

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 30, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God. (Luke 9:62)

Is Jesus being unreasonable? All this man wanted to do was say goodbye to his family before following Jesus. Didn't Elijah permit Elisha to say his good-byes before leaving (1 Kings 19:19-21)? To make matters worse, Jesus' response to the two other would-be disciples seems a little rigid, even unwelcoming. Was Jesus actually trying to discourage these people from following him?

If you're suspecting that something deeper is going on here, you're probably right. First, it helps to remember how this passage fits into Luke's timeline: we have just learned that Jesus is now "resolutely" traveling to Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). The hour of his passion is drawing near. Luke is showing us a new sense of urgency in Jesus' life and message. There just isn't time left for secondary things—even good, important things. For those individuals whom the Lord is calling, it's now or never!

Second, we don't know how they responded to Jesus' words. Maybe there was more to the conversation; we don't know that either. That's because Luke is actually more interested in encouraging us, his readers, to follow Jesus than in recounting the details of an event long past. As one commentator has put it, we may not know how they responded, but we do know what our own response ought to be.

There's no doubt about it; this is a hard word to hear. But Jesus knows how challenging it can be. He knows that he is asking a lot of us. He also knows how much grace he has stored up to help you. He has already determined to forgive you when you fall and to encourage you when the going gets tough. He is never one to issue a command and then wait for you to fail at it. No, he will do everything he can to help you accomplish it—short of overpowering your free will, of course!

"Yes, Lord, I will follow you wherever you lead. I trust that your grace will be enough for me."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters.

But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." (GALATIANS 5:13)

We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life."

But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom.

St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday 1 Kgs 1:19b-21, Ps 16:1-11, Lk 9:51-62
Monday Gn 18:16-33, Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday Gn 19:15-29, Mt 8:23-27
Wednesday Eph 2:19-22, Jn 20:24-29
Thursday Gn 22:1b-19, Mt 9:1-8
Friday Gn 23:1-24:1-67, Mt 9:9-13
Saturday Gn 27:1-29, Mt 9:14-17
Sunday Is 66:10-14c, Ps 66:1-20, Lk 10:1-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday June 29
5:15 PM Soul of Betty Flowers
Sunday June 30
8:00 AM Soul of Karen Lee
10:00 AM Intention of Fr. Michael McCullough and
the Knights of Peter Claver Council and Court 22
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Monday July 1
8:00 AM Intention of Wilda Todd
Saturday July 6
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday July 7
10:00 AM Soul of Lynda Pratt

Weekly Offering for June 23, 2019

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0 Building Fund
71.00 "We Care"

"Have You Remembered"

your parish or school in your will or trust?

Our correct legal title is:

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Los Angeles,
A Corporation Sole for the benefit of:

(Transfiguration Church or Transfiguration School)

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ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

Saturday August 17, 2019
9AM to 5PM



AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in
the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.

ATTENTION

Safeguard the Children

No child under 18 years should be **LEFT ALONE** without adult supervision on Sundays during or after Mass. Parents should be aware of where their children are at all times. **ALL PARISH MINISTERS /ORGANIZATIONS** should also know where their child members under 18 years are at all times during their scheduled meeting/class. Ministry Leaders are responsible to stay with their child members under 18 years until parents or guardians pick them up after the meeting/class is over.

Fingerprinting

All clergy, paid parish/school personnel and volunteers who work regularly in a supervisory role with children or youth must be fingerprinted. For more information, call us at: 213.637.7680.

Rosary Procession

Join us for the Rosary Procession in honor of the Blessed Mother on Saturday, July 6th at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, 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 Ramona Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, 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, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.