

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! (Isaiah 35:4)

Today's readings sketch some scenes from the life that God wants for all of us: a life of freedom, strength, and generosity. At the same time, they show how fear can be a hindrance to entering fully into that life. In the second reading, for instance, James exhorts us to welcome the needy and the outcast. But do you ever find that fear is keeping you from embracing the unfamiliar? Or maybe you feel nervous asking for miracles as boldly as Jesus does in the Gospel reading.

There are hundreds of occasions in the Bible when God tells someone "Fear not," and for good reason. Just the thought of encountering God in all his glory can be unsettling! But there's a twist in today's first reading. God doesn't just tell the Israelites not to be afraid. He wants them to say the same thing to the people around them. That's because he knows how helping someone else to overcome fear is one of the best ways to conquer it in your own life.

Do you find that anxiety is a recurring theme when you talk with your friends, neighbors, or workmates? Whether it's stories in the news or concerns over relationships or finances, much of our daily conversation can be spent expressing fear. Turn those conversations upside down by sharing an encouraging story. It could be how you saw God work in your life or the life of a loved one. It could be a new insight from Scripture. It could even be one of the stories you've read in this magazine! God hasn't just commanded us not to be afraid. He has given us thousands of good reasons to live fearlessly. Then watch as your own heart swells with encouragement—and the people around you brighten up as well.

Make a list today of some of the stories you could have "up your sleeve" that will help encourage the fainthearted—including yourself.

*"Lord, you are always at work to overcome fear in my life.
Help me to live courageously, always ready to encourage the people around me."*

Called to Serve,
~Deacon Mark Race

Safeguard the Children Virtus Certification Session

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish/school 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 attend a Virtus Certification session. Transfiguration will hold a Virtus Certification session on Saturday September 12, from 8:00 to 11:00 AM in the parish hall. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Children are not allowed at the session. Child care is not provided. Please call 323.292.3011 to reserve a space. **Latecomers will not be admitted.**

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, 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, 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., 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 5
5:15 PM Intention of Hubert Clark, Jr.
Sunday September 6
8:00 AM Soul of Fr. John Hanly and Intention of Rudy Liggins
10:00 AM Soul of Yvonne Morgan
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Saturday September 12
5:15 PM Intention of Hubert Clark, Jr.
Sunday September 13
8:00 AM Soul of Mrs. Willa Morton
10:00 AM Souls of Amy, Sonia and Victor Barnett
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Is 35:4-7a, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 7:31-37
Monday Col 1:24—2:3, Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday Mic 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-16
Wednesday Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38
Friday 1 Tm 1:1-14, Lk 6:39-42
Saturday 1 Tm 1:15-17, Lk 6:43-49
Sunday Is 50:5-9a, Ps 116:1-9, Mk 8:27-35

Weekly Collection August 30, 2015

\$4,451.50 Tithe and Offering
85.00 Building Fund
41.00 "We Care"

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE

Before posting flyers, pamphlets, books, leaflets, handout materials, etc. **in the church**, please call the office at 323.291.1136. Thank you for your cooperation.

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women 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 meeting will be held, Friday, September 18, 2015 at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1016 W. Manchester Avenue in Los Angeles. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration and includes a speaker, mass, lunch and ends at 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are Welcome.

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.

SAVE THE DATES

High Tea Fundraiser for "Women with Children in Crisis"

Please support the 3rd Annual Benefit for "WOMEN WITH CHILDREN IN CRISIS", a fundraiser for the Good Shepherd Shelter for Battered Women with Children, the only shelter operated by a Catholic Order west of the Rocky Mountains. The event is sponsored by the Knights of Peter Claver 4th Degree Ladies of Grace. It is an Afternoon High Tea that will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015, from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM, at the DoubleTree by Hilton located in Culver City, CA. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes full high tea service with all the trimmings and a commemorative personal photo for each attendee. There will also be a best hat contest; silent auction, and wonderful door prizes. If you are interested in attending this worthwhile event, please contact Gracious Lady Gloria McClaurin at 310.880.6561 or Gracious Lady Michelle Wilson at 323.864.6769 for tickets or you can purchase tickets online at http://www.kpcwscd.com/chapter_13. Please join us in supporting this worthy cause.

The Jr. Daughters of Transfiguration Court 220

invite you to celebrate Grandparents Day on Sunday, September 13, 2015, after all Masses in the Parish Hall for a hosted complimentary Tea. Please join us as we celebrate, honor and show love to Grandparents.



Procession and Rosary

Transfiguration invites everyone to participate in the **Procession and Rosary**, led by Father Bernard, in honor of Our Lady of Good Health on Saturday, September 12th at 4 PM. Followed by 5:15 PM Mass, Healing Adoration and Testimonies. Join us for fellowship in the hall and to partake of Indian and American cuisine.

Bishop Alemany High School 7th/8th grade students invites you to join them for their Jr. High Homecoming Social on Friday, September 18th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM. For more information please contact 818.837.5222 or 818.837.5224 or download a permission slip from www.alemany.org

The SCHOOL and CHURCH offices will be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of LABOR DAY.