

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 7, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG

As the gospel writer Matthew relates it, the incident described in this weekend's Gospel is clearly symbolic. The boat represents the Church; the disciples are beaten by the winds and the waves of persecution. Jesus is not with them physically; he is in heaven, praying to the Father. However, in the hour of need he comes to them, and with his presence calms their fears and brings them peace.

The incident of Peter sinking and being saved by Jesus is probably a reference to Peter's failure during the Passion, and his restoration after the resurrection. The writer would have known this, and almost certainly had it in mind when telling this story.

In any case, Peter represents the typical disciple, caught between faith and doubt. Jesus' rebuke, 'Man of little faith! Why did you doubt?' is directed at us, who often start out courageously only to lose heart when faced with a crisis.

The prophet Elijah adopted a very militant even bloodthirsty, approach in his battle against idolatry. Now on the run for his life, he takes refuge in a cave where he is taught that God's ways are not the ways of humankind. God's approach is as gentle as a breeze.

The theme of this weekend's readings is obviously faith; yes, at times all of us doubt, myself included. During these times when our faith is tested it's nice to realize that doubt has always been part and parcel of our belief, even among the ancient prophets and the early Church. Here we need to remember what Thomas Merton said: "The person who has never doubted their faith—really has no faith at all...." Have a great week and God bless!

SCHOOL NEWS

CALLING ALL BINGO PLAYERS!

Join us this Sunday afternoon at 2 in the hall for another fun day of **Bingo**. \$10 for 10 games, plus added bonus game and 50/50. 100% of proceeds go to Transfiguration Catholic School. Your participation is appreciated.

School begins next week! Our students begin the 2011-2012 school on August 16th - we have adopted the 200 school day calendar. We are looking forward to a FABULOUS school year. We truly enjoy when you participate in and attend our school events. Please look out for information regarding upcoming events. You are always welcome to visit the school at any time.

Box Tops for Education – Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the "box top" label and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!!

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, September 4th – Red Cross Blood Drive 10:00am – 4:00pm

Sunday, September 18th – School Open House & Birthday Celebration

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:9a-13a, Ps 85:9-14, Mt 14:22-33
Monday	Dt 10:12-22, Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Dt 31:1-8, Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday	2 Cor 9:6-10, Jn 12:24-26
Thursday	Jos 3:7-17, Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Jos 24:1-13, Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Jos 24:14-29, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Is 56:1-7, Ps 67:2-8, Mt 15:21-28

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 6

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Sunday, August 7

8:00 a.m. +Kobia Lapesarde-Cherry

10:00 a.m. Int. of Liz Quinn

12:15 p.m. Int. of Jo Ann Levi

Monday, August 8

8:00 a.m. +Fay Doris Lord

Saturday, August 13

5:15 p.m. +Barbara Keys

Sunday, August 14

8:00 a.m. Int. of all Parishioners

10:00 a.m. +Peter Sr., Romalis, & Sonya Aguilar

12:15 p.m. +Gwen Harmon

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Fr. Tang's Birthday

Religious Education Registration after Mass

10:00 AM School Family Mass

12 PM Jr. Daughters Meeting

2:00 PM Bingo-hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

7:00 PM Knights Meeting

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

6:00 Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL-SJRM

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

7:00 PM Alanon-PCRM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

Mission Co-Op Collection

PARISH GATHERING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

Mission Co-Op Collection

12:00 PM Ladies Auxiliary Meeting

1:30 PM Jr. Knights Meeting-PCRM

2:00 PM Msgr. Buckley Meeting-SJRM

Religious Education Registration after Mass

PETITION FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Angelique Black, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Mary Captain, Ida Cathcart, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Myrna Cook, James Cooper, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Edith Foster, Sr. Sharon Francis, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Mary Harrison, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Angela Johnson, Mignon Johnson-Fields, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Elaine Martini, Doreen Mayers, Monique Van Noy, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Carol Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Velma Shaw, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Clara Sterling-Radcliff, Ken Ruff, Ruby Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Keith Wansell, Bridget Ward, Lubertha Weathers, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.

SAVE THE DATE:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011

JAZZ BRUNCH

12:30 PM to 4:00 PM - Donation \$50.00

*The Monsignor Buckley Endowment Fund
for Transfiguration School Presents*

**Chris Nunō Sextet, Marianne Lewis
and other Guest Artists**

Tickets on sale after Mass and in the Rectory

DID YOU KNOW!

Bullying Is a Form of Abuse

Did you know that bullying is a form of abuse, and therefore is forbidden in our Catholic schools? Bullying typically consists of direct behaviors, such as teasing, taunting, threatening, hitting, shoving and stealing. But it might also be indirect, such as spreading rumors that cause victims to be socially isolated through intentional exclusion. Cyberbullying, which involves the use of the Internet or mobile phones to send inappropriate messages and images to or about others, is also behavior that is not tolerated in our Catholic schools. If you suspect bullying of a child at school, please contact the school principal with your concerns. For particular help, you may call Assistance Ministry at 213.637.7650.

ST. VINCENT DEPAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, August 28** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick up of **ANY HEAVY** items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

FATHER MICHAEL TANG, OUR ADMINISTRATOR!



On Your Birthday August 7th

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord let his face shine upon you.

May the Lord look upon you kindly and give you peace.

May your Birthday be filled with the blessings of God.

TRANSFIGURATION PARISH GATHERING

KENNETH HAHN PARK (BROWN AREA)

"TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME"

WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BASEBALL TEAM SHIRT & CAP

Saturday, August 13th from 9am to 5pm



Featuring Transfiguration Line Dancers

GAMES-PRIZES-FOOD-FUN

Please see Deacon Greg regarding transportation.

ATTENTION

REQUEST FOR FACILITY USAGE

Effectively July 1, 2011 all calendar dates, church, hall and Pastoral Center rooms request must be in writing (**no exceptions**). A description of how you will use these rooms **must** be submitted to Jo Ann Levi in the rectory 2 weeks prior to your requested date. If you need to cancel or change a date please re-submit the date in writing. This will eliminate a lot of confusion. Please **do not** schedule a date before checking with Jo Ann in the rectory at 323.291.1136.

BULLETIN & PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Effectively July 1, 2011 all bulletin and pulpit announcements must be **WRITTEN** by the organization, individual or community partners and submitted to Jo Ann Levi in writing **2 weeks** prior to making the announcement. If there are any questions please contact the rectory at 323.291.1136.

VIRTUS TRAINING DOCUMENTATION

All adults who work with or around children are required to attend a VIRTUS Training Program and receive certification. If you have received VIRTUS Certification or Re-Certification Training at a site outside Transfiguration, please bring your certificate to the Parish Office to be recorded. It is important we document your training certificate to comply with Archdiocese guidelines.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON GREG!

The Sixth Annual Peter Claver Awards Program will be held the evening of Saturday, November 19, 2011 at California State University, Dominguez Hills. This year one of the recipient will be Deacon Gregory J. Patterson, ASBS for his significant contribution to the spiritual enrichment of the lives of African American Catholics. For ticket information contact Mabel Simon, Thelma Foye, or Deacon Greg.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE AUGUST 14, 2011

8:00 AM

Delisa Madere
Derek Madere
Matthew Madere
Kalaya Morack

10:00 AM

Latoya Chimilio
Thea Chimilio
Antonio Sutton
Keisha Manning

12:15 PM

Nicholas Godfrey
Zoe Sims
Logan Bush
Allison Brown
Alexis Brown