

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 26, 2021

Welcome

Church of the Transfiguration welcomes our Celebrant Fr. Gilbert Martinez, C.S.P.
Thank you for blessing us with your ministry.

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this extra ordinary moment in time. It can be one because of the fact that our God does extra ordinary things in all times. Our nation continues to struggle with all the ills that keep her from living up to her principle /motto “E pluribus Unum!” (Out of many, one) Also our country continues to grapple with living up to our Christian principles of universal sisterhood & brotherhood. Over four hundred years this land has struggled with the idea that all are one. On this Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary cycle (b), we see we are not where we should be!

Hate crimes have risen exponentially all over the world, but specifically most in our country. Our unrepresentative government “ripped off the scab” of a wound that has been in our psyche since before 1619! Our Gospel says that “all men [and women] are created equal.” Unfortunately, this country has never truly believed or acted like this. Over and over again the entity in power says that Racism is over the need for protections against this Sin, against the victims and the perpetrators’ humanity is no longer necessary. People of color know that this is not true. Look at our treatment of the migrants at the Texas border: the horses and border officials attacking men, women, and children. The actions of those officers are seared into our national consciousness. It illustrates once again our inhumane, unchristian, and evil treatment to a people in dire need. As a Christian nation, we are called to take care of the poor, the hungry, those in most need. Systemically, this nation has been cruel and inhumane to people of color, poor, and the disenfranchised. Our Church has been sometimes the enablers and sustainers of this inhumanity. This is the Church Institution that mirrors the society. Praise God, there is a Church Militant. We are reminded as Church (the Body of Christ with Jesus as Our Head) that we are all sisters and brothers. This calls us to unparalleled compassion, mercy, and love.

September 20 (last Monday) was the feast of Saints Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Hasang and companions: Fr. Taegon was born of Yangban, Kim's parents were converts and his father was subsequently martyred for practicing Christianity, a prohibited activity in heavily Confucian Korea. After being baptized at age 15, Kim studied at a seminary in the Portuguese colony of Macau. He also spent time in study at Lolombo, Bocaue, Bulacan, Philippines, where today he is also venerated. He was ordained a priest in Shanghai after nine years (1844) by the French bishop Jean Joseph Jean-Baptiste Ferréol. He then returned to Korea to preach and evangelize. During the Joseon Dynasty, Christianity was suppressed and many Christians were persecuted and executed. Catholics had to practice their faith covertly. Kim was one of several thousand Christians who were executed during this time. In 1846, at the age of 25, he was tortured and beheaded near Seoul on the Han River. [Wikipedia] The Church Militant and the Church Institution as one reached through the threat of death to break the law to build up the Kingdom of God. This outreach shows the universality of the Church. It also demonstrates the selfless Love we are called to emulate in sharing of the Gospel.

Church of the Transfiguration, we must continue the struggle to unite the Church Institution with the Church Militant and fight to bring our Catholic values to the fore in our “Christian nation.” Simultaneously, we must continue to illustrate to all our universality. Also combat the hate that our nation freely exudes with the Love that our Brother the Christ demonstrates freely and equally to all!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

SAVE THE DATE

Please Save the Date and pray as we begin our preparations for our pastor's installation which takes place November 19-21, 2021.

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, Vylfred 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 19, 2021

\$6441.00 Tithe and Offering



Stewardship

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)
We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Did you know?

Keep video games safe

If your children play video games, it is important to know what they are playing and who they are playing with. Although video games may look like a solo activity, many involve teams or groups where players meet online. Talk to your children about what they are playing, and what they are talking about with other players. Remind them about your internet safety rules, and what information they can and cannot share online. You can also research a game's content at the Entertainment Software Rating Board, www.esrb.org.

For more information, visit <https://www.missingkids.org/content/ncmec/en/blog/2021/schools-out-for-summer-gaming-safety-for-kids.html>.

The Office of *Safeguard the Children* is dedicated to "protecting all of God's children" by fully implementing Article 12 of the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2002. The Office of Safeguard the Children provides ongoing support, education, training and resources to help prevent child sexual abuse and to address children's safety in our parishes, schools, homes and communities.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Nm 11:25-29, Ps 19:8-14, Mk 9:38-48
Monday	Zec 8:1-8, Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday	Zec 8:20-23, Lk 9:51-56
Wednesday	Dn 7:9-14, Jn 1:47-51
Thursday	Neh 8:1-12, Lk 10:1-12
Friday	Bar 1:15-22, Lk 10:13-16
Saturday	Bar 4:5-29, Mt 18:1-10
Sunday	Gn 2:18-24, Ps 128:1-6, Mk 10:2-16

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.

National Black Catholic Men's Conference

The National Black Catholic Men's Conference is inviting all our men to join them virtually for their annual convention. We are hosting the Conference's closing Mass. All are welcome to join us on October 16 at 11:30AM. Please look at our website or call the Rectory for more information and to sign up.

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

Thank you

The flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Marjorie Jones**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory.