

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 1, 2018

Happy Easter!

I want to personally thank you for joining us today and wish you and your loved ones all the blessings of the Risen Lord.

We want to focus on just one verse today. Speaking to a centurion and his family, St. Peter says that the risen Jesus chose to appear, “not to all the people,” but only to himself and the other disciples, “the witnesses chosen by God in advance” (Acts 10:41). He didn’t appear to everyone—not the Pharisees, not the people in Athens or Alexandria, not even to all the people he had healed and delivered. It was just a few people.



Peter then goes on to say something even more surprising: God had commissioned him and the others “to preach to the people and testify” (Acts 10:42). Rather than making a proclamation from heaven for all to hear, God chose ordinary, everyday people to share his good news. In other words, he chose people just like us.

Why would God choose such a humble, risky strategy? We may never know the full answer, but here are two possibilities:

First, Jesus wants us to experience his love through each other. He wants us to feel his presence through the generosity, the affection, and the humility of his followers. That’s why he has called us to be a Church—so that he can work through us to change the world. It’s why he calls us to gather around the altar as brothers and sisters.

Second, Jesus trusts us. He was confident that, with the help of his Spirit, Peter and Mary Magdalene and the rest could accomplish something grand and beautiful for him. In the same way, he trusts you. He knows you won’t always get it right, but neither did the apostles. Still, he knows that if you set your heart on loving people as he loves them, you will make a difference.

Christ is risen! May we all proclaim it through our love!

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter.

Envelopes are at the church exit.

The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

DID YOU KNOW?

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Pray for the healing of abuse victims.

Each of us, as members of our Catholic community, can contribute to the healing by remembering survivors of abuse in our prayers.

The following prayer is from the USCCB (United States of Catholic Conference of Bishops):

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness.

Grant us courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors.

Grant that all harmed by abuse may find justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

LENTEN FISH FRY RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize \$1,000.00 LUCINDA ROWE
2nd Prize 500.00 REFUGIO GODINEZ
3rd Prize 250.00 ROCHELLE WILLIAMS-School

Thank you to everyone who was able to participate in this year's Raffle and Fish Fry. You are greatly appreciated. We are especially thankful to the Knights of Peter Claver #220 for hosting the raffle and fish fry this year. Thanks to ALL!

Virtus Recertification

To comply with the Archdiocese's Safeguard the Children Program, "All parish and school staff/volunteers who are alone with a child or young person or who have supervisory control over a child or young person" is required to attend a VIRTUS Certification session. Transfiguration will hold a VIRTUS Recertification training class on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the hall. Recertification is required every four years. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. Please call the office 323.291.1136 to reserve a space.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES

to

Suzan Katz

who celebrated her birthday on **March 29**
from your loving husband and family.

AND

Sarah Johns

who celebrates her **92nd birthday April 1.**
from your family with love.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 10:34-43, Ps 118:1-23, Jn 20:1-9
Monday	Acts, 2:14-33, Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41, Jn 20:11-18,
Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10, Lk 24:13-25
Thursday	Acts 3:11-26, Lk 24:35-48,
Friday	Acts 4:1-12, Jn 21:1-14
Saturday	Acts 4:13-21, Mk 16:9-15
Sunday	Acts 4:32-35, Ps 118:2-24, Jn 20:19-31

Mass Intentions

Sunday	April 1
8:00 AM	Soul of Lorina Fernandez
10:00 AM	Soul of Daisy Pratt
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for March 25, 2018

\$6,096.75 Tithe and Offering
425.00 Building Fund
31.00 "We Care"

Stewardship Thought

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth."

COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 2, 2018

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Jo Ann Collin, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Jacqueline Williams, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.