

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 24, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in this moment of anxiety in our homes, community, Church, our world! In times like these we need a Savior. The Good News that we here at the Church of the Transfiguration can boldly proclaim, we got one!

Our anxiety is understandable, when looking at the news, talking to neighbors, communicating on various social media platforms, meetings at the workplace, etc. People are nervous about a myriad of issues; COVID-19, domestic terrorism, economy, culture wars, family squabbles, etc. We could go on and on! All areas of our lives could be contributing to our feelings of anxiety.

Here at the Church of the Transfiguration, we have all the issues of our society that cause anxiety, but we also have things that are unique to us that also can lead to deep seated uneasiness. In the middle of a pandemic our lives have been up rooted with the major changes that are occurring. Our beloved Deacon Mark Race, the Parish Life Director for seven years has moved on. Father Joel Henson, resident and frequent Sacramental Minister for Liturgies, relocated to a Church closer to the Archdiocesan Offices. The many deaths of pillars of our Faith-family during the pandemic continue to cause great consternation. Financial sustainability, spiritual viability, and communal relevancy gives the leadership of the Church even greater levels of anxiety.

We have a little over a month to celebrate in our liturgical season called “Ordinary Time.” It is difficult to celebrate when you are in the midst of an anxiety attack, but that is exactly what God is calling His disciples [all of us] to do. On this Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time cycle (b), we have many reasons to have high anxiety, but some of this uneasiness is for good things.

Our Faith-family is attempting to take our baptismal call, our fellowship, our discipleship to the next level. Transfiguration has a strong foundation, a great history, and an awesome opportunity. Eight months ago, we gained a new pastor assigned to lead and serve. Three months ago, we triumphantly returned to in-person worship utilizing the physical Church. Two months ago our school reopened for in-class learning. All these good things caused great anxiety.

November 19-21, the Pastor’s Installation weekend the Transfiguration family is looking to do it big! Our events are not for the pastor’s installation as it is more for an opportunity for us to come together as a faith-family teaming up with the community. By God’s grace we will continue to build on the great foundation of our Church. Our Faith-family will see the awesome possibilities for our Church by the events for evangelization. Leimert Park will see us as a viable partner to transform our community, by our outreach in these events. Hopefully, we will raise some money for scholarships to the school, a new sign in front of the Church, and painting the outside of the building. All this will cause anxiety because of the ambitious goals. Faith-family, we must remember, why we do this! And who we are doing this for. Also we must pray for His blessing to remove anxiety and strife. We can do this because we’ve come this far by Faith. There is no anxiety that Our God cannot alleviate! He didn’t bring us this far to abandon us!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ

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, Jacqueline Williams, Peggy Wilson and Mechele Yerima.

Meet me on the Corner... it's going up!

PASTOR'S INSTALLATION WEEKEND
Reverend Father Anthony M. Bozeman, S.S.J.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2021

Dinner Theatre "the Creole Mafia" at 6:30 PM

Preferred seating is \$65 and General Admission seating is \$55
All funds raised will go towards school full tuition scholarships

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2021

Homeless Connect - Lemiert Park 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

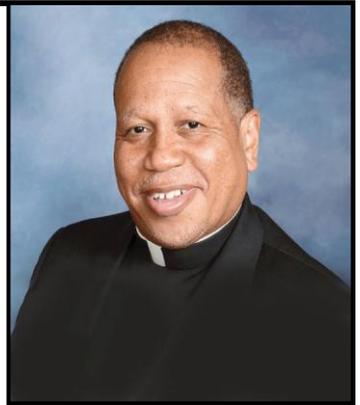
Transfiguration Tabernacle Gospel Choir Concert at 5:00 PM

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Installation Mass at 10:00 AM

Followed by Luncheon, tickets \$45

Tickets are on sale in the patio after the 8AM Mass and BEFORE the 10AM Mass.
You may also purchase tickets on the church website by using the Eventbrite link.



EVENTS HELD AT:

*Church of the
Transfiguration
2515 W. Martin Luther
King Jr. Blvd., L. A. 90008*

Weekly Offering for October 17, 2021

\$4,282.21 Tithe and Offering

Stewardship

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop a stewardship attitude of gratitude.

Did you know?

Have a spooky and safe Halloween

With Halloween right around the corner, here are a few tips to keep your holiday safe and fun! Before they go trick-or-treating, talk with your children about safety and set the ground rules. Young children should always trick or treat with an adult. Join up with friends or family and stick to neighborhoods you know, with houses that are lit and ready for trick or treaters. Stay on sidewalks when possible, and if children have a hard time walking between houses, make a game of it — take big steps, or march from house to house. For more information, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/item/140-tips-for-a-treat-filled-halloween>.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by *Venita Marine* in loving memory of **HENRY MARINE**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Jer 31:7-9, Ps 126:1-6, Mk 10:46-52
Monday	Rom 8:12-17, Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25, Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30, Lk 1:22-30
Thursday	Eph 2:19-22, Lk 6:12-16
Friday	Rom 9:1-5, Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-29, Lk 14:7-11
Sunday	Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-4, 47-51, Mk 12:28b-34

World Mission Sunday, October 24, 2021

Today, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support the mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous with your offering for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

RCIA

Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, November 2 "History of the Catholic Church" Fr. Kenneth Keke at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

All Souls Mass

We will celebrate All Souls Mass on Sunday, November 7, 2021. The Church of the Transfiguration will offer a liturgy for the repose of the souls of those from our church family who have gone home to the Lord **FROM NOVEMBER 2020 UNTIL OCTOBER 2021**. This special celebration will take place at all Masses. If you have grieved the death of a loved one during this time please call the rectory to give their name.