

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 1, 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this time that liturgically is called ordinary, but in actuality is anything but that. With all that is happening, one can easily cry out; “In times like these, we need a Savior.” The Good News on this Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle (b), we at the Church of Transfiguration understand that we got one! We seem to be in the minority.

Our country, the Christian nation that touts our beliefs in individual civil liberties seems hopelessly divided. It is most apparent, when we look at the events of January 6, 2021. Armed with unconventional weapons (a few with conventional ones also according to some in law enforcement) a mob of thousands attacked the US Capitol. Only once before in the US history, in the War of 1812 with the British, it happened before. The insurrection, attempted coup, riot, violence was televised by national media outlets for hours. Politicians (many who fermented this attack on our democracy) originally decried the violence and belligerent racist overtones. A few hours later some legitimized the thugs attacks by voting not to certify a valid, fraud-free, legitimate election.

This horrific event has forever stained the nation’s boasting of a free and orderly transfer of power among political adversaries. Highlighting our democracy as an envy of the world seems at best hypocritical now. All of this returns to the fore as most political and civil leaders attempt to try to ascertain, how this happened in the first place? The Select Committee created by politicians demonstrates the division is not an equal (50-50) split, but a minority has hijacked narratives and realities for their own agenda? Watching the testimony of the officers at the opening of inquiry which also was accompanied by videos makes one question the true integrity of our politicians. How could they change their outrage and horror of those events that they lived through? It doesn’t make sense, but Sin does not make sense. Good people being silent in apparent evil and the unequal division in our politics reaches its tentacles in our Church.

Jesus the Christ said He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly! How do we garner this new life, by realizing; “Who we are! & Whose we are!” Gen 1:27 states: “We are created in the image and likeness of God.” We are all Sisters and Brothers. God is Our Father. Mary is our Mother by adoption. Given to us at the foot of the Cross. (John 19:27) Jesus is Our Brother. Our universal sisterhood and brotherhood is constantly challenged in the Church. We have persevered through the institutional Church’s support of slavery to appease a small minority, to ban with the threat of excommunication interracial marriages (actually occurred), supporting immoral wars, etc. to continue to pray and actively work to follow Catholic teachings fully. In the midst of the evil, power hungry, illogical moves of the minority, God continues to prevail. Over one hundred years ago (1909 to be exact), the Josephites with some Black Catholic Men in Mobile, AL founded the Knights of Peter Claver. Founded because the Knights of Columbus would not allow African-Americans membership. KPCs continue the mission of evangelization, outreach to the poor, support to schools, pastors, and parish. This minority works to build up not tear down. Our noble order can be a witness for the politicians, who don’t like the outcome of an election and attempt to tear down democracy.

Prayer + Action = Victory in Christ. How do we know what action? Investigate how we got to the evil deeds? Who instigates and or promulgates it? Then you can find the recourse that can change it! If you ignore history and events that make it, we are doomed to repeat it!

Christ continues to give us His self in the Eucharist to continue this arduous task to make all one in Him!

I hunger...Jesus Feeds!

~Fr. Bozeman

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Rita Cook, 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, Jo Ann Levi, Vylfred Manor, Cheryl Santa Marina, Dorothy Okoye, Tyrone Pitts, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, 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 Mechele Yerima.

Weekly Offering for July 25, 2021

\$5,745.50 Tithe and Offering



Stewardship

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." EXODUS 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

Transfiguration

Knights of Peter Claver News

God has showered his blessings on Council 220 once again. Council 220 received Council of the Year by the National Council last weekend. This year the National Council recognized Council 220 for our outstanding work we do in Church and Community. Also, Brother Clarence Guidry received the Silver Medal Award, the second highest award in the Knights of Peter Claver. This Medal is given to a member who has made significant and outstanding contribution as a Knight of Peter Claver, to Church, Community and outstanding Catholic leadership merits recognition by the Order. On another note. 4th Degree Conclave was held also and Sir Knight Greg Warner, Sr. was elected to the Supreme General Assembly as the Faithful Supreme Scribe. Congratulation Council 220!

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Ex 16:2-15, Ps 78:3-54, Jn 6:24-35
Monday	Nm 11:4b-15, Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Nm 12:1-13, Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Nm 13:1-35, Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Nm 20:1-13, Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Dn 7:9-14, Mk 9:2-10
Saturday	Dt 6:4-13, Mt 17:14-20
Sunday	1 Kgs 19:4-8, Ps 34:2-9, Jn 6:41-51

Did you know?

Find out what your children are watching

With movie theaters reopening across the country, now is a great time to add another website to your collection of parenting resources: Catholic News Services' staff reviews movies from a uniquely Catholic perspective, noting things like nudity, swearing, and other problematic themes that have become mainstream in ratings like PG and PG-13. Parents can vet movies their children are planning to see or may encounter at friends' houses. Talk to your children about what they should do if a friend wants to see a questionable movie; and why you want them to avoid particular films. For movie reviews, visit catholicnews.com/movie-reviews/.

Religious Education

For students from Kindergarten to High School will begin September 12, 2021. It will include: First Communion, Confirmation, the study of scripture, the study and celebration of Liturgy and the Liturgical seasons. Registration will take place every Sunday in August after the 8AM and 10AM Masses outside in the patio. More information will be given at registration.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by Mrs. Florence DeJan in loving memory of her husband MR. FERDINAND DEJAN. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.