

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 13, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this season the Church calls “Ordinary.” Currently, our moment in time is anything but ordinary. We find ourselves in the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time cycle (b). This season is called “Ordinary Time” and our God continues to do extraordinary things in it.

Infection rates from the curse of the planet COVID-19 are still declining. Unfortunately, the rate of vaccinations are declining also. Many health experts are worried. If immunizations do not reach at least 70% of the population, the United States will be vulnerable to more surges with the more deadly variants. Only 43% of United States citizenry has been fully vaccinated. Since the beginning of taking statistics for deaths from the virus, we have lost almost 600,000 of our fellow Americans. The last year and a half has decimated our community [the African-American population especially}. Everyone has been affected in some way from this pandemic. Personally, I have had three good friends and a relative die of causes related to COVID-19. At Saint Raymond & Saint Leo the Great from March to December period of my twelve and a half years there, the most funerals we had was ten. In that same time period, in 2020, we had thirty-two funerals. Here at Transfig’ and all the world must “take the shot!” [get vaccinated] All around the country people are coming out (bustin’ out) of quarantine looking for some type of return to normalcy. We are mixing immunized and non-immunized [vaccine hesitant & obstinant]. All should sacrifice, so that the Holy Spirit science can continue to do extraordinary things.

After the last year and a half, most are emotionally, physically, and some spiritually drained. We have experienced extra ordinary tragedy, and now everybody is ready to experience some extraordinary good! The truth is that some extraordinary great things have and are occurring even during this pandemic. We should take advantage of this moment to ascertain and give praise for them!

Church of the Transfiguration, we are about to announce [this weekend or next] the actual date of our victory of transforming our tragedy into triumph. Yes, our date to move back into Church. The devil has, is, and will try to defeat the Body of Christ with Jesus as our Head. But the Good News is, he cannot win. There is much happening in discernment and preparation. Our Faith-family must pray for proper discernment for the correct moment to process back in the physical Church, so that God will continue to do extraordinary things to, through, and for us. Our right discernment will enable us to continue sending the praises up, so that the blessings will persist in raining down upon us!

May God continue to do extraordinary things for us in all times!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSSJ

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vydred Manor, Cheryl Santa Marina, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Clara Radcliff, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, Peggy Wilson and Michele Yerima.

Weekly Offering for June 6, 2021

\$7419.00 Tithe and Offering



Stewardship

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

Bar B Que!!!

The Knights of Peter Claver, Council 220 will have a Bar B Que on Saturday, July 31, 2021 from 12:30PM to 5:30PM. It will take place under the Hall Patio. Proceeds will help the Maurice E. Simon Scholarship Fund. Dinners are \$12.00 (1 meat) and \$15.00 combinations (2 meats) with 2 sides, potato salad and baked beans. The Ladies Auxiliary also will provide their delicious desserts.



Did you know?

Avoiding sexting and building healthy relationships

When teens start dating, they often feel pressure to keep up with their peers and to explore new romantic feelings. But these feelings, combined with teenage hormones and decision-making capabilities, can lead to some poor choices, including sexting. Sending nude images is dangerous and puts the sender and the receiver at risk. Photos can be shared instantly on cell phones and social media, and once out there, the images never go away. Talk to your teen about the consequences of sexting and the importance of building healthy relationships where partners respect boundaries and don't ask for explicit images.

For more information, visit https://www.missingkids.org/content/dam/nets_martz/downloadable/discussion-guides/your-photo-fate-discussion-guide.pdf.

Transfiguration Media Ministry

We are looking for volunteers to join our Media Ministry to assist with our live-streaming. Please contact the church office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

Thank you

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