

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 2, 2012

From the Pastor's Desk

The primary reason all of us come to church is to worship God. Jesus said of the Pharisees: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are distant from me." Hence, the worship of the Pharisees was both hollow and empty. This is a danger that faces us too; we all need to be people who are authentic and we need to live out this integrity daily in our lives. This weekend we resume the reading of Mark's Gospel and we hear about a controversy over ritual cleanliness.

All three readings tie in with one another. In the First Reading Moses urges the people to be faithful to God's Law, without adding to it or subtracting from it. The Law is not a burden to be endured, but a source of life and wisdom. However, the Gospel shows what actually happened in practice. To the Law of God (given through Moses) the people added their own traditions, which came to be regarded as equally authoritative and binding. Worse, they got in the way of the original Law of God.

Here, the Gospel writer Mark is making clear to Gentile Christians that being followers of Christ does not involve an observance of Jewish practices. The Second Reading shows the essential link between faith and love. Nothing could be more practical than this. Nowhere is the way to sanctity so clearly indicated.

This weekend marks the end of summer for all of us! As you might know, summer ended two weeks ago for the children in our school who have started back. It's now September, which means that our annual Jazz Brunch is around the corner. This year we are happy to welcome The Creole Chef as our caterer. For your entertainment, we welcome back singer Marianne Lewis and Chris Nuno's band, "Electric Spaghetti."

Tickets will sell out fast for this popular event. As this is a fundraiser for our school, don't wait long to buy your ticket and encourage friends and family to attend. Happy Labor Day weekend everyone!

Fr. Michael Hays

Petition for the Sick

Eddie Aguilar, Virgie Aguillar, Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Veronica Bearce, Stephanie Bell, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Mary Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Joyce Burnett, Brownie Cain, Dorothy Campbell, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Clyde Clayton, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, Jan Harvey, Lee Harrison, Donovan Haynes, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laretta Jackson Angela Johnson, Ellis Jones, Robert Jordan, Elizabeth Labrae, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sr. Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Yvonne Morgan, Muriel Meyers, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Lanny Ross, Barbara Samuels, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Stan Robottom, Ken Ruff, Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Curtis Tureaud, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Patricia Williams.

Up Coming Event



JAZZ BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

Featuring

**ELECTRIC SPAGHETTI BAND
& Catering by THE CREOLE CHEF**

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM (Doors open at 12:30 PM)

*The Monsignor Buckley Endowment
for Transfiguration School*

TICKETS \$45.00 & ON SALE AFTER MASS
Masses at 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Only

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, August 28, 2011

\$3728.00 Sacrificial Gift
291.40 Building Fund
166.51 "We Care"

Sunday, August 26, 2012

\$2857.38 Sacrificial Gift
257.53 Building Fund
147.16 "We Care"



**School Collection for the month of
August was \$1,854.50. Thank you for your generosity.**

*Consider remembering your parish in your will.
For further information, please call the church office.*

*Celebrating **75** Years*
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

New Student Testing & Guided Tours

- Sunday, September 16, 2012 at 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, October 7, 2012 at 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, November 4, 2012 at 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, December 2, 2012 at 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 2:00 PM**
- Sunday, February 2, 2013 at 2:00 PM**

To schedule an appointment for testing, a tour of the school, or get information regarding tuition, contact Mrs. Crockett in the school office at 323.292.3011.

BINGO this **Sunday afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 PM** in the Parish Hall. Bring a friend!

Our school has started its **1st Fundraiser – Gift Wrap!** If you would like to support the school, stop by the school office to make your purchase.

VIRTUS Training – Tuesday, September 4 and Thursday September 13, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Each adult volunteering must submit to the school certification of completion of the VIRTUS training program prior to volunteering.

We're celebrating **Grandparents Day** early! Stop by Parish Hall for a Special Treat!

Special thanks: goes out to the Msgr. Buckley Foundation for their generous check of \$3649.00. This was proceeds from the Jazz Brunch and Zydeco dance in 2011-12 school year. The money will be used to help pay for new books for the 2012-13 school year.

Thank you to: Mrs. Rhodes, Mrs. Rickenbacker, Ms. Beo and Mrs. Barbarin for your paper donation. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

PAPER DONATION: We are in need of copy paper. If you can assist, please contact the office at 323.292.3011. We truly appreciate you help!

Harvest Festival: Saturday, November 3rd at 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM. You've all heard by now about the great plans that are underway for this year's harvest festival!

Look out for new things like:

BACHELOR/BACHELORETTE AUCTION LUNCHES,
 ORGANIC FARMERS MARKET, WHITE ELEPHANT
 AUCTIONS & COMMUNITY ENTERTAINMENT.

KEEP WATCHING! MORE TO COME!

PTO – Harvest Festival Chair – Stephanie Moore

Labor Day – Monday, September 3rd

The parish and school offices will be closed in observance of this holiday.

Saturday	September 1
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Romana Alexander
Sunday	September 2
8:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Intention of Helen Argusta
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Michele Starks
Thursday	September 6
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Nsaka Kaninda
Friday	September 7
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Chester Keyes
Saturday	September 8
5:15 p.m.	Soul of Mabel, Theodore Darenbourg
Sunday	September 9
8:00 a.m.	Soul of Fred Davidson
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Souls of Joni, Jack and Janet Kershaw

Readings for the week

Sunday	Dt 4:1-8, Ps 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10b-16, Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-23
Sunday	Is 35:4-7a, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 7:31-37

The Annual “Celebration of Cultures” Mass

Celebrate with Prayers, Songs, and Culture Expressions at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels on Saturday, September 8, 2012. Call to Worship at 9:45 AM. Principal Celebrant, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez.

Child Care during Mass

We NEED your HELP!!!! We want to add child care during the 10:00 AM Mass so parents will be encouraged to come to church and hear God's message to them, while their children are safely cared for. If you would be willing to help with child care one Sunday a month, please call the rectory and let Jo Ann know or call Jan Llewellyn at 626.840.8210 with questions, suggestions or to volunteer. THANKS in advance!!!

Sentinel Subscription Drive

As you know, Transfiguration has an ongoing fundraiser to sell newspaper subscriptions to the Los Angeles Sentinel. In return, the Sentinel will give us 20% of the sales money collected. We are pleased to announce that we have received another two checks, totaling \$300.00 from our August subscriptions. Thank you for your continued support.

Affordable Care Act

Please join the ONE LA Action on Health Care Reform on **Thursday, September 6, 2012.** The meeting will be held at **7:00 PM** at the California Endowment, 1000 North Alameda St., Los Angeles. The California Secretary of Health and Human Services and Exchange Chairperson, Diana Dooley and LA County Director of Health Services, Dr. Mitch Katz will be there to hear concerns and to answer questions involving the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in California for insured and uninsured individuals.

More Parish News

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for a few good men and women who wish to be members of the "Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion." We see you sitting in the pews each Saturday and Sunday and we want you to consider joining us. It is a ministry of administration of Holy Communion during the Mass and a ministry of bringing the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ to the people of God. If you are fifteen years of age or older, baptized and confirmed catholic, faithfully participate in the Sunday Eucharist and sincerely try to live the Gospel message, we want you, and our parish families need you. Please sincerely consider being part of this ministry group. There will be a mandatory meeting on Saturday, September 15th at 10:00 AM in the Church for all existing and new candidates. If you sincerely consider being part of this ministry and have questions, please see a minister in the sanctuary or patio area after each Mass. You may also call the Rectory 323.291.1136, and leave your name and telephone number. We look forward to hearing from you.

Religious Education

We invite all Public School Students ~ Kindergarten through High School to attend the Religious Education Program. The program includes First Communion and Confirmation preparation. Registration will take place on all Sundays in August and September 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon next to the hall in the lunch area. Please bring student's Baptism Certificate.

Altar Server Schedule September 8 & 9, 2012

5:15 PM

Joshua Green
Carl Clay
Arianna Foster

8:00 AM

Delisa Madere
Derek Madere
Noelle London

10:00 AM

Anthony Roque
Gilberto Gonzales
Maurice Burnett

12:15 PM

Emilio Ramirez
Logan Bush
Zakiya Pleasant
Hadiya Pleasant

Archdiocese of Los Angeles "*Safeguard the Children Program*"

Who should be Fingerprinted and VIRTUS Trained?

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" is required to be fingerprinted and take the VIRTUS Training by the Archdiocese. We are advising all Finance and Parish Councils, Knights and Ladies of Peter Claver, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Choir Members, Musicians, Ushers, Religious Education Team, Baptism Team, RCIA Team, Youth Ministry, and those adults who help with Altar Servers must be fingerprinted and must also attend a VIRTUS Training session.

VIRTUS Training at Transfiguration

Tuesday, September 4 or Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

This is a 3 hour Protecting God's Children Certification session in the hall. Please be on time!!!

Contact the rectory office for more information and to sign up for these classes.

VIRTUS Training Documentation

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.

Did You Know?

Fall means back to school for children and back to work for those who have been on vacation. Amidst the hustle and bustle of this season, let us all keep sight of the importance of keeping our children and young people safe from danger.

Safeguard the Children Committees have been established in parishes throughout the Los Angeles Archdiocese.

These committees help ensure that all children and youth experience safe environments in all parish activities and events.

For more information, call the parish office or the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program Office, 213.637.7227.