

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8 September 13

From the Pastor's Desk

Two things spring to my mind when this weekend's Gospel is proclaimed. One is sublime; the other not so much.

My first thought is the prayer of Ignatius of Loyola: "Lord, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve you as you deserve to give and not count the cost, to fight and not heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that I do your will." Surely, Ignatius understood the challenge of discipleship and was willing to be committed to Jesus despite the cost.

A song written by Joe South and made popular by Lynn Anderson prompts my second thought: "I beg your pardon; I never promised you a rose garden. Along with the sunshine, there's got to be a little rain sometimes." It seems as if Jesus was imparting the same message when he described the cost of following him.

Structurally, this Gospel is comprised of several sayings on discipleship, and two parables. To truly understand the directives of Jesus, we need to be familiar with the style of speech called a Semitism. To stress the importance of following him, Jesus used harsh and shocking language. He spoke of hating one's parents, spouse and siblings and even one's own life. To "hate," in this sense, does not mean animosity but detachment in the strongest possible terms. Intrinsic to discipleship is the willingness to forego the joys and security of family ties so as to love Jesus first, foremost and always. This love would find its most poignant expression is our willingness to take up his cross and follow Him.

The challenge for us contemporary Christian Catholics is to leave room in our lives for the Spirit of Jesus, who might guide us in a direction we didn't plan and empower us to serve in ways we never imagined.

Next weekend we will officially celebrate the opening of the new academic year at Transfiguration with our first school Mass on Sunday, September 15 at 10:00 AM. As many of you know, we usually hold our school Masses the first Sunday of the month at the 10:00 AM. As that Mass this year fell on the day before Labor Day, we moved the celebration this month to September 15. Please plan to attend this special Mass to hear our school children read and sing. Following the liturgy there will be an Open House in the school and a Bake Sale to support our 8 grade class. Please plan to come and tour the classrooms, purchase refreshments, and see the science lab as well as the new music and dance studios.

Blessings on your week!

Father Michael Tang

Did you know that Transfiguration Church has a website? For parish news and activities go to:
www.transfigchurchla.com

Did you know that the church is still **RECYCLING**? Please remember to save plastic bottles, glass, and aluminum cans, **(no plastic bags, no plastic utensils and no foil paper)** and bring them to the parish to recycle.

Did you know that the Reserve Corps of St. Michael meets on the 3rd Sunday for prayer at 2:00 PM in the church? Join us next Sunday, September 15.

Did you know that the 50 + Club meets every 2nd Saturday of the month from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM and new members are welcome?

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 7

5:15 PM +Ramona Alexander

Sunday September 8

8:00 AM +Stanman Robottom

10:00 AM +Timothy Baker & Jordan Manning

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Tuesday September 9

8:00 AM Intention of Carla Watts

Saturday September 14

5:15 PM +Jeroline Richards

Sunday September 15

8:00 AM +Reginald Arceneaux

10:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

12:15 PM +Bernadine Adams



If you wish to offer a Mass for someone please stop by the rectory. The donation for each Mass is \$10.00.

Happy Grandparent's Day

VIRTUS Training

Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/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. This includes parents and guardians who would like to volunteer at the school. The session lasts 3 hours. Due to the nature of the material, no minors are allowed and child care will not be provided. Please call the school, at 323.292.3911, to register for either session.

Catechetical Sunday

September 15 at 10:00 AM Mass

On **Sunday, September 15**, the church will celebrate Catechetical Sunday at the 10:00 AM Mass. Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called to be commissioned for their ministry. It is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each of us plays, by virtue of our Baptism in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel.

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 meeting will be held on **Friday, September 20, 2013** here at Transfiguration Catholic Church. The day begins at 9:30 AM and includes Deacon Greg Patterson as our speaker for the day, prayer service, lunch and concludes at 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome to attend.

RCIA

Any adult interested in receiving the sacraments, baptism, first communion, and confirmation, should sign up with a representative after mass. Registration will start this weekend and continue during the month of September. RCIA classes will begin in October.

Coffee
&
Donuts
Sunday



Sunday hospitality is
provided for
Transfiguration
parishioners in the hall
AFTER ALL MASSES.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Laurretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Louis Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, and Lilla Williams.

Readings for the week

Sunday	Wis 9:13-18b, Ps 90:3-17, Lk 14:25-33
Monday	Col 1:24-2:3, Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38
Friday	1 Tim 1:1-14, Lk 6:39-42
Saturday	Nm 21:4b-9, Jn 3:13-17
Sunday	Ex 32:7-14, Ps 51:3-19, Lk 15:1-32

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, September 2, 2012	Sunday, September 1, 2013
\$6,406.30 Sacrificial Gift	\$4,073.38 Sacrificial Gift
532.57 Building Fund	352.62 Building Fund
302.32 "We Care"	201.50 "We Care"