

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2011

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MICHAEL TANG

The parable of the two sons, which we hear this weekend, was addressed to the chief priests and elders of the people. Its purpose was to defend Jesus' invitation of sinners and outcasts to the Kingdom, in the face of the sneers of the religious establishment. As one might guess, the parable outraged the religious people.

The first son represents sinners. Like him they originally chose to go their own way but then repented and took God's way, and so gained entry into the Kingdom. The second son represents the chief priests and elders. Like him they promised to work for God but failed to do so, and so have excluded themselves from the Kingdom. Repentance is a necessary disposition for entry into the Kingdom. The theme of sin and repentance is also dealt with in the First Reading from the prophet Ezekiel.

This parable also echoes a favorite theme of the gospel writer Matthew: the split in the religious person between saying and doing. Hence, its relevance for 'religious' people in every age.

Congratulations once again to the Msgr. Buckley Endowment Committee and to its Chairman, Tony Colvin for putting on a fantastic Jazz Brunch last weekend! We met our goal and then some.....Thanks also to all the parents of our school children who volunteered to work the event. My special gratitude goes to Chris Nuño and his Quintet who practiced for months to make this Jazz Brunch even better than last year. The event wouldn't have been what it was without our performers; thank you Marianne Lewis, Shawn Moore, Oscar Pratt and Ida Wycliff! Have a great week everyone!

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Yolanda Anderson, LaVern Agnew, Oliver Bartholomew, Booker T. Ball, Edgar Banks, Timothy Baker, Sr. Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Bernard Byars, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Ida Cathcart, Katherine Clark, Lois Gomes Clark, Myrna Cook, James Cooper, Shirley Dieudonne, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Sr. Sharon Francis, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Gloria Fuller, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Catherine Green, John Grossman, Mary Harrison, Pat Hernandez, Marion Hernandez, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laretta Jackson, Angela Johnson, Mignon Johnson-Fields, Irwin Lagarde, Connie Louie, Sr. Marianna, Vydred Manor, Elaine Martini, Doreen Mayers, Ivonne Morgan, James U. Mundy II, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Carol Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Evelyn Roach, Velma Shaw, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Shirley Spicer, Darnell Stang, Wilbur Starks, Ken Ruff, Ruby Alice Tenette, Louise Thomas, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Bridget Ward, Lubertha Weathers, Leon Williams, Lilla Williams, and Agnes Wilson.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 24

5:15 p.m. +Elsie Jourdain

Sunday, September 25

8:00 a.m. +Velma Moseley

10:00 a.m. +Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Monday, September 26

8:00 a.m. Int. of Ivonne Morgan

Friday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Int. of Ivonne Morgan

Saturday, October 1

5:15 p.m. Int. of all Parishioners

Sunday, October 2

8:00 a.m. +Wendell Lagarde, Sr.

10:00 a.m. +Elsie Jourdain

12:15 p.m. Int. of Anthony Young, Sr.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Jr. Daughters Tea Party after all Masses

2:00 PM Pastoral Council Meeting

10:30 AM-12:00 PM Religious Education Class
Religious Ed Registration after Mass-School Bldg.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00 PM Religious Education Class-PCRm

6:30 PM CCL-SJRM

6:30 PM Line Dancing-hall

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

7:00 PM Alanon-PCRm

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 be meeting on Sunday's after the 10:00 AM Mass. Please contact the rectory to register.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND AT 2PM IN THE PATIO!

Transfiguration will have a blessing of the animals/pets on Sunday, October 2nd at 2 p.m. The parish held their 1st ceremony last year and it was very well-received.

The Blessing of the Animals is an annual event in which animals receive God's blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals. His feast day is celebrated October 4th.

The short ceremony will take place in the patio. It is open to people of any and all faiths who would like to have their animals blessed by Fr. Tang.

HOWLETT SMITH'S NEW MUSICAL

Transfigurations' own Howlett Smith has composed a new musical called "Los Angeles, My Home." "Los Angeles, My Home" is a brilliant panoramic history of the City of The Angels. It will be presented at the Wilshire United Methodist Church, 4350 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, on Sunday, October 16 at 4:30 PM. Admission fee is \$15.00 per person. For more information, contact Dr. Gwen Wyatt at 323.292.9227. CDs of the musical are available now in our rectory.

Coming Soon!

"An Evening of Music with Oscar Pratt and Friends"

Enjoy an evening with **Oscar Pratt**- a singer of Great and Beautiful Songs.

BENEFIT CONCERT

Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 4:30 PM

DONATION \$20.00

Transfiguration Parish Hall

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday Ez 18:25-28, Ps 25:4-9, Mt 21:28-32
Monday Zec 8:1-8, Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday Zec 8:20-23, Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday Neh 2:1-8, Lk 9:57-62
Thursday Dn 7:9-14, Jn 1:47-51
Friday Bar 1:15-22, Lk 10:13-16
Saturday Bar 4:5-29, Lk 10:17-24
Sunday Is 5:1-7, Ps 80:9-20, Mt 21:33-43

SCHOOL NEWS

SAVE THE DATES:

Family Mass - Sunday October 2 School Family Mass at 10 AM

Bingo- Sunday October 2 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

High School Night - Thursday October 13 at 6:00 PM in the hall

E-WASTE COLLECTION – SATURDAY OCTOBER 15

Bring your electronic items such as TV's, VCR's, phones, and toasters etc. We will be in the schoolyard to collect items from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

HARVEST FESTIVAL SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

Bring the family to enjoy games, good food and fun from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Our school is collecting Box Tops as an ongoing fundraiser. If you purchase participating products, please remove the **"BOX TOP" LABEL** and turn it into the school. Each box top is equivalent to \$0.10. If we all work together, the amount collected could really add up. This is a fundraiser that allows you to support the school without spending any extra money!



CALLING ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS!

Religious Education registration for all students from Kindergarten to High School will take place this Sunday from 10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon. Classes includes: First Communion and Confirmation preparation.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONGRESS

Our Lady of the Angles Region in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to the Annual Regional Congress, Saturday October 22nd from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The congress will take place at St. Mary's Academy in Inglewood. This year's Theme: Live the Freedom of the Spirit. To request a registration book call 310.216.9587 or register at <http://www.la-archdiocese.org>

DENIM & DIAMONDS DANCE

The Knights of Peter Claver, **Ladies Auxiliary of Transfiguration** will be hosting the 1st Annual Denim and Diamonds Dance on Saturday, October 15 in the parish hall from 7:00 PM to midnight. There will be complimentary appetizers; A no-Host Bar; and a Fashion Competition in three categories: Best Western Dressed; Blingiest Bling; and Most Original Outfit. Proceeds will help support needs of the Parish and School. Tickets are \$20 and will be on sale after Masses or call Geraldine Buffett at 310.323.9491 or Geri Richardson 310.671.2569.

SAVE THE DATE:

Sunday, November 20th

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Altar Society needs volunteers to help clean the church on Saturdays. Please call the rectory at 323.291.1136 to schedule your availability.

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, September 19, 2010
\$5,074.04 Sacrificial Gift
271.85 Building Fund
163.11 "We Care"

SACRIFICIAL GIFTS

Sunday, September 18, 2011
\$3,090.14 Sacrificial Gift
251.85 Building Fund
143.91 "We Care"