

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 August 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

Be doers of the word and not hearers only. (James 1:22)

In the *Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification*, Lutherans and Catholics spelled out their common understanding of and belief in the concept of justification by faith. Issued in 1999, the declaration said, “Together we confess: By grace alone, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works” (15).

Faith in Jesus is the way to salvation. We cannot save ourselves. At the same time, faith calls us to do good works. C. S. Lewis once said that any discussion about which is more important—faith or works—is as senseless as asking which blade of a pair of scissors is more important. Both are important. Both are critical. Both are necessary.

If faith were not vital, we would have to ask, “Then why did Jesus die for our sins?” If works were not crucial, we would have to ask, “Why did Jesus tell us to go out and evangelize, care for the poor, visit the sick, and feed the hungry?”

Faith and works are inseparable. When people asked Jesus, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” he answered, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent” (John 6:28, 29). Even faith in Jesus takes work. It means entrusting ourselves to his saving grace. It means choosing to surrender ourselves to him and obeying his word.

So make it a point to put your faith in Jesus every day. At the same time, make it a point to serve the Lord and to care for his people. Be a believer and be a doer. You have incredible gifts. They were given to you so that you would build the kingdom of heaven on earth. Use your talents for God, and you’ll see people’s faith come to life.

“Jesus, you are my Savior. I believe in you, Lord!”

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

Petition of the 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, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Theresa Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 29
5:15 PM Intention of Esther Wheeler
Sunday August 30
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Souls of the Aguilar Family
& Intention of Virgie Aguilar
12:15 PM Intention of Mary Jené
Monday August 31
8:00 AM Intention of Mable Simon
Saturday September 5
5:15 PM Intention of Hubert Clark, Jr.
Sunday August 6
8:00 AM Soul of Fr. John Hanly and Intention of Rudy Liggins
10:00 AM Soul of Yvonne Morgan
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Dt 4:1-8, Ps 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23
Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18, Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-11, Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday Col 1:1-8, Lk 4:38-44
Thursday Col 1:9-14, Lk 5:1-11
Friday Col 1:15-20, Lk 5:33-39
Saturday Col 1:21-23, Lk 6:1-5
Sunday Is 35:4-7a, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 7:31-37

Weekly Collection August 23, 2015

\$4,236.00 Tithe and Offering
72.00 Building Fund
1.00 "We Care"

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ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women 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 meeting will be held, Friday, September 18, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1016 W. Manchester Avenue in Los Angeles. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are Welcome.

RCIA Inquiry

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? "Come and See" Inquiry group will meet every Sunday in September after the 10:00 AM Mass. See Anita Thomas in the patio area.

SAVE THE DATES

High Tea Fundraiser for "Women with Children in Crisis"

Please support the 3rd Annual Benefit for "WOMEN WITH CHILDREN IN CRISIS", a fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Shelter for Battered Women with Children, the only shelter operated by a Catholic Order west of the Rocky Mountains. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver 4th Degree Ladies of Grace. It is an Afternoon High Tea that will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, at the DoubleTree by Hilton located in Culver City, CA. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes full high tea service with all the trimmings and a commemorative personal photo for each attendee. There will also be a best hat contest; silent auction, and wonderful door prizes. If you are interested in attending this worthwhile event, please contact Gracious Lady Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561 or Gracious Lady Michelle Wilson at 323.864.6769 for tickets or you can purchase tickets online at http://www.kpcwscd.com/chapter_13. Please join us in supporting this worthy cause.

The Jr. Daughters of Transfiguration Court 220

invite you to celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 13, 2015, after all Masses in the Parish Hall for a hosted complimentary Tea. Please join us as we celebrate, honor and show love to Grandparents.



BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

ESTHER WHEELER

who celebrated her birthday on August 28th; from your niece Cynthia Richardson & your family.

AND

RUDOLPH LIGGINS

who will celebrate his birthday on September 3rd; from your family.