

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Grace and peace be with you in these perilous times. Psalm 126:3a; “The Lord has done marvels for us.” It is a statement made in a time when it may be difficult to see marvelous deeds, because we are surrounded by malevolent occurrences. Like Bartimaeus, many of us could be spiritually blinded by the obstacles that the devil has placed in our path. On this Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time cycle (b), many will be doing something special on this October 31st. It is also Halloween. Children and some adults will be asking; “Trick or Treat?” Looking for something good as they present themselves dressed up in a costume. Right now as Christians’ we evaluate or ask the question is our situation a “Curse or Blessing”?

When I was in the Air National Guard, traveling TDY (temporary duty assignment) in Stavanger, Norway I was standing in line waiting to get into a club called; “New York, New York” I was fortunate to be standing behind a couple from Ethiopia. After our conversation and partying the night away in Europe, they invited me to their house for dinner the next evening. At dinner the husband of this couple from the “Motherland,” were discussing the state of the people of African descent on the continent of Africa and in the diaspora all around the world. Currently in our society, it seems too many that we are cursed still.

An 18 year old girl (she is still a child) sitting in a car with friends in Inglewood, was shot and killed. On the 20th of October, we had another “Nightmare on our streets!” This is not a killing because of Racism, prejudiced police, or gang involvement by the girls in the car. Daina Monroe, was gunned down in front of her home. She graduated high school with a scholarship to college for Volleyball. Gucci is Daina’s nickname. She shows that Black people are cursed? No. Does this tragedy show Black Lives Matter? No. We cannot fall for the Trick of the enemy to inhibit us from receiving the blessing that awaits those who seek Him! Daina’s tragedy can become her and the family’s triumph. She can now do more for “Black Lives” from glory than she could ever do on this side.

On this Halloween Sunday, we could be frightened, because it seems like we are cursed with all the tragedies that continue to befall us. Everyone is affected by the curse, but we are also blessed by the best! Let us continue to show the devil is a liar. We may be cursed by the evil one, but we are blessed by God! Let us boldly proclaim this fact, so that God will continue to transform curses into blessings for all His creation that calls out to Him! We will be blessed and the cursed will see by our witness that they can be victorious also. We will demonstrate by our actions, testimony, very being that Black Lives Matter and consequently all lives matter! Yes, because God has created us!

Be blessed,

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, 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, Frank Rhodes, 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*

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

All Saints Mass – 8AM

Weekly Offering for October 24, 2021

\$4,296.00 Tithe and Offering

Stewardship

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share, to be stewards out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

Did you know?

The importance of maintaining emotional boundaries

As safe adults we have a responsibility to set healthy emotional boundaries with the children in our care, most importantly because we are helping to guide a child's development. In no way does this mean that adult-child relationships must be cold or uncaring. By maintaining healthy emotional boundaries, we as adults act as role models for other adults and for children themselves. For example, there is a big difference between being friendly and being friends with a child. For more information, request a copy of the VIRTUS® article "Emotional Boundaries" at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **GWEN FILES** and **EVELYN PAYNE** who are celebrating their birthday. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Dt 6:2-6, Ps 18:2-4, 47-51, Mk 12:28b-34
Monday	Rv 7:2-14, Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday	Wis 3:1-9, Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday	Rom 13:8-10, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Rom 14:7-12, Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21, Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-27, Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	1 Kgs 17:10-16, Ps 146:7-10, Mk 12:38-44

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.

Faithful Departed Masses

During November our Masses will be offered for the Faithful Departed. This is an opportunity for us to remember in prayer those who preceded us in death. We ask that you use your envelopes to list the names of those you wish to be included in our All Souls Masses. Additional envelopes are at the church exits.

NOVEMBER 7TH ...
Daylight saving time ends:

