

# Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

20 September 2015

## From the Administrator's Desk

*Where do the conflicts among you come from? (James 4:1)*

Our minds have the capacity to do amazing things. They can imagine, memorize, reason, and choose. We use them to solve complex problems, to imagine new possibilities, and to enjoy the beauty of a sunrise. What an awesome gift!

But Scripture tells us that, because of sin, our minds also have a dark side. And sometimes, that dark side causes us to say and do hurtful things. Today's first reading, for instance, talks about a war in our minds between darker elements like jealousy or selfish ambition and lighter elements like purity and mercy.

Today's Gospel has a similar theme. It tells how the apostles were fighting about which one of them was the greatest. You can just hear Peter, saying, "Jesus told me I was the rock," while John replies, "But Jesus called me the beloved apostle," and Andrew says, "Don't forget, I was the first apostle. I've been with him the longest." It can sound a bit silly, but we, too, do this kind of thing, and this is the kind of thing James is talking about.

The problem, James tells us, is that we have a tendency to let our minds roam wherever they want to go. If we don't keep a watch on them, they can wander into the darker areas of our hearts and begin conjuring all kinds of self-centered thoughts.

So here is a little plan to help you keep watch on your mind. Step One is to fill it with thoughts about the Lord every morning and at regular points throughout the day. Step Two is ... well, there is no Step Two. Jesus is all we need!

Filling your mind with Jesus – through the sacraments, prayer, hymns, or Scripture – will dramatically affect the way you think and act. So be disciplined. Spend at least fifteen minutes exclusively with the Lord every morning. Then stop periodically during the day to turn back to the Lord. You will see those darkside drives to sin melt away.

*"Jesus, help me say no to every temptation to sin."*

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, Briana Katz, Leah Kelley, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred 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 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

**Friday September 25**  
8:00 AM Souls Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

**Saturday September 26**  
5:15 PM Soul of Robert Evans

**Sunday September 27**  
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners  
10:00 AM Soul of Mary Ann Mayer  
12:15 PM Soul of Theodore Leon, Sr. & Jr.

### Readings for the week

**Sunday** Wis 2:12-20, Ps 54:3-8, Mk 9:30-37  
**Monday** Eph 4:1-13, Mt 9:9-13  
**Tuesday** Ezr 6:7-20, Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday** Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday** Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday** Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22  
**Saturday** Zec 2:5-15a, Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday** Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8-14, Mk 9:38-48

### 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.

### RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...  
Tuesday, October 6 "Salvation History" by Fr. Stanley Ihuoma and Tuesday, October 20 "How do Catholics Interpret the Bible?" by Fr. Michael Okechukwu at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

### Doggie Sitters

Our resident, Fr. Mike McCullough has several "doggie sitters" for his beagle, "lady." He could still use a couple more, since his schedule often changes on short notice. If you would be willing to be called upon to "doggie sit" his wonderful beagle, please contact Fr. Mike at 310.625.0039. Thank you.

### Weekly Collection September 13, 2015

\$5,499.00 Tithes and Offering  
412.00 Building Fund  
54.00 "We Care"

## SAVE THE DATES

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

*Jazz Lunch October 18, 2015*

Transfiguration Parish Hall

*More details coming soon.*

## AND

Annual "Pray for a Cure for Cancer Mass"

*Saturday, October 24, 2015 at 12:30 PM*

at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels.

*For more information, please contact Dn. Mark or Vickie Race at 310.259.6430.*

### SAINTS OF THE WEEK

**September 21<sup>st</sup>** – St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, who composed his Gospel in ca. 85A.D. and intended for a largely Jewish-Christian audience seeking to portray Christianity as consistent with the "winged human being" (cf. Ezekiel 1). He is said to have preached in Judea and in Ethiopia where he was martyred. He is the patron of accountants and customs officers.

**September 23<sup>rd</sup>** – St. Pius of Pietrelcina, a priest ("Padre Pio"). He was born Francesco Forgione in 1887 in a small village of Pietrelcina. A Capuchin (O.F.M. Cap.) Priest who received the stigmata (nail marks of Christ crucified). He spent 50 years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo. He was highly sought after as a spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor. He was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. He died September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1968 at age 81. Pope John Paul II added him to the General Roman Calendar in June, 2002. He is the patron saint of civil defense volunteers and Catholic adolescents.

**September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Sts. Cosmas and Damian, martyrs, who were martyred ca. 300A.D. at Cyrrhus in Syria. They were brother physicians known as the "moneyless ones" for their gratuitous care of the sick; named in the Roman Canon (First Eucharistic Prayer); patrons of physicians, surgeons, druggists, barbers, and the blind.