

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7 September 2014

From the Administrator's Desk

Love your neighbor as yourself. (Romans 13:9)

Have you ever noticed how the commandments that we hear most often are the ones we have the hardest time fulfilling? Take today's second reading as an example. We all have to deal with people who try our patience or rub us the wrong way. Then there's the pull of the world, urging us toward a self-centered approach to life. And all the time, we hear in the back of our minds Jesus telling us to love one another, even to prefer one another to ourselves. This is a demanding call, isn't it? Like Jesus, we should seek to serve instead of being served (Matthew 20:28). He asks us to take the "lowest place" at the banquet (Luke 14:9). He even warns us that if we strive to be first, we will be last, but if we strive to be last, we will be first (Matthew 20:16). In today's readings, God is inviting us to do a little self-examination. How have you done lately in loving your neighbor as yourself? Think about ways you may have failed to defend a friend or judged someone unfairly. Or maybe you have neglected to help a friend who needed you because it was inconvenient. These are uncomfortable questions to ask, to be sure. But God knows your heart. He knows how much you want to do good, even though you fail at times. He also knows that he has placed his Spirit in you to give you divine strength and to make changes that seem impossible. So don't be afraid to open up to him and ask him to help you. Remember: God is love. And that love is generous and overflowing. Let him love you, and you'll find yourself loving other people more and more.

"Heavenly Father, forgive me for putting myself first.

By your Spirit, teach me how to love. Father, unite all your children as one!"

DID YOU KNOW

Did you know that all Catholic school personnel in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles are screened for their ability to work safely with children, are provided information and training to help them recognize and deal with issues of child sexual abuse and are offered guidance and instruction on appropriate professional conduct with students? Likewise, all seminarians and candidates for the diaconate go through extensive evaluation and psychological assessment before entering formation. After ordination, priests and deacons receive ongoing training on maintaining the integrity of the ministerial relationship.

Called to Serve,

~Deacon Mark Race

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.

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. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 19, 2014, at St. Bernadette Church, 3825 Don Felipe Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90008. The day begins at 9:30 AM and includes a speaker, Fr. Allan Roberts, Pastor, Mass, Lunch and concludes at 1:30 PM. Every Catholic woman is a member of ACCW. Reservations are not necessary and there are no dues or fees. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 6
5:15 PM Souls of Mabel & Theodore Darrensbourg

Sunday September 7
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Roland Bradshaw
12:15 PM Soul of Marguerite Gardina

Friday September 12
8:00 AM Soul of Yvonne Morgan

Saturday September 13
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 14
8:00 AM Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM Soul of Yula Wilkes
12:15 PM Soul of Gilbert Leon

Readings for the week

Sunday Ez 33:7-9, Ps 95:1-9, Mt 18:15-20
Monday Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:1-23
Tuesday 1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday 1 Cor 7:25-31, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday 1 Cor 8:1b-13, Lk 6:27-38
Friday 1 Cor 9:16-27, Lk 6:39-42
Saturday 1 Cor 10:14-22, Lk 6:43-49
Sunday Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1b-38, Jn 3:13-17

Luncheon for Newly Ordained

All are cordially invited to join the Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles, and sponsoring members of the Serra Clubs of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, in honoring Rev. John Palmer on Wednesday, September 10 at Sportsman's Lodge, 12833 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City. Father Palmer will be joined by his fellow Ordinands of St. John's Seminary at this event. Tickets are \$50 per person and can be reserved by calling John Maloney at 310.545.3993 or email serraclubofsouthbay@msn.com.

4th Annual Grand Marian Procession

All are invited to the 4th Annual Grand Marian Procession in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 13th to celebrate the 233rd Anniversary of the City of Los Angeles, which is named after our Blessed Mother, Our Lady Queen of Angels. Join Archbishop José H. Gomez and the Queen of Angels Foundation starting at 3 PM for a blessing and invocation at *Our Lady Queen of Angels Church at La Placita Olvera*, followed by a processional parade highlighted with banners, flags, color guards and bagpipers. The procession will conclude with a Rosary and Votive Mass at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels celebrated by Archbishop Gomez. For more information, please call 213.687.2645, visit: www.thequeenofangels.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/queenofangelsfoundation

VITRUS Training

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 Re-Certification session on **Tuesday, September 9, 2014 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** in the hall. The session, "Keeping the Promise Alive" lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Please call the rectory 323.291.1136 or the school 323.292.3011 to reserve a space. No children are allowed because of the subject content. **PLEASE BE ON TIME!**

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, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, 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.

August 31, 2014 Weekly Collection

\$4,959.29 Tithes and Offering
389.29 Building Fund
222.44 "We Care"



School *Weekend Football Tournament:*

NEWS

Holy Trinity Flag Football Jamboree
SEPTEMBER 6 & 7, 2014
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
3181 North Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2014

Student Council Installation at 10:00 AM Mass & Bake Sale after all masses.

OCTOBER 3, 30, NOVEMBER 7 & 8, 2014 AT 3:00 PM
Transfiguration School Drumline and Cheerleaders will perform at St. Bernard Football Games.