

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 12, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this season called ordinary as our God continues to do the extra ordinary! Our summer season is officially over with the celebration of Labor Day. Did you make last Monday's holiday, a holy day? If you did, then you received another dose of the Holy Ghost while you enjoyed day off from your other labors. This is the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle (b). We come together on this mountain top experience called the holy sacrifice of the Mass celebrating another opportunity to be blest by the Best!

Summer may be over, but our multi-faceted crises continue. Our sisters and brothers in the Northeast, Gulf Coast, mid-Atlantic states are still recovering from the loss of life, devastating property destruction, obliteration of the electrical grid, and more ravaging incidents that have not been fully assessed. New Orleans was better prepared for Ida. Their Levee infrastructure held, but the surrounding area was damaged irreparably in many places. Rebuilding will take awhile. The hurricane did a lot of damage at landfall and journeyed up into the interior of the country creating havoc in her wake. Infrastructure failed almost in every area. Damages are still being assessed from the Gulf Coast below New Orleans to past Boston. It is scary, because hurricane season is really just beginning.

Everyone has seemingly forgotten the destruction of the 7.2 on the Richter scale earth that rocked Haiti almost a month ago on August 14th. On January 1, 1804 Haitians defeated the French acquiring full independence. The Haitians fought for real liberation after they discovered the French were planning to reintroduce slavery to the island. The Haitians liberated themselves without assistance from other nations. Ever since liberation the Haitian people have dealt with natural disasters, corruption, and unequal treatment from other nations in the hemisphere. Haiti is a Catholic nation. It is considered monetarily poor, but is rich in spirit. Their culture is fascinating and societal resilience amazing.

In our area drought, wild fires, homelessness, communal, racial, political divisions are all at crisis levels. There are so many crises that require our attention, compassion, and resolving. Our greatest crisis is selfishness! As a nation we seem to become anesthetized to the horrors that we are living through now is exacerbated because of this sin against God's Love (Selflessness).

COVID-19 is a crisis that has plagued the world for almost 2 years. This pandemic has caused a massive loss of life. It has reshaped our lives and because of the divisions created by anti-science, anti-vaxxers, selfishness. The variants, the obstinate non-compliance, etc. makes us ask a question. Will it ever end?

Church of the Transfiguration, there are mega crises that surround us threatening to swallow us. We cannot allow them to define or defeat us! We are called to continue our journey witnessing to the fact of our universal sisterhood and brotherhood. This means we will as we navigate through them, by God's grace. Also we will simultaneously assist others physically and spiritually ministering who we are and whose we are! God will continue to bless us through any and all crises! Now, let's go to work!

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.

Weekly Offering for September 5, 2021

\$9,308.00 Tithe and Offering

EXPENSES	August-21	July-21	June-21
Salaries and benefits	13,420	13,785	27,078
Insurance	12,687	11,206	10,822
Maintenance	1,737	2,740	2,565
Utility	6,070	2,519	6,484
Other operating	9,856	12,888	12,085
TOTAL expenses	43,770	43,138	59,034

Stewardship

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.

Did you know?

What to do if you are worried about family abduction

Family abduction happens when a child is taken or hidden by one family member from another, against custody or visitation rights. In some circumstances, family abduction is considered a crime, and can be prosecuted. If you are worried about a possible family abduction, you can take action. Have a valid custody agreement that outlines who can see or take your child, and when. Advise your child’s school or daycare about custody arrangements, including who can and cannot pick up your child.

For more information, visit missingkids.org/theissues/familyabduction.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Is 50:5-9a, Ps 116:1-9, Mk 8:27-35
Monday	1Tm 2:1-8, Lk 7:1-10
Tuesday	Nm 21:4b-9, Jn 3:13-17
Wednesday	1Tm 3:14-16, Jn 19:25-27
Thursday	1Tm 4:12-16, Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1Tm 6:2c-12, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1Tm 6:13-16, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Wis 2:12-20, Ps 54:3-8, Mk 9:30-37

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/>

BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU!

**Priest Retirement Fund
September 19, 2021**

They’ve led us by example and love. There’s no better way for us to follow their example than by giving generously in their honor. Whatever we give will be small in comparison to what they’ve given us. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.

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*

Did you know that Transfiguration Church has a website? For parish news and activities go to:
www.transfigchurchla.com