12Noon outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

Did you know?

As a family, you should have a list of family emergency phone numbers that your children know from an early age. Review these numbers together a few times a year. Children should know their parents' cell and work phone numbers, and they should know who to call — and how— in an emergency. Include the numbers for the police, the fire department, and stress the importance of knowing when and how to contact 911. For little children who cannot memorize all that yet, try writing the parents' phone numbers inside their shoes. For a copy of the complete VIRTUS® article "Family Night," go to www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.

Parishioner Recognition Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 220, in collaboration with The Church of the Transfiguration is presenting their 2nd ANNUAL Parishioner Recognition Luncheon. The date will be **Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90008. They will recognize parishioners who have served The Church of the Transfiguration through their selfless acts of Care, Concern and Love for God's people and His Church. Please **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** Sunday, October 14, 2018 and join in helping us recognize these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish. **If you remember from last year** this will be **another** fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss!

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Jos 24:1-18, Ps 34:2-21, Jn 6:60-69
Monday	2 Thes 1:1-12, Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-17, Mt 23:23-26
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

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 25

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday August 26

8:00 AM Intention of Ruby Chapman

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Souls of Eugene & Beverly Powell

Saturday September 1

5:15 PM Soul of Ferdinand Foye

Sunday September 2

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM Souls of Beryl Davidson, Wilna Angelain Davdson and Emma Epps Angelain

Tuesday September 4

8:00 AM Intention of Stephanie Moore

Weekly Offering for August 19, 2018

\$3,014.73 Tithe and Offering

25.00 Building Fund

1.00 "We Care"

Virtus Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/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 Training session.

Transfiguration's August VIRTUS Training Sessions HAVE BEEN RESCHEDULED.

The first VIRTUS Certification training will be on **Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM**. The session lasts 3 hours. Recertification is required every four years. The Recertification training will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9:00AM to 10:30AM**. This session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Latecomers to the trainings will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call the rectory to reserve a place for either session, 323.291.1136.