

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 September 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Conduct yourselves in a way worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27)

Paul speaks today about his desire to bring glory to Jesus by the way he thinks and acts. Don't his words about Christ being "magnified" in his body sound a lot like Mary's desire to magnify the Lord (Philippians 1:20; Luke 1:46)? Essentially, Paul was telling the Philippians that he would rather die than live so that he could be in heaven with Jesus. And yet he was still committed to serving the Church until the day when the Lord would call him home. He was content either way, for in both situations he was magnifying the Lord. This kind of thinking runs opposite to our normal philosophy, doesn't it? We typically prefer living. We usually have fears about dying, about the unknown, and about judgment day. We also tend to be a little more self-concerned than Paul seems in this passage! Still, we may not be in as bad shape as we think. Deep down, beyond the fear and the selfishness, we all sense that heaven will be fantastic. We sense that meeting Jesus face-to-face will be the best moment of our lives. Sometimes, we even find ourselves thinking, "I can't wait to go to heaven!" Those aren't just random theological thoughts, either. They have a direct bearing on our everyday lives. This is especially true with parents. Think about how, in spite of their occasional selfishness, mothers and fathers pour out their lives for their children. They devote so much time, energy, and money to their families. Like Paul, they prefer to stay where they are so that they can continue to serve and form their children. This is why it is critical for parents to conduct themselves in a way worthy of the gospel. The jury may be out on "trickle-down economics," "but trickle-down parenting" works. Parents who love Jesus, who honor each other, who pray together, and who train their children in virtue will see their children flourish.

"Lord, show me how to magnify your life for the benefit of my family."

Saints of the Week

September 21st – 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 Aramaic and Jewish tradition. He is symbolized by 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. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday]

September 23rd – 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 23rd, 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 26th – 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.

September 27th – St. Vincent de Paul, priest who renewed the clergy and defended the poor and the abandoned. In 1625, he founded the "Congregation of the Missions" (Vincentians) today numbering ca 4,000 members – mission preachers and seminary educators; and with St. Louise de Marillac (March 15) founded the "Daughters of Charity," patron of charities, of hospitals, of prisoners, and of the Malagasy Republic (Madagascar).

September 28th – St. Wenceslaus, martyr and St. (Lawrence) Lorenzo Ruiz and companions, martyrs. St. Wenceslaus, duke of Bohemia, martyred in 969 at age 22yrs; sought to bring faith to his people; killed by his pagan brother, Boleslaus, who was deceived into believing that his brother was going to kill him. Wenceslaus is patron of the Czech Republic and Slovakia. St. Lorenza Ruiz and 16 Dominicans and tertiaries were martyred between 1633-1637 from Nagasaki, Japan. They included nine Japanese, four Spaniards, one Frenchman, one Italian, and one Filipino, Lorenzo Ruiz, the father of a family and protomartyr of the Philippines. After enduring horrible tortures, their bodies were burned and their ashes were scattered by the Ruler, Tokugawa Yemitsu. They were canonized October 18th, 1987. [not observed this year as it occurs on a Sunday.]

Called to Serve,

~ Deacon Mark Race

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 20
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 21
8:00 AM Intention of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM Soul of Milton Keys
12:15 PM Soul of Herman Captain

Monday September 22
8:00 AM Soul of Eldridge Dufauchard, Sr.

Thursday September 25
8:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Saturday September 27
5:15 PM Soul of Grace Populus

Sunday September 28
8:00 AM Soul of Elena Nunze
10:00 AM Intention of Ray Grant
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-18, Mt 20:1-16a
Monday Prv 3:27-34, Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday Prv 21:1-13, Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday Prv 30:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
Thursday Eccl 1:2-11, Lk 9:7-9
Friday Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22
Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8, Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday Ez 18:25-28, Ps 125:4-9, Mt 21:28-32

9th ANNUAL “Pray for a Cure for Cancer Mass & Anointing of the Sick”

Deacon Mark & Vickie will be offering this Mass on October 11, 2014 at 12:30 PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. We are inviting you, your love ones and friends who need prayer or need to pray for someone who is suffering to be present to entrust God to cure cancer: ...FOR NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD Lk 2:37. Please place the names of people that need prayer for cancer in the **SPECIAL BINDER** that will be taken to the Cathedral. There will be a bus leaving from Transfiguration at 11:00 AM. Sign-up sheets are located at the patio side exit. If you would like to usher at this Mass and/or for more information, please contact Vickie Race at 310-259-6430.

Thank you

Tina Peters would like to thank **ALL** Transfiguration parishioners who have prayed for her during the last year. Your prayers have truly been answered.

September 14, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$5,008.97 Tithe and Offering
375.25 Building Fund
214.43 “We Care”



Reserve Corps of St. Michael Retreat

A retreat is a time of spiritual renewal and loving introspection. I say “loving” introspection for if we don’t have a certain affection and caring for ourselves, how can we “love others as we love ourselves” as Jesus commanded us to do. Where is God in my life these days? Am I tuned in to my loving Father’s call for me and what is that call? What are my gifts? How am I using them? These questions and more will be the subject of our annual one day retreat, on Saturday, October 4th from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM, hosted by the Reserve Corps of St. Michael prayer group. The cost for the day is \$35.00 and includes lunch. We will meet in Culver City at Marycrest Manor. Some carpooling will be available. Space is limited. Anyone interested in attending should contact Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

Thank You, Fr. Mike McCullough

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylrdre Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Lolita Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

Dog Sitting Help

Fr. Mike McCullough is looking for several individuals who would be willing to doggie sit with his beagle “*Lady*”, sometimes. If interested, please call 213.359.8824.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Would you or someone you know like to become a Catholic? Are you Catholic, but have not had all the Sacraments? Inquiring sessions will be on Sundays of September 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2014 after the 10:00 AM Mass in the church. In John 1:37-46, Jesus invites us to “Come and See”. Please call the rectory at 323.291.1136 or see Anita Thomas for more information.

TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL NEWS

Support our Athletes!

Our Barbeque Fundraiser will return on Sunday October 5, 2014...

We will have Ribs, Links, and Chicken available. The cost of a dinner will range between \$10.00 & \$13.00. Homemade peach cobbler and brownies will also be available. Be sure to save room for dessert! All proceeds will benefit our Sports Banquet in the Spring.

School Drumline & Cheerleaders

will perform at St. Bernard Football Games on **October 3, 30, November 7 & 8, 2014 at 3:00 PM**