

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 4, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

Vanity of vanities! (Ecclesiastes 1:2)

Ecclesiastes is one of the most puzzling books in the Bible. From the very beginning, the author, Qoheleth, uncovers something we don't like to think about: the seeming futility of life. Material pleasures don't satisfy. Justice is rare. Death makes our accomplishments seem pointless. We feel trapped in an endless cycle, and "nothing is new under the sun" (Ecclesiastes 1:9).

But far from sounding like a disgruntled old man, Qoheleth is a brave teller of uncomfortable truths. He is aware that people may not like what he has to say, but he doesn't want anyone to ignore reality.

Qoheleth is doing more than painting a gloomy picture. His book describes a world that is closed off to God. He is showing us what life would look like without a Father in heaven who promises to hold us in the palm of his hand. But then he ends his book by telling us that we do have such a Father. "Remember your Creator," he says, "before the evil days come" (Ecclesiastes 12:1). Keep the memory of God alive so that you will be able to weather the bad times—because they will surely come. Never forget who God is and all that he has done. Never forget what he has done for *you*.

This is sound advice, but now there is more to the story. Jesus' resurrection has changed everything! He has opened the gates of heaven, and we can now experience God, not just in our memory, but alive and active in our hearts. We can experience the presence of Christ, along with his comfort, his healing power, and his wisdom in our day-to-day lives. So where Qoheleth would have said, "Remember God!" you can say, "Yes, and experience Jesus!"

Brothers and sisters, life is not futile. It may be wild and dangerous at times, but Jesus has conquered death and dispelled gloom. His promises are not vain, and his power is real. Reach out to him today, and let him show you that all is not vanity any longer.

"Praise to you, Jesus, for conquering death and for opening heaven!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, September 22, 2019

The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, Council and Court 220 will recognize parishioners who have served the Church of the Transfiguration as Christ has showed us. Through their unselfish acts of caring, concern and love for God's people and Church.

Please **SAVE THE DATE** *Sunday, September 22, 2019* and help us recognize those special persons that God has sent to us. This will be a fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss! Cost \$55.00.

**at the Regency West - Leimert Park Village
3339 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90008**

Stewardship thought

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

LUKE 12:15

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ecc 1:2, 2:21-23, Ps 90:3-17, Lk 12:13-21
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Dn 7:9-14, Lk 9:28b-36
Wednesday	Nm 131-35, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Dt 4:32-40, Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
Sunday	Wis 18:6-9, Ps 33:1-22, Lk 12:32-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday	August 3
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	August 4
8:00 AM	Intention of Julieta Reyes

Weekly Offering for July 28, 2019

\$3931.00 Tithe and Offering
38.00 Building Fund
21.00 "We Care"

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday August 17, 2019 - 9AM to 5PM

A Taste of Polynesia



AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson
in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 22, 2019. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. **Registration** will take place every Sunday August and September from 10AM to 12Noon outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

Did you know?

"If you see something, say something"

"If you see something, say something" We see this warning in airports and schools, but experts say it's also a great way for parents to think about Internet safety for their children. One of the best ways to protect children using the Internet is to actually engage with them in what they're doing: Play the games they plan, check out their profile pages with them. Discuss online respect and rules for what can and cannot be shared. Regular conversation and monitoring helps keep children safe online. For more information, read the article by Catholic News Service, "[Vigilance by parents and their children called key to safe internet use.](#)"

VIRTUS Recertification 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 Training session. Transfiguration will hold a Recertification training on Monday, August 12th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. This session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Recertification is required every four years. **Latecomers will not be admitted.** No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call the rectory to reserve a place, 323.291.1136.

Have You Been Fingerprinted?

The fingerprint dates for August are:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 2019

St. Vincent de Paul Church

621 W. Adams Blvd, L.A. 90007

For appointment call 213.749.8950 Ext.120

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle

2632 W. 15th Street, L.A. 90006

For appointment call 323.737.4730

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Michael Frierson, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Dorothy Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.