

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 10, 2017

Greetings.

You . . . I have appointed watchman. (Ezekiel 33:7)

Just as God appointed Ezekiel as a watchman for “the house of Israel,” so has he appointed parents to watch over their own “house,” their family (Ezekiel 33:7). Like a prophet, their role is to hear from God, to encourage their children, to warn them about sin, and to help them live in a way that pleases the Lord. This call isn’t limited to parents, either. God wants all of us to be looking out for each other.

Being a watchman can feel overwhelming. The very word “watch” means to guard and protect. In the case of parents especially, God has entrusted them with their children’s physical welfare and their eternal welfare. How can anyone ever live up to such expectations?

Through intercession. Parents know they cannot control every aspect of their children’s lives. There are limits to their influence, especially as their children mature and strike out on their own. But there is no limit to the power of prayer!

Interceding for your family is not a waste of time. You may have a very long list if you include your brothers and sisters and your grandchildren. Still, make it a point to pray for each of them by name, and be specific about the intention you are praying for. Then, offer a prayer for everyone: “Lord, protect and guide my family. Bless them and protect them from evil. Fill them with your peace and your love.”

How powerful are the prayers of a watchman? Just ask Jesus. On the night before he died, he prayed for the strength to endure the cross. He prayed for the protection of his apostles. He prayed for all of us (John 17:1-26). Two thousand years later, his prayers are still being answered.

So imitate Jesus, the great Watchman of his Church. Commit your family to the care of your heavenly Father. God will never let you down.

“Lord, help me to watch over my family. I trust in your protection.”

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Willie Goods, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Happy Grandparents Day

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-9, Mt 18:15-20
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3, Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Nm 21:4-9, Jn 3:13-17
Friday	1Tm 1:1-14, Jn 19:25-27
Saturday	1Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Sir 27:30-28:7, Ps 103:1-12, Mt 18:21-35

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 9
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 10
8:00 AM Soul of Adelaida Sanchez
10:00 AM Soul of Yula Wilkes
12:15 PM Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

Saturday September 16
5:15 PM Soul of Milton Keys

Sunday September 17
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

Weekly Offering

September 3, 2017

\$8,664.00 Tithe and Offering
105.00 Building Fund
56.00 "We Care"



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Cheryl Patterson-Sims and Joyce Hithe* in memory of the **PATTERSON FAMILY, TRACY HALL AND NATHAN SIMS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

ATTENTION

The *Ladies Auxiliary* will meet on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 3PM until 5PM in the parish hall.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 17, 2017

10AM SCHOOL FAMILY MASS
& FUNDRAISER IN HALL AFTER ALL MASSES.

All are invited!

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period begins this Sunday. Anyone wishing to become Catholic; receive the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or renew your Catholic Faith may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696. Registration will take place on September 10 and 17, 2017. Classes begin October 1, 2017.

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 24, 2017. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. **EVERY CATHOLIC WOMAN IS A MEMBER AND THERE ARE NO DUES**. The next gathering will be Friday, September 15, 2017 at Ascension Catholic Church, 517 W. 112th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044. The day begins at 9:30AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome. Please see our parish representative **Helen Argusta** if you have any questions.

Las Vegas Casino Trip

Join the fun...Las Vegas Casino trip to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino on **October 23, 24, 25, 2017**. For more information call 213.369.4889.

Stewardship Thought

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

Did You Know?

Teens and tweens typically like to push boundaries and test their limits, but the new trend of taking dangerous selfies has led to several tragedies. There are far too many people who think that taking a picture while driving, or standing out on a ledge, is more important than their own safety, and that getting "likes" on a photo makes the risks worth it. Talk to your kids about safety, smart choices, and being aware of their environment and surroundings, even when they're using their smartphones. For a copy of the VIRTUS© online article "Selfies are More Dangerous than You Think," email jvienna@la-archdiocese.org or call 213.637.7227.