

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2013

## From the Pastor's Desk

Reality T. V. shows such as TLC's "Hoarding: Buried Alive" provide us with visceral images of the chaos that happens when people can't get rid of possessions. Hoarders stand in the middle of their accumulated "treasure," overwhelmed, unable to let go. We watch, saying to ourselves that we are nothing like this.

The Gospel parable this weekend is all about hoarding – and it lets no one off the hook. The rich man in the Gospel seems remarkably like us. He is preserving something of value, building great barns in which to stash his abundance. He has the foresight to plan ahead. Isn't this what all good financial planners tell us to do?

By its very nature, hoarding involves hardening. Keeping anything safe and preserved demands a closing in. When our fists clench, our breathing shortens and our hearts harden.

Our rich friend in the Gospel is a poster child for just such a condition. Sadly he believes that he is the one in control. What about us? What do we believe? Do we hoard our possessions, guard our time or hold fast to a particular mindset? If something goes asked in our day-to-day schedule do we become unglued?

Hoarding helps people to maintain a semblance of balance. Find out where you are most unbalanced in your life, and you'll discover what you hoard. In his book, "With Open Hands," Henri Nouwen teaches us how to pray. He says a first prayer is often a painful one because we need to open our clenched fist and let go. With him, let's pray:

*Dear God:*

*Help me to open my closed fist! Who will I be when I have nothing to hang on to? Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands? Please help me to open my hands and discover that I am not what I own, but what you want to give me. And what you want to give me is love, unconditional, everlasting love. Amen*

*Father Michael Tang*

**THE PARISH HALL  
will be closed for Spring Cleaning  
until further notice.**

## School News

**Regular School Begins**  
Wednesday, August 14, 2013  
7:45 AM to 3:30 PM

**Mandatory Summer Reading**  
for all students grades K-8.

*Call the office at 323.292.3011, if you have any questions.*

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 3</b>
5:15 p.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Paula Osborn
10:00 a.m.	Souls of Romalis, Sonya, Peter Arguilar, Sr. and Intention of Virgie Arguilar
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Tony Middleton
<b>Monday</b>	<b>August 5</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Catherine Chow
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>August 6</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of Johnny Washington
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>August 10</b>
5:15 p.m.	Intention of Jeroline Richards
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>August 11</b>
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Tony Middleton
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Jo Ann & Victoria Levi

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Ecl 1:2;2:23, Ps 95:1-9, Lk 12:13-21
<b>Monday</b>	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
<b>Tuesday</b>	Dn 7:0-14, Lk 9:28b-36
<b>Wednesday</b>	Nm 12:1-2, Mt 15:21-28
<b>Thursday</b>	Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
<b>Friday</b>	Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
<b>Sunday</b>	Heb 11:1-19, Lk 12:32-48

## Sacrificial Gifts



**Sunday, July 29, 2012**  
\$3,410.58 Sacrificial Gift  
\$0 Building Fund  
\$0 "We Care"

**Sunday, July 28, 2013**  
\$4,691.20 Sacrificial Gift  
404.76 Building Fund  
231.29 "We Care"

## Calling All Students Attending Public Schools!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will be after all Sunday Masses in August. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

## Happy Birthday Wishes



**Father Michael Tang,  
our Pastor ~August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**AND**

**Virgie Arguilar  
August 9<sup>th</sup> ~96 Years Blessed!**

### Pastor Scholarship

Transfiguration School is accepting new students in all grades. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to new students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8<sup>th</sup> grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

## CELEBRATING A YEAR OF FAITH



**KENNETH HAHN PARK**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**9 AM to 5 PM**

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or e-mail [dcn431@aol.com](mailto:dcn431@aol.com). Thank You!

*~Deacon Greg Patterson*

## SENATE BILL 131

Archbishop Gomez is asking all Catholics to contact their Assembly members and Senators and urge them to vote "No" on Senate Bill 131. Simply tell your elected officials to vote "No" because this legislation fails to protect all victims of childhood sexual abuse, discriminates against Catholic schools and other private employers, and puts the social services and educational work of the Church at risk. The Bishops of the California Catholic Conference believe it is urgent for all Catholics to act now.

To contact your Elected Officials, visit our webpage: [www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org](http://www.LAFaithfulCitizen.org).

### Background on SB-131

1. Senate Bill 131, now before the California Legislature, would suspend for one year a deadline (called a "statute of limitations") to give childhood sexual abuse victims the chance to sue their abusers' employers for damages resulting from their abuse.

2. SB-131 is not good legislation because it does not protect all children. In fact, the bill only allows lawsuits to be filed by children who were abused in religious and other private schools and organizations such as the YMCA or Little League. Children who were abused by public school teachers or other public employees are specifically **not protected** by SB 131. That means this legislation offers no protection for the 92 percent of California's children who attend public schools or for children in foster care or in other public settings.

3. SB-131 unfairly targets only Catholic-run and other private institutions because it only allows lawsuits against private schools and organizations and specifically exempts public schools and other public institutions. The sexual abuse of children is a social reality. It is not limited to private institutions. Any legislation that seeks to deal with this grave problem should be applied to protect victims in all institutions in society — public and private— equally.

4. SB-131 does nothing to increase penalties against the actual abusers of children. The bill allows for monetary damages to be imposed on private employers. But it does not impose any civil or criminal penalties on the perpetrator.

## Petition for the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Lauretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.