

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 19, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you. In a time when there is seemingly nothing but trial, tribulations and turmoil, we definitely need grace and peace. I only know of one entity that can give you that peace. There is only one place where He is sure to be, that is on this “Mountain Top” (the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass). We find ourselves on this part of our journey at the Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time cycle (b). Even in the midst of all that is occurring, our God continues to do extraordinary things in ordinary time.

Last Wednesday, September 15, was the feast of Our Mother of Sorrows. (Mater Dolorosa) Besides being the pastor’s home Church name, in our current climate, it is a very fitting depiction of the Blessed Mother as she looks at its state of our world.

Mary the Mother of God and our mother (given to us at the foot of the Cross) (John 19:26) has many different titles. As Queen of the Universe, she has many areas to oversee. *Our Lady of Sorrows, Our Lady of Dolours, Our Lady of Piety, [Our] Mother of Sorrows, Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows*, [Wikipideia] Under her title as Our Mother of Sorrows, Mary has been the focus of many over the centuries. Our Mother of Sorrows is a popular name that sparked strong devotion. The Seven Sorrows of Mary are a popular Roman Catholic devotion. In common religious Catholic imagery, the Virgin Mary is portrayed, sorrowful and in tears, with one or seven long knives or daggers piercing her heart, often bleeding. Devotional prayers that consist of meditation began to elaborate on her Seven Sorrows based on the prophecy of Simeon. Common examples of piety under this title are Servite rosary or the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, the Seven Joys of Mary, and more recently, Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary. [Wikipedia] Mary earns the title as Our Mother of Sorrows, because of those tragedies she was forced to endure. Her suffering is truly redemptive for her and us. Because of her share in the suffering of her child, we experience the ultimate “*Exutato Crucis*” (Exaltation of the Cross). In other words those seven swords lead to our Salvation.

Mary suffers with an eighth sorrow, the disunity of her children given to her at the foot of the Cross. Hate and division runs rampant in the hearts, minds, and actions of her children for one another. In our Christian nation, evil forces and instruments have turned citizens against each other. Also this hate has torn apart families, friends, and deepened the chasm between enemies. Most families have moments of strife. Think about how it pained your mother to see her children at odds. Look at how we react to one another. It must cause our Sorrowful Mother much pain and anguish. Our selfishness that endangers others by denying verifiable science when it comes to mask wearing and vaccines hurts the Blessed Mother. The caustic way we address and treat people who are different or we don’t agree with. Would cause any parent great anguish.

Church of the Transfiguration, we see Our Mother of Sorrows’ seven sorrows led us to the Triumph of the Cross. May her “eighth sorrow” our inhumanity to each other be transformed by the knowledge of our universal sisterhood and brotherhood and the intercession of the Blessed Mother. If we are successful, Our Mother of Sorrows will become Queen of Peace; which will bring everlasting Joy to Our Lady and her children!

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, Bobby Eason, Mark Eason, 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, Vydred 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 12, 2021

\$6,942.00 Tithe and Offering

BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS YOU!

Priest Retirement Fund Sunday, 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.

Stewardship

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

Jesus teaches His Stewards that they are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't 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.

Did you know?

What to look for in a safe school

Preventing violence in schools takes more than a few rules and requirements. It requires a culture of concern, in which every member works together to prevent violence and abuse. These cultures share certain hallmarks that parents can look for in selecting the safest school for their children. Some of these features include a strong community, clear lines of communication between teachers, staff, and families, and equal respect for students and staff throughout the school.

For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Characteristics of Safe and Responsive Schools" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Wis 2:12-20, Ps 54:3-8, Mk 9:30-37
Monday	Ezr 1:1-6, Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Eph 4:1-13, Mt 9:13
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9, Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8, Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9, Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Zec 2:5-15a, Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8-14, Mk 9:38-48

Catechetical Sunday

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Church of the Transfiguration School & Church congratulates our Catechists and Teachers for saying yes to their ministry of; "Letting the Children come to Him" (Mark 10:13) in educating them in the knowledge of; "Who they are! Whose they are!" We, your Faith-Family will be praying with you as you fulfill your ministerial call!

RCIA Inquiry

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Inquiry Period has begun. 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. Registration will take place every Sunday in September. Classes begin October 5, 2021. For more details call Anita Thomas at 323.810.0696.

VIRTUAL REGIONAL CONGRESS 2021

A NEW BEGINNING

Saturday, September 25, 2021

LA Archdiocese - Office of Religious Education
For More Information and to Register for Event
<https://lacatholics.org/regional-congress/>

Thank you

The flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Cynthia Richardson* in memory of her father **Milton Keys**, also by *Gloria McClaurin* in memory of her parents **Preston and Rosa Thompson**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory.

Did you know

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

