

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 5, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self. (Ephesians 4:23-24)

There are usually two sections to an epistle by St. Paul. The first section usually focuses on theological teaching, and the second section on practical living. Today's second reading is no exception.

St. Paul understood that the next step after Baptism and initial conversion was sanctification. Paul knew that we all have many valuable gifts and virtues—kindness, patience, peace, and courage. He also knew that we have many attitudes and philosophies that wage war against these gifts and virtues—anger, maybe, or resentment, lust, or selfishness.

Paul called these virtuous ways the “new self” and he called the sinful ways the “old self.” His approach to this battle is probably still the best way for us to grow in holiness. Simply put, it is “Put away the old self” and “Put on the new self” (Ephesians 4:22, 24).

Paul saw this process of “putting on and putting off” as the true battle going on in our hearts and minds. He was sure that if we could win little battles each day, then we could gradually be transformed into the very likeness of Jesus.

Thinking this way can lead us to conclude that this battle is all up to us. But that is far from the truth. Even Paul, who was as self-confident as they come, believed that he needed God's help to win the battle. That's why he liked to emphasize the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts (Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Galatians 4:6).

So be alert today and every day. Pay attention to the battle going on inside of you. Ask the Spirit to help you see why you acted with kindness and love on one occasion and why you fell to deception or resentment on another occasion. Do this every day, and ask the Spirit to strengthen you for this battle. Over time, you'll find the “new self” becoming more and more prominent.

“Lord, help me to win the spiritual battle.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, 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, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Ferdinand Foye, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan 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, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

Celebrating 20 Years
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
AT KENNETH HAHN PARK



Saturday August 18, 2018~9am to 5pm

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 23, 2018. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. **Registration** will take place Sunday August 19 and Sunday August 26 from 10AM to 12Noon outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Transfiguration School would like to thank the parishioners of Transfiguration Church for your continued generosity in supporting our school. Several months ago the school received a grant for building improvements. This summer construction began with the painting of classrooms, installation of new windows, new floors, new benches, and a new play structure. The school would like to invite you to come to a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**, on Thursday August 16th at 5PM to see all the work that has been done. Thank you again for supporting our school. We look forward to having you join us in celebrating this amazing blessing!

Stewardship Thought

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not."
 (EXODUS 16:4)

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ex 16:2-15, Ps 78:3-25, 54, Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Dn 7:9-14, Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday	Jer 30:1-22, Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Jer 31:31-34, Mt 16:13-23
Friday	2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
Saturday	Hb 1:12-2:4, Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 6:41-51

Mass Intentions

Saturday August 4
 5:15 PM Soul of Malcolm Richards

Sunday August 5
 8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
 10:00 AM Soul of Hilma King
 12:15 PM Soul of Marian Fussey

Monday August 6
 8:00 AM Souls of Wilton and Edna Brown and Intention of Barbara Liggins and Family

Tuesday August 7
 8:00 AM Souls of Herbert and Betty Brown

Saturday August 11
 5:15 PM Soul of Barbara Keys

Sunday August 12
 8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins
 10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
 12:15 PM Soul of Adeline Jackson

Weekly Offering for July 29, 2018

\$4303.25 Tithe and Offering
 28.00 Building Fund
 36.00 "We Care"

Have you been fingerprinted?

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safe guard the Children Program, "All parish/staff and volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person are required to be fingerprinted."

AUGUST FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 15, 2018	Saturday, August 18, 2018
Immaculate Conception Church	St. Michael Church
1433 James Woods Blvd., L.A.	1016 Manchester Avenue, L.A.
For appointment call 213.384.1109	For appointment call 323.753.2696

Bus Trip

Please join the Ladies of Peter Claver Court 220 on a trip to **Barona** on Saturday, August 11, 2018. For more information, please call Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Cynthia Richardson at 323.750.0723.