

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

28 August 2016

Dear Parishioners,

A more distinguished guest . . . (Luke 14:8)

In the second century AD, the scientist/astronomer Claudius Ptolemy presented a model of the solar system that stated that the Earth was the center of the universe. About 1,400 years later, another astronomer, Nicolaus Copernicus, overturned Ptolemy's model and taught that Earth revolved around the sun and not the other way around.

Just as Copernicus upended Ptolemy's teaching, Jesus upends our assumptions. Every day he asks us, "Who is the center of your life? Are you living under my rule or under yours?"

Using the Ptolemaic system as a model, we might say, "I choose to be the center of my universe." Living under that model tends to make us self-centered, even if we appear to be good and upright. It can move us to ignore our weaknesses, take all the credit for our goodness, and never submit to Jesus' rule.

Using the Copernican model, we might say, "Jesus is at the center of my universe." We place him at the center when we realize that although he was perfect as the Son of God, he became a man and died to rescue us from sin. We place him at the center when we realize, not only that he loved us even unto death, but also that he has been raised up and is now Lord of heaven and earth (Philippians 2:6-11).

Of course, it's humbling to say, "Jesus, I want you to be at the center of my life." These words are opposed to our fallen nature. Yet the more we begin each day by praying these words, the more we will find ourselves filled with an incredible peace. We will also find a grace-filled determination to place our lives—every thought and every action—under Jesus' rule so that we can give him glory.

Jesus is the most distinguished Person ever to live in our hearts. Let's treat him like the royal Guest that he is.

"Jesus, you are my Lord and my God. Come and reign in me."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Pray for our 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, Jeannie Chapron, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, 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, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Peggy Wright.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5:15 PM	August 27 Soul of Martin Crispin Lino and all deceased members of the Lino Family
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	August 28 Intention of the Goosby Family Souls of the Aguillar Family Intention of all Parishioners
Monday 8:00 AM	August 29 Intention of Thadius Wiltz
Tuesday 8:00 AM	August 30 Intention of Mable Simon
Saturday 5:15 PM	September 3 Soul of Roxelina Richards
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	September 4 Intention of all Parishioners Intention of Stephanie Moore Souls of Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Coignet, Sr. and Soul of Thomas Stanley, Jr.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Sir 3:17-29, Ps 68:4-11, Lk 14:1-14
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5, Mk 6:17-29
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16, Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	1 Cor 4:6b-15, Lk 6:1-5
Sunday	Wis 9:13-18b, Ps 90:3-17, Lk 14:25-33



WEEKLY OFFERING

August 21, 2016

\$5,841.08 Tithe and Offering
741.00 Building Fund
31.00 We Care"

TRANSFIGURATION LINE DANCING
Join us Every Wednesday Evening at 6PM
in the Parish Hall.



Thank you

The beautiful flowers this week on the altar and in the back by St. Joseph were donated by *the Lino Family* in memory of **MARTIN CRISPIN LINO and all deceased members of THE LINO FAMILY.** If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." LUKE 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, or a chance to play golf. Yet, as Christian stewards we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.

RELIGIOUS ED REGISTRATION

Registration for Sunday Religious Education for students from Kindergarten to High School will take place on the following Sundays: August, 28 and September 4 from 10AM to 12Noon. The program will begin on Sunday, September 25th. It is religious instruction for all Public School Students. It also includes the First Communion and Confirmation program.

RCSM ANNUAL RETREAT

Father Mike and the Reserve Corps of St. Michael members invites you to join them on retreat at Mary Crest Manor, 10664 St. James Court, Culver City on Saturday, September 3, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A donation of \$35.00 includes a continental breakfast and lunch. For more information, contact Father Mike at 310.625.0039 or Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

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, October 8, 2016 at 4:00 PM** in the St. Peter Claver Room. Please contact Kenrik Duru at 310.794.8138 with any questions.



ESTHER WHEELER
on her **92nd Birthday**
Sunday, August 28th!!!

AND

MABLE SIMON!
Who will celebrate her
birthday August 30th...
from your church community!