

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 27, 2017

Greetings.

He strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one. (Matthew 16:20)

When the disciples heard Jesus say, “Do not tell anyone what you know,” they must have been surprised. Over and over again, they saw Jesus teach and perform awe-inspiring miracles. Over and over again, they saw crowds of people hanging on his every word.

Surely the people already knew that Jesus was a great teacher, a prophet, and a miracle worker. Now that he had plainly told his apostles who he was, it only made sense that they would tell everyone else the good news. But Jesus told them to remain quiet. So once again we are confronted with an awkward truth: when it comes to Jesus, we have to learn how to think differently about almost everything.

Jesus sounded his warning because he knew that the people would want to make him their king. In fact, John’s Gospel tells us that this is exactly what happened after the multiplication of the loaves. But John also tells us that Jesus was quick to withdraw to the mountains because he knew that an earthly kingship was not what his Father wanted for him (6:15).

Of course Jesus is our King. But his kingdom is not based on miracles, parables, or the homage of excited crowds. He didn’t “earn” his crown by performing signs and wonders and by speaking prophetic words. No, that happened only when he died on a cross. It was his death, not his miracles that brought life to the world.

Jesus didn’t want anything to get in the way of his mission, not even the admiration of the very people he had come to save. He knew he had come to offer a humble sacrifice, not to stage a political revolution, and he was determined to stay faithful to that calling.

May we all pray for the humility and the resolve to be like Jesus. May nothing distract us from the call to “be merciful” as our heavenly Father is merciful (Luke 6:36).

“Lord, I want to be like you. Give me a heart of humility and loving service.”

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 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 16:13-20
Monday	1Thes 1:1-10, Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	1Thes 2:1-8, Mk 6:17-29
Wednesday	1Thes 2:9-13, Mt 23:27-32
Thursday	1Thes 3:7-13, Mt 24:42-51
Friday	1Thes 4:1-8, Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1Thes 4:9-11, Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2-9, Mt 16:21-27

Mass Intentions

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
Monday	August 28
8:00 AM	Intention of Gloria McClaurin
Tuesday	August 29
8:00 AM	Intention of Johnnye Washington
Wednesday	August 30
8:00 AM	Intention of Mabel Simon
Saturday	September 2
5:15 PM	Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday	September 3
8:00 AM	Intention of Willie Goods
10:00 AM	Soul of Yvonne Morgan
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering

August 20, 2017

\$5,120.84 Tithe and Offering
205.00 Building Fund
56.00 "We Care"



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Immaculate Lazarus**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.



MABLE SIMON!

who will celebrate her birthday
AUGUST 30th...

from your church family!

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period begins this Sunday. Anyone wishing to become Catholic; receive the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or renew your Catholic Faith may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696. Registration will take place on August 27, September 3, 10, and 17, 2017. Classes begin October 1, 2017.

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** takes 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. 112th 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?

It is important to help children understand the difference between telling on others and sharing information that could help keep themselves or someone else safe. Teach children about secrets that are okay (a surprise birthday party), and secrets that are never okay (don't tell mom or dad that...), and, perhaps most importantly, what to do if someone asks them to keep a bad secret. Speaking up can save a kid from harm or abuse. To request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "To Tattle or Protect" email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213.637.7227.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Frank and Evelyn Rhodes

who celebrated their

43rd Anniversary

AUGUST 24TH!!!!

