

# TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 9, 2018

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*Dear Parishioners,*

*The burning sands will become pools. (Isaiah 35:7)*

Isaiah's promises seem extravagant, don't they? If we look at them literally, they are quite marvelous. God will permanently alter the Holy Land itself. If we read these verses spiritually, the promises become even more inspiring: God is promising to alter us at the very center of our hearts. This is exactly what he has done too. He has made us a new creation! But for all the generosity he has shown us, God still asks us to come and receive his grace. He still asks us to settle ourselves in his presence so that he can fill us up.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux, a twelfth-century monk from France, explained it this way:

The man who is wise . . . will see his life as more like a reservoir than a canal. The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water until it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself. . . . You too must learn to await this fullness before pouring out your gifts. Do not try to be more generous than God.

God never intended us to be a "canal," always giving away whatever we receive, never holding onto anything for ourselves. No, he wants to take care of us—day after day after day. He knows that if we can learn to be like "reservoirs," not only will we become more joyful and peaceful, but we will also become more effective in caring for the people around us.

We pour ourselves out every day: for our children, for our aging parents, for our coworkers, and for our neighbors. But if we spend all of our time taking care of everyone else, we'll end up physically exhausted and spiritually depleted.

There's nothing wrong with taking five or ten minutes each day to soak up the love and mercy of God. There's nothing wrong with becoming a reservoir instead of a canal. God's extravagant promises are for you just as much as they are for everyone else.

*"Here I am, Lord. Come and fill me up!"*

*Deacon Mark Race, Administrator*

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## **Catechetical Sunday**

**September 16, 2018 – 10AM**

TRANSFIGURATION SCHOOL

## **FAMILY MASS**

**AND**

## **CHICKEN & WAFFLE SALE**

IN HALL AFTER ALL MASSES.

*All are invited!*

**FREE**

*Coffee & Donuts for our Grandparents!!!!*



## PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Duhon, Gwen Files, Betty Flowers, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.

### Parishioner Recognition Luncheon

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 220, in collaboration with The Church of the Transfiguration is presenting their 2nd ANNUAL Parishioner Recognition Luncheon. The date will be **Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1PM to 4PM** at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90008. They will recognize parishioners who have served The Church of the Transfiguration through their selfless acts of Care, Concern and Love for God's people and His Church. Please MARK YOUR CALENDAR Sunday, October 14, 2018 and join in helping us recognize these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish. **If you remember from last year** this will be **another** fabulous Luncheon and Program you will not want to miss! Please take a copy of the **Recommendation Form** at the church exits. Return the form to the rectory or place it in the offering basket by September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### ACCW News

The Archdiocesan Celebration of our **CULTURES Mass** will be on **Saturday, September 15, 2018** at the Cathedral of our Lady of the Angels at 3:30PM. All are invited to attend. For more information please call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

The next Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) meeting will be on **Friday, September 21, 2018** at St. Lawrence of Brindisi Church, 10122 Compton Avenue in Los Angeles. Registration starts at 9:30AM.

#### ALL CATHOLIC LADIES ARE INVITED!

For more information please call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

### RCIA *Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...*

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018** at 7PM. The topic will be about the "RCIA Process Introduction with Questions and Answers" at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles.

### REVIVAL

You are invited for a Four Day Revival, "*Standing on the Rock of Faith*", with revivalist, Richard Lane and featuring revivalist, William King on **September 24-27, 2018 at 7PM** at St. Brigid Catholic Church, 5214 S. Western Avenue in Los Angeles. Free will offering.

## Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 35:4-7, Ps 146:6-10, Mk 7:31-37
Monday	1 Cor 5:1-8, Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	1 Cor 6:1-11, Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	1 Cor 7:25-31, Lk 6:20-26
Thursday	1 Cor 8:1-13, Lk 6:27-38
Friday	Nm 21:4-9, Jn 3:13-17
Saturday	1 Cor 10:14-22, Jn 19:25-27
Sunday	Is 50:4-9, Ps 116:1-9, Mk 8:27-35

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday September 8

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

### Sunday September 9

8:00 AM Soul of Rudolph Liggins

10:00 AM Soul of Daisy Pratt

12:15 PM Intention of Jo Ann Levi

### Monday September 10

8:00 AM Soul of John Fruge II

### Saturday September 15

5:15 PM Soul of Milton Keys

### Sunday September 16

8:00 AM Intention of Ruby Chapman

10:00 AM Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz

12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

## Weekly Offering for September 2, 2018

\$7,396.58 Tithe and Offering  
15.00 Building Fund  
11.00 "We Care"

### Bible Study

You are invited to Bible Study every Monday night from 7PM to 9PM in the parish hall.

### Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will start September 23, 2018. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. **Registration** is taking place on **Sundays after the 12:15 PM Mass during the month of September** outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

### Virtus Training

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/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 Training session.

### Transfiguration's VIRTUS Training Session

A Recertification training will be held on **Saturday, September 22, 2018 from 9AM to 10:30AM**. This session lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Latecomers to the training will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call the rectory at 323.291.1136 to reserve your space.