

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

31 August 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. (Matthew 25:25)

More often than not, our fears are based on false expectations. That's definitely true of this unfaithful servant. Notice his words to the master: "I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter." Somehow, he got the idea that his master was a hard-hearted man who expected him to magically produce vast amounts of wealth from his one talent. So instead of taking a chance, he did nothing. Unfortunately, this fellow got it all wrong. If his master were that exacting, he wouldn't have been satisfied with the gains of the other two. But instead, he told them, "Because you have been faithful in *small matters*, I will give you great responsibilities." He didn't add up their returns; he just wanted to know if they had put his wealth to good use. He wanted to know if he could trust them because he had bigger things in mind for them. That's the way it is with our relations to God. While he expects us to bear fruit, he doesn't play a numbers game. He just wants us to understand the basic principle of spiritual investment: it is only as we give away what he has given to us that we will grow into his likeness. Only then will he give us more of his gifts. The unfaithful servant feared that he could never please his master, so he didn't even try. We do something similar when we wait for God to assign us some really important task but then ignore the small ones he gives us every day or when we turn aside from his prompting because we think we're not good enough. The reality is, God is already delighted with us! If we take our eyes off ourselves and start doing his will, he will multiply our efforts with an abundant harvest. But he cannot use our talents if they are buried in a hole marked "When I'm ready."

"Lord, open my eyes to the great gifts you've given me and the many opportunities I have to use them. Show me how I can be a vessel of your grace and peace!"

Called to Serve,

~Deacon Mark Race

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you or someone you know like to become a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but have not had all the Sacraments? Inquiring sessions will be on Sundays of September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2014 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the church. In John 1:37-46, Jesus invites us to "Come and See". Please call the rectory at 323.291.1136 or see Anita Thomas for more information.

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. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014, at St. Bernadette Parish, 3825 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90008. The day begins at 9:30 AM and includes a speaker, Fr. Allan Roberts, Pastor, Mass, Lunch and concludes at 1:30 PM. Every Catholic woman is a member of ACCW. Reservations are not necessary and there are no dues or fees. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 30
5:15 PM Soul of Jeroline Richards

Sunday August 31
8:00 AM Souls of Karen Lee and Roland Hithe
10:00 AM Souls of William and Annie Rogers
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Thursday September 4
8:00 AM Intention of Stephanie Moore

Saturday September 6
5:15 PM Souls of Mabel & Theodore Darrensbourg

Sunday September 7
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Roland Bradshaw
12:15 PM Soul of Marguerite Gardina

Readings for the week

Sunday Jer 20:7-9, Ps 63:2-9, Mt 16:21-27
Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30
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 Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-9, Mt 18:15-20

Luncheon for Newly Ordained

All are cordially invited to join the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and sponsoring members of the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in honoring Rev. John Palmer on Wednesday, September 10 at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City. Father Palmer will be joined by his fellow Ordinands of St. John's Seminary at this event. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved by calling John Maloney at 310.545.3993 or email serraclubofsouthbay@msn.com.

4th Annual Grand Marian Procession

All are invited to the 4th Annual Grand Marian Procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 13th to celebrate the 233rd Anniversary of the City of Los Angeles, which is named after our Blessed Mother, Our Lady Queen of Angels. Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and the Queen of Angels Foundation starting at 3 PM for a blessing and invocation at *Our Lady Queen of Angels Church at La Placita Olvera*, followed by a processional parade highlighted with banners, flags, color guards and bagpipers. The procession will conclude with a Rosary and Votive Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels celebrated by Archbishop Gomez. For more information, please call 213.687.2645, visit: www.thequeenofangels.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/queenofangelsfoundation

VITRUS Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school staff and 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 Certification session. Transfiguration will hold a Re-Certification session on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the hall. The session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Please call to reserve a place. You must have attended the 3 hour VIRTUS session. Re-certification is required every four years. The 3 hour VIRTUS session, "Protecting God's Children" will be held on **Wednesday, September 3, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM and Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon** in the hall. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Please call the rectory 323.291.1136 or the school 323.292.3011 to reserve a space. No children are allowed because of the subject content. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Rudolph Liggins
on his **80 BIRTHDAY** September 3
from the Liggins family and
your church family.

AND

Velvet King who celebrates her Birthday September 3rd
from your friend Vicky Carter and your church family.

August 24, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$4,863.34 Tithe and Offering
378.10 Building Fund
216.06 "We Care"



**The school and church offices will be closed
Monday, September 3rd in observance of
LABOR DAY.**