

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 12, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Get up and eat! (1 Kings 19:5)

Elijah was downcast. Queen Jezebel had just ordered his death. Just a few days earlier, Elijah had found himself in a moment of jubilation. He had just “outdueled” four hundred prophets of the false god Baal.

In a matter of days, Elijah went from complete jubilation to complete depression. He went from fearless confidence in God to fearing for his life. He went from feeling like a special messenger of God to feeling like a fruitless and worthless vine. It was so bad that Elijah even asked God to take his life.

In this dire moment, God sent some food and an angel to help Elijah. The angel told him, “Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you” (1 Kings 19:7).

Like Elijah, we all have moments of jubilation and moments of discouragement. We may be in prison, we may be dealing with difficulties at work or at home, we may have lost our confidence and feel like a failure. These moments of hardship can sap the life right out of us.

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus telling people that he is the Bread of Life “that came down from heaven” (John 6:51). Even greater than the food that God provided for Elijah, Jesus offers us living bread, his own flesh. He offers us his own life in the Eucharist so that we don’t ever have to lose hope. As we take and eat, Jesus can minister to our fearful and broken hearts. Even the simple act of eating this Bread can help us feel better.

The Eucharist inspires us to hold on to our faith, even when we are downcast. It reminds us that Jesus was completely human, like us in every way except sin. He was tempted just like us. He suffered like us. So he knows firsthand what it’s like to be troubled.

So take and eat today, knowing that Jesus is with you through even your most troubling times. He will give you his energy for the long haul.

“Lord, you are the Bread of Life.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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, Ferdinand Foye, 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, Vydred 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.

Celebrating 20 Years

**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
AT KENNETH HAHN PARK**



Saturday August 18, 2018~9am to 5pm

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

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** will take place Sunday August 19 and Sunday August 26 from 10AM to 12Noon outside the parish hall. More information will be given at registration.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Cynthia Richardson* in memory of her beloved mother **BARBARA KEYS**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

GOD IS GOOD:

ALL THE TIME; EVERYWHERE; AND TO EVERYONE!

With Love & Appreciation – Fr. Bernard!

Dear friends in Jesus Christ, I take this opportunity to thank and appreciate our Transfiguration family for everything you have been to me since August 2014. I truly believe that it was God's choice assigning me in to Transfiguration as a student resident priest. I have accomplished my studies with outstanding grade in M. A. in Pastoral Theology at LMU. I certainly have kept myself available for spiritual and sacramental ministries of the parishioners. I loved the way you all co-operated and collaborated with me as I brought the Marian devotion, especially in celebrating the Annual Marian Feast as a multicultural celebration with international cuisine. I take this opportunity to thank wholeheartedly Dn. Mark, Jo Ann, the clergy, the office members, the leaders and members of various ministries of the parish, the School staff and children, all the parishioners, and, most importantly, those who extended timely helps at my various needs throughout my journey here. I do thank the people who assisted for the farewell celebration to me on July 22nd. It was an incredible day that filled me with gratitude tears. I express my sincere thanks to all the people who shared your love through generous wishes, thanking-cards, and gifts. I will be in Transfig for a couple of weeks and when I come to know about my new assignment, I will let you know. GREAT THANKS AGAIN WITH MY LOVING PRAYERS! AVE MARIA!

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 6:41-51
Monday	Ez 1:2-28, Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday	Ez 2:8-3:4, Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday	Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, Lk 1:39-56
Thursday	Ez 12:1-12, Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday	Ez 16:1-15, 59-63, Mt 19:3-12
Saturday	Ez 18:1-32, Mt 19:13-15
Sunday	Prv 9:1-6, Ps 34:2-7, Jn 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 PM	August 11 Soul of Barbara Keys
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	August 12 Soul of Rudolph Liggins Intention of all Parishioners Soul of Adeline Jackson
Tuesday 8:00 AM	August 14 Soul of Juanita Chapron
Wednesday 8:00 AM	August 15 Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
Friday 8:00 AM	August 17 Intention of Joyce Hithe
Sunday 8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:15 PM	August 19 Souls of the Sims, Hithe and Patterson Family Soul of Daisy Pratt Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for August 5, 2018

\$5720.37 Tithe and Offering
60.00 Building Fund
41.00 "We Care"

Next Sunday August 18 and 19, 2018

Mission Co-Op Offering after all masses.

Have you been fingerprinted?

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safe guard 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 are required to be fingerprinted."

AUGUST FINGERPRINT SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 Immaculate Conception Church 1433 James Woods Blvd., L.A. For appointment call 213.384.1109	Saturday, August 18, 2018 St. Michael Church 1016 Manchester Avenue, L.A. For appointment call 323.753.2696
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Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Transfiguration School would like to thank the parishioners of Transfiguration Church for your continued generosity in supporting our school. Several months ago the school received a grant for building improvements. This summer construction began with the painting of classrooms, installation of new windows, new floors, new benches, and a new play structure. The school would like to invite you to come to a **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony**, on Thursday August 16th at 5PM to see all the work that has been done. Thank you again for supporting our school. We look forward to having you join us in celebrating this amazing blessing!