

Twenty~second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 3, 2017

Greetings.

You are thinking . . . (Matthew 16:23)

Poor Peter! He had just confessed that Jesus was the “Messiah, the Son of the living God,” and Jesus had just congratulated him for his keen insight (Matthew 16:16). Surely Peter was elated. But just moments later, Jesus is rebuking him in the harshest terms for trying to keep him from the cross. “Get behind me, Satan,” he says. “You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do” (16:23). Can you imagine how frustrated Peter must have felt?

What caused Jesus to change his tone so quickly? On both occasions, Peter had only good intentions. On both occasions, he was trying to do the right thing. What happened?

This story tells us that our minds can be influenced by God one moment and by the devil in the very next moment, and we may not be able to tell the difference. It tells us that we need to learn how to reason in faith, or how to think “as God does,” if we want to see our spiritual lives grow (Matthew 16:23).

Peter probably reflected on these two events. He must have asked, “Why did Jesus commend me here but rebuke me there?” He must have asked Jesus to help him. Over time, he learned more and more about the way God thinks. Over time, he became more able to understand God’s mind and to live a life that reflected God’s plan. How else could he have become one of the wisest and most devoted members of the early Church?

Here is a good way to sharpen your ability to reason in faith. Every day, take one situation and ask, “Jesus, what would you do here?” This simple little prayer can open the door to God’s grace and change the way you think. Scripture promises that you can “be transformed by the renewal of your mind” (Romans 12:2). With time, patience, and practice, you can come to discern what is “good and pleasing and perfect” in every situation (12:2).

“Lord, enlighten my mind. Teach me how to think as you think.”

Called to Serve,

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Willie Goods, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Lawrence Payne, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriquez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 56:1-7, Ps 67:2-8, Mt 15:21-28
Monday	Jgs 2:11-19, Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a, Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15, Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14, Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1-22, Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-11; 4:13-17, Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23, Ps 138:1-8, Mt 16:13-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 PM	September 2 Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	September 3 Intention of Willie Goods Soul of Yvonne Morgan Intention of all Parishioners
Monday 8:00 AM	September 4 Intention of Stephanie Moore
Saturday 5:15 PM	September 9 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	September 10 Soul of Adelaida Sanchez Soul of Eula Wilkes Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz

Weekly Offering

August 27, 2017

\$4,057.00 Tithes and Offering
132.00 Building Fund
1.00 "We Care"



Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Willie Morgan** in memory of his beloved wife **YVONNE MORGAN**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

September 17, 2017

10AM SCHOOL FAMILY MASS
& FUNDRAISER IN HALL AFTER ALL MASSES.

All are invited!

The SCHOOL and CHURCH offices will be closed Monday, September 4th in observance of LABOR DAY.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period begins this Sunday. Anyone wishing to become Catholic; receive the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or renew your Catholic Faith may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696. Registration will take place on August 27, September 3, 10, and 17, 2017. Classes begin October 1, 2017.

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 24, 2017. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) 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 gathering will be Friday, September 15, 2017 at Ascension Catholic Church, 517 W. 112th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90044. The day begins at 9:30AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome. Please see our parish representative **Helen Argusta** if you have any questions.

Las Vegas Casino Trip

Join the fun...Las Vegas Casino trip to the Golden Nugget Hotel and Casino on **October 23, 24, 25, 2017**. For more information call 213.369.4889.

Stewardship Thought

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, "*Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.*" We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.



VELVET KING!

who celebrate her birthday

SEPTEMBER 3RD...

FROM YOUR CHURCH FAMILY!