

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

13 September 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

Peter ... began to rebuke him. (Mark 8:32)

Peter has a striking insight and dares to express it to Jesus. "You are the Messiah!" he affirms. In Matthew's account, Jesus calls Simon "blessed" for being open to divine revelation (Matthew 16:13-19, 17). However, Jesus doesn't let Peter bask in this moment. Right away, he begins to describe what being God's Anointed means: suffering and death for Jesus, and for his followers as well.

Peter's reaction is swift and understandable: horror. Jesus in turn rebukes him for thinking like a human being rather than thinking like God. Peter has begun to see things from God's perspective, and that should change everything.

Next, Jesus calls Peter to leadership. But Peter has to understand that leading doesn't mean lording it over others but laying down his life for them (Mark 10:42-45). He can't be a leader like this based on his own strength and wisdom. He must lay these things at Christ's feet and receive God's gifts of a new heart, a new mind, and a new way of life.

One way of taking up our cross is to put aside our natural but fallen ways of thinking and ask God to help us see things as he does. The obvious example here is that suffering and death aren't the ultimate evil; far worse are sin and failure to do God's will.

What other ways of thinking might you need to adjust? Perhaps the judgment that this (career or security) is very important or that (taking care of home and children or keeping church laws) is not so important. Perhaps the commonsense but inadequate approach is that I can't love others unless I first love myself; that my needs, then the needs of my family, come before the claims of the poor; or that material needs are more fundamental than spiritual ones.

Spend a few moments today asking God to show you one way in which you need to change your mind so that you can make room for his way of thinking.

"Father, open up to me the riches of your wisdom. I want to see everything and everyone as you see them."

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Frank Smith, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Theresa Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 12
5:15 PM Intention of Hubert Clark, Jr.
Sunday September 13
8:00 AM Soul of Mrs. Willa Morton
10:00 AM Souls of Amy, Sonia and Victor Barnett
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Tuesday September 15
8:00 AM Souls of Preston, Rosa and Dante Thompson
Saturday September 19
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday September 20
8:00 AM Soul of Karen Lee
10:00 AM Soul of Milton Keys
12:15 PM Soul of Gilbert Leon

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 50:5-9a, Ps 116:1-9, Mk 8:27-35
Monday Nm 21st4b-9, Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday 1 Tm 3:1-13, Jn 19:25-27
Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16, Lk 7:31-35
Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50
Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday Wis 2:12-20, Ps 54:3-8, Mk 9:30-37

Weekly Collection September 7, 2015

\$8,226.32 Tithe and Offering
47.00 Building Fund
50.00 "We Care"

The School Collection for the month of August was \$2,029.55.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women 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 meeting will be held, Friday, September 18, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1016 W. Manchester Avenue in Los Angeles. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are Welcome.

RCIA Inquiry

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic? "Come and See" Inquiry group will meet every Sunday in September after the 10:00 AM Mass. See Anita Thomas in the patio area.

Bishop Alemany High School 7th/8th grade students invites you to join them for their Jr. High Homecoming Social on Friday, September 18th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. For more information please contact 818.837.5222 or 818.837.5224 or download a permission slip from www.alemany.org

Catechetical Sunday September 20, 2015

10AM School Family Mass and Fundraiser.

All are invited.

SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 18, 2015

The Knights of Peter Claver "Ladies Auxiliary" Transfiguration Court 220

Jazz Lunch at Transfiguration Parish Hall

More details coming soon.



THE JR. DAUGHTERS of TRANSFIGURATION COURT 220

invite you to celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 13, 2015, after all Masses in the Parish Hall for a hosted complimentary Tea. Please join us as we celebrate, honor and show love to Grandparents.

Thanks to Transfiguration Parish Community!

Mardi Gras Madness was a great success! We want to thank the entire Transfiguration parish family for their support in helping to make this year's Church Picnic a wonderful and enjoyable gathering. It was a pleasure to see so many present of all ages, from our youngest parishioners to our super seniors. Know that we could not have put on this event without our parish family contributing their Time, Talent and Treasures. Special thanks to our business contributors i.e. Holy Cross Mortuary, Jewell Cleaners, Bourbon Street Fish & Grill, Henry Marine Sausage, and Jervis Ferguson Foundation. Additionally, thanks to all the parishioners who provided delicious dishes, to the school parents, and the organizations/ministries for their donations, contributions and collaborations. A very special thank you to Assemblymember Sebastian Ridley-Thomas, Fifty Fourth Assembly District, for his presence and for acknowledging Transfiguration as a pillar in the community for many years. Again, thanks to all and stay tune for next year!!!!

~Blessings, from Deacon Greg Patterson, Sharron Eason and Ella Harley,