

Dear Parishioners,

I want to personally thank you for joining us today at the Church of the Transfiguration.

“Here I am,” I said; “send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

A commission is a special type of command. The person commissioning is not just ordering one task to be done; he or she is entrusting an entire project to another person. There’s a lot of responsibility, but a lot of trust as well. It’s an honor to receive a commission!

Today’s first reading is focused on the commission that God gave to the prophet Isaiah. It began with a revelation of God’s glory, which moved Isaiah to repentance. Repentance then brought a cleansing, and cleansing enabled him to hear and accept God’s call.

While the details may differ, all of these ingredients—revelation, repentance, openness to God’s call, and acceptance—are the foundation for every commission God gives to us. In today’s Gospel, we see that Peter’s commission contains similar elements. Read it carefully, and see if you can identify them.

Just before he ascended to heaven, Jesus gave his apostles—and all of us—something commonly referred to as the “Great Commission” (Matthew 28:16-20). He asks us to be involved in his mission of reaching the whole world with his message of mercy.

Do you believe that you have a God-given role to play in this Great Commission? Within your home, your parish, your school, at work, or in the market, God wants you to tell people the story of Jesus—by your words as well as by your personal witness. He wants you to make Jesus present.

This challenge is costly because it asks us to go beyond our comfort zones. It calls for courage and strength, discipline and fortitude.

Did Isaiah know how to witness when he said, “Here I am; send me”? Probably not. Did Peter and the other apostles know how to witness when Jesus told them to go out and evangelize the whole world? Hardly. So take heart—you’re in excellent company!

“Here I am, Lord! Fill me, equip me, and send me.”

~Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship Thought:

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” (ISAIAH 6:8)

Every day – in little ways and in big ways – God asks, “*Whom shall I send?*” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry or just someone to open a door for a stranger, God constantly provides doors of opportunity. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.”

Sacred Heart Retreat

Let 2016 be your year to take care of the Spiritual You! Ladies, it’s almost time again for the spiritually rejuvenating retreat at the Sacred Heart Retreat House in Alhambra. From Friday, April 8th until Sunday, April 10th you can come one or all three days to enjoy a little quiet time for yourself. For more information and/or to reserve your space, reach out to Evelyn Payne at 323.291.8325 or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846. We’d love to have you with us.

RCIA Come, learn or renew your Catholic faith...

Tuesday, February 16 “Sacraments of Holy Orders & Marriage” at Holy Name of Jesus (*Acacia Center*), 1955 W. Jefferson in Los Angeles from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM.

Thank you

The beautiful flowers on the altar this week were donated by **Tina Peters and Andrea Raggette** in memory of their love ones **EFFIE, BEVERLY, AND DONALD RAPHAEL**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday	Is 6:1-8, Ps 138:1-8, Lk 5:1-11
Monday	1 Kgs 8:1-13, Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday	1 Kgs 8:22-30, Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18, Mt 6:1-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20, Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a, Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14, Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Dt 26:4-10, Ps 91:1-15, Lk 4:1-13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	February 6
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	February 7
8:00 AM	Soul of Alice Vogel
10:00 AM	Souls of Effie, Beverly, & Donald Raphael
12:15 PM	Soul of Gwyane Collins
Monday	February 8
8:00 AM	Intention of Mable & Maurice Simon
Saturday	February 13
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	February 14
8:00 AM	Intention of Deacon Greg Patterson
10:00 AM	Soul of Alvin King
12:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Starks



WEEKLY OFFERING

January 31, 2016

\$4,302.50 Tithe and Offering
115.00 Building Fund
21.00 "We Care"

UP-COMING SERVICE

Ash Wednesday Masses
February 10, 2016

8am Daily Mass
9:30am School Mass
6pm Mass

Distribution of Ashes at all Services.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 6:30 PM.

LENTEN FISH FRY

Fridays 5-9PM beginning February 12.

THOUGHTS ON FASTING

Lent should be more than a time of fasting.

It should be a joyous season of fasting.

Lent is a time to fast from certain things and to feast on others.

Fast from discouragement: feast on hope.

Fast from idle gossip: feast on purposeful silence.

Fast from anger: feast on patience.

Fast from discontent: feast on gratitude.

Fast from pessimism: feast on optimism.

Fast from suspicion: feast on truth.

Fast from bitterness: feast on forgiveness.

Fast from complaining: feast on appreciation.

Happy 52nd Anniversary to: Mable & Maurice Simon on Monday, February 8th.

*Wishing you both a day... That's filled with moments with special dreams
and memories to cherish all your life.*



HOLY YEAR OF MERCY

Pray for our sick...

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Daniel Boone, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Millard Goode, Jr., Nancy Goosby, Mary Hall, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Tinkerbelle, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Year of Mercy Prayer



*Lord Jesus Christ, Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its Anointing,
so the Jubilee of Mercy may be a Year of Grace from the Lord, and your church.*

*With renewed enthusiasm, may we bring your good news to the poor, proclaim
liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit For ever and ever.*