

# Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 5, 2021

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you. What a week! We come together on this holiday weekend. Most people have a three day weekend for the Labor Day holiday. Today is the Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle (b). Through all that is happening, we still can boldly proclaim that our God is doing extra-ordinary things in “ordinary time!”

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated in New York City on Tuesday, September 5, 1882. Following the deaths of 13 workers during the Pullman Strike in June of 1894, President Grover Cleveland made reconciliation with the labor movement a top political priority, and Labor Day become a federal holiday in 1894. (Google) Once again we witness through the government God doing good through a tragic event.

Modern Catholic social teachings and the dignity of work is articulated best by the papal encyclical; “*Rerum Novarum*” (Of Revolutionary Change in the World) Pope Leo XIII in 1891 promulgated this document to through Catholic teachings assist the working class, poor, and all to create a morally just society. “It supports the rights of labor to form unions, rejects both socialism and unrestricted capitalism, while affirming the right to private property.” [Wikipedia] The Church had to step into the marketplace in the Industrial Age!

Labor Day has morphed into a holiday that Brings a Monday off and an official end to summer. This “end to summer” to summer seems misleading, because we really do not know when the summer actually began. Officially, it began Memorial Day. But thanks to the pandemic, the Delta variant, trying to create, promulgate, and implement new initiatives to bless our faith-family, biological family, and our “beloved community,” As I stated last week, Monday is a day off from physical or mental labor, but our spirit calls us to continue to work to build up the Church! “*There is no vacation from your vocation.*” Our Baptism calls to never take off from this job. The job of evangelization is a multi-faceted responsibility for all the Baptized.

Our world showed us as we departed from Afghanistan, the work of our hands is much needed. By August 31, President Biden calls on the military to withdraw from Afghanistan. For most in the military, this ends the 20 year conflict. The terrorists’ attacks force us to continue to work with the enemy (the Taliban). as we strive to bring all our citizens, refugees, and collaborators there in Afghanistan back to the United States. A monumental task that requires more than military and diplomatic work, but also spiritual work.

Last Sunday and Monday, Hurricane Ida devastated the physical homes and spiritual lives of many in the Gulf Coast. The total devastation is still not fully fathomed. Watching the reports on cable news and speaking with family members and concerned parishioners,’ it is evident like Katrina 16 years ago, we have a lot of work ahead of us to assist in their restoration.

COVID-19 still has a “death grip” on the United States and much of the world. The sin in that dreaded disease is that we didn't have so much catastrophic sickness and loss of life! It is still unfathomable to think that people would listen to anonymous people on the internet, while many die around them. We still have so much work to do in this area!

We continue to work to collect to assist our sisters and brothers in Haiti. The earthquake, Tropical Storm, and corruption in the government in the midst of the storm, has devastated that country!

Church of the Transfiguration, we have many different jobs/missions to accomplish, but by perseverance and God’s grace, we will succeed in all our works! May God continue to bless “the work of our hands!”.

Shalom, Fr. Bozeman

## Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Gloria Bazemore, 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, Barbara J. Jones, Marjorie Jones, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Vyldred Manor, 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.

### Daily Scripture Readings

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| Sunday    | Is 35:4-7a, Ps 146:6-10, Mk 7:31-37 |
| Monday    | Col 1:24-2:3, Lk 6:6-11             |
| Tuesday   | Col 2:6-15, Lk 6:12-19              |
| Wednesday | Mi 5:1-4a, Mt 1:23                  |
| Thursday  | Col 3:12-17, Lk 6:27-38             |
| Friday    | 1Tm 1:1-14, Lk 6:39-42              |
| Saturday  | 1Tm 15-17, Lk 6:43-49               |
| Sunday    | Is 50:5-9a, Ps 116:1-9, Mk 8:27-35  |

### Stewardship

*"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5*

What is more important to a Steward – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

### Weekly Offering for August 29, 2021

\$5,119.00 Tithe and Offering

### Come see the film premiere of

#### HOLLYWOOD PRIEST on September 10

Fr. Tom Gibbons and Paulist Productions are premiering their new documentary on the life and times of Fr. Bud Kieser in the new film, HOLLYWOOD PRIEST. It is premiering on September 10 at 5 pm at the TCL Chinese Theaters as part of the Dances With Films film festival. Featuring interviews with Martin Sheen, Bob Newhart, John Amos, Ed Begley, Jr., Tim Matheson, Catherine Hicks, and more, the film explores Fr. Bud's ministry in both Hollywood and Africa, culminating with his production of the 1989 film Romero. Tickets are only \$20.

The link to purchase tickets can be accessed at [www.HollywoodPriest.com](http://www.HollywoodPriest.com).

If you are interested in more information, contact Fr. Tom [tgibbons@paulistproductions.org](mailto:tgibbons@paulistproductions.org). We would love to see you there!

**Did you know** that Transfiguration Church has a website? For parish news and activities go to: [www.transfigchurchla.com](http://www.transfigchurchla.com)

### VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONGRESS 2021

#### A NEW BEGINNING

Saturday, September 25

LA Archdiocese - Office of Religious Education

For More Information and to Register for Event

<https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>

### Sacraments Information from the Pastor

If you are sick, unable to attend Mass or homebound and would like to receive the **Sacrament of Holy Communion** by our pastor, Father Bozeman once a month or an Extraordinary Minister Bi-weekly, please contact the rectory at 323.291.1136 to place your name on the list.

Anyone who is terminally ill and needs to receive the **Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**, please contact the pastor, Father Bozeman in the rectory.

### Mark Your Calendar!

#### Another great Transfiguration, Council 220 event!

Join us for a Fish and Chips Fish Fry on Saturday, September 18, 2021 from 12PM to 5PM at Transfiguration under the hall patio. ALL Proceeds will go towards the Maurice S. Simon Scholarship Fund.

*Fish, Fries, Soda \$10.00 or Fish, Shrimp, Fries, Soda \$12.00*

### Thank you

The **beautiful flowers** on the altar this week were donated by **Jeanette and John Fruge** in memory of **WILTON BROWN**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

### AUGUST 29 FLOWER DONATION

The **flowers** on the altar last week August 29<sup>th</sup> were donated by **Cynthia Richardson** in memory of her aunt **ESTHER WHEELER**.

In observance of

### LABOR DAY

the church office will be closed

Friday September 3 and Monday September 6, 2021