

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 2, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Be doers of the word. (James 1:22)

In today's second reading, James compares the Scriptures to a mirror. When we read the word of God, or when we hear it proclaimed at Mass, we often see ourselves in the stories and teachings it contains. Scripture helps us "discern reflections and thoughts of the heart," both the good thoughts and the not so good ones (Hebrews 4:12). Scripture can expose our pride, confront our resentments, or uncover our deception, greed, or lust. But at the same time, Scripture assures us that God made us in his image. It convinces us that God loves us and that his grace is more than enough to change our lives.

But no matter how much grace God has for us, James tells us that it's not enough just to hear the word of God—not if we want to see any significant changes in the sinful areas of our lives. Similarly, just hearing the word of God won't result in a growth in our gifts and virtues. We have to be "doers of the word" as well as "hearers" (James 1:22).

James gives us a wonderful image to help make this point: someone who hears the word but doesn't put it into action "is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like" (James 1:23-24).

James isn't speaking about a poor memory here. He's speaking about poor priorities. People "forget" Scripture because they have placed other priorities ahead of following the Lord.

The word of God does have the power to help us—but only to the degree that we cooperate with it. So be sure to read Scripture each day. But also be sure to write down one action step you can take based on what you have read. Then, dedicate your day to taking that one step at every opportunity. Let it help you say no to sin and yes to God today. If you do, you will be "blessed" beyond your expectations (James 1:25)!

"Lord, I welcome your word."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship Thought:

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." (JAMES 1:22)

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it!
What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God?
Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources?
If not, what are you waiting for?

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.

Did you know?

Sports seasons start early, even for young children, and while it's great that they're out getting exercise and learning new skills, safety is still a top priority. It's recommended that all children who are playing school sports have an annual physical, and relevant health information (allergies, conditions, etc.) should be shared with coaches. Parents should make sure their children have the right gear, and that it fits and works well. Children should stay well-hydrated, well-fed, and well-rested to keep up their energy and strength. Student athletes should be learning to be kind and fair, too, no matter the outcome of the game. For more tips, go to www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles

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 or an Ushers. Return the form to the rectory or place it in the offering basket.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Dt 4:1-8, Ps 15:2-5, Mk 7:1-23
Monday	1 Cor 2:1-5, Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday	1 Cor 2:10-16, Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday	1 Cor 3:1-9, Lk 4:38-44
Thursday	1 Cor 3:18-23, Lk 5:1-11
Friday	1 Cor 4:1-5, Lk 5:33-39
Saturday	Mi 5:1-4, Mt 1:1-23
Sunday	Is 35:4-7, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 7:31-37

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 1

5:15 PM Soul of Ferdinand Foye

Sunday September 2

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Slade Campbell

12:15 PM Souls of Beryl Davidson, Wilna Angelain Davidson and Emma Epps Angelain

Tuesday September 4

8:00 AM Intention of Stephanie Moore

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

Weekly Offering for August 26, 2018

\$5,858.00 Tithes and Offering

20.00 Building Fund

21.00 "We Care"

Bible Study

Bible Study resumes Monday nights, beginning September 8th from 7PM to 9PM in the parish hall. All are invited.

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 from 10AM to 12Noon 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 Sessions

The first VIRTUS Certification training will be on **Saturday, September 8, 2018 from 9AM to 12PM**. The session lasts 3 hours. Recertification is required every four years. The 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 trainings will not be admitted. No one under 18 years old will be admitted; there is no child care. Please call the rectory to reserve a place for either session, 323.291.1136.