

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 23, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

The Son of Man is to be handed over to men. (Mark 9:31)

What a remarkable statement! As he begins his journey to Jerusalem, Jesus tells his disciples—and us—that he will be handed over. He will become passive, powerless in our hands. He will leave it up to us to decide what to do with him. It's just as the prophet Isaiah had said, "Like a lamb led to slaughter or a sheep silent before shearers, he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7).

This is a strong contrast to everything we have seen Jesus do so far. From the moment he burst onto the scene, Jesus was at the center of attention—healing people, contending with opponents, calming storms, and multiplying bread. He always took the lead. He always spoke with authority. He was the one shaping the story. But at the cross, where it matters the most? Jesus remained quiet, humble, and vulnerable.

The truth is, this is what Jesus intended all along. He came as God's gift to us. A gift doesn't tell the recipient how to use it. He left it up to us to decide how we were going to receive him. We didn't have to reject him as many of his people did. We didn't have to deny him as Peter did. We didn't have to kill him as the Romans did. We could have embraced him and accepted his message of salvation. But we didn't.

And still God handed him over. He didn't take back his gift.

Even today, God continues to hand Jesus to us. At every Mass, on every altar, in every Communion line, Jesus is placed in our hands as God's gift of salvation. None of us are worthy to receive him. None of us accept him as fully as we should. But that doesn't stop him. He still gives himself to sinful men and women. He still offers his salvation to us. Let's return his gesture and hand ourselves over to him.

*"Lord, I am not worthy to receive you.
Please keep speaking your words to me so that I may be healed."*

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

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. We will honor **MR. & MRS. JOHN FRUGÉ, MRS. SHARRON EASON-COUSIN AND THE LAGARDE FAMILY** on **Sunday, October 14, 2018 from 1PM to 4PM** at the Regency West, 3339 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90008. These parishioners will be recognized for 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 honor these "Special Treasures" whom God has sent to Transfiguration Parish.

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?

The Office of Victims Assistance Ministry of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles serves to help victim-survivors who have been victims of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church. The Victims Assistance Ministry also works to create a safe and compassionate environment for victims to come forward while ensuring that civil authorities are notified, and victims are provided with counseling and other assistance in the healing process. Please [join](#) the members of this important ministry in offering our continued prayers and support for the healing of victim-survivors and all impacted by abuse. For more information on the Office of Victims Assistance Ministry, go to www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/VIRTUS-Current-Online-Articles.

Stewardship Thought

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." (MARK 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

RCIA

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** Inquiry Period begins this Sunday. Anyone wishing to become Catholic; receive the sacrament of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation or renew your Catholic Faith may see a RCIA team member in the patio after mass for more details or call Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696. Registration will take place on September 22, 23, 29 and 30, 2018. Classes begin October 2, 2018.

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

Tuesday, October 2, 2018 at 7PM. The topic will be "Salvation History" by Fr. Stanley Ihuoma at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Wis 2:12-20, Ps 54:3-8, Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Prv 3:27-34, Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Prv 21:1-13, Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Prv 30:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Eccl 1:2-11, Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Eccl 3:1-11, Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Dn 7:9-14, Jn 47-51
Sunday	Nm 11:23-29, Ps 19:8-14, Mk 9:38-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday September 22

5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday September 23

8:00 AM Soul of Karen Lee

10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

12:15 PM Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.

Sunday September 30

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Soul of Daisy Pratt

Weekly Offering for September 16, 2018

\$5809.27 Tithe and Offering

295.00 Building Fund

4.00 "We Care"

SAVE THE DATE

October 27, 2018 at 4:00 PM

Transfiguration is planning the **Annual Marian Feast in Honor of Our Lady of Good Health-Valankanni** to be held on October 27, 2018 at 4 PM. Financial support is needed and would be greatly appreciated to defray the cost for the event. Donations can be given to Carol James 323.291.0947, Liz Quinn 310.251.1051, or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you for your support! More information to follow next week.

PRAY FOR A CURE

Faith, Hope & Charity Catholic Cancer Ministry

Come Encounter God at the Annual Mass "Pray for a Cure for Cancer and Anointing of the Sick, Saturday, October 6, 2018. Mass begins at 12:30PM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. Bishop Edward Clark will be the Presider and Homilist. Cathedral parking is \$10. For more information about the Mass or to send names for prayer, please contact: Faith, Hope and Charity Catholic Cancer Ministry, Deacon Mark and Vickie Race at 310.259.6430 or email: pray4cure@ymail.com.

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.