

Dear Parishioners,

God will wipe away every tear. (Revelation 7:17)

Tears are a natural part of being human. Sometimes, we cry tears of joy or relief, but more often, we weep because of some suffering or sadness we have experienced. It's these tears—tears of sadness—that God has promised to wipe away.

There is simply no way around it: at one point or another, each of us will shed tears of sadness. They could be the result of a sickness, the death of a loved one, a failed relationship, a dashed hope, or a host of other causes—but, they will come. While many people spend their whole lives trying to suppress the pain and avoid the tears, our best strategy would be to find a way to survive these times of distress, not run from them (Revelation 7:14). For us as believers, survival means trying not to let these times of pain separate us from the Lord or each other.

If there is one good thing we can take from our trials, it's that they will make our entrance into heaven that much more glorious and rewarding. Jesus knows that we all have scarred memories. It doesn't matter whether they come from self-inflicted wounds or from the way other people have treated us. What matters is that Jesus promises to wipe away every tear we have ever shed over them. And then, in the beauty and perfection of heaven, there will never be another reason to weep.

Try to imagine what your mind would be like if you were finally set free of every sad, resentful, critical, or angry thought. That's what you have to look forward to!

Are you suffering right now? Does the pain feel like a weight around your neck or a dark cloud over your head? If so, when you receive the Eucharist today, remember that a day is coming when every problem will be resolved, every memory will be healed, and every tear will be wiped away.

"Jesus, teach me how to survive in faith.

Fill me with hope and confidence that you will come and set me free."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." ACTS 13:52

Because the disciples heard Our Lord's call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions.

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, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Benjie Delille, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Joan Johnson, Robert Jordan, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Are you being called to become a Deacon?

**Diaconate Formation Office:
Information Meeting for Men Interested**

Sunday April 24, 2016

The Diaconate Formation Office will be hosting an information meeting for all men who are interested in finding out more about becoming a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Members of the Archdiocesan Diaconate Formation Office will be present to explain the role of the deacon in the Church, to explain the Diaconate Formation Program, and to answer any questions that participants might have. Men must be between the ages of 30 and 60 years to enter the formation program. It is important for men who are married to attend with their wives. The next information meeting will be held on **Sunday, April 24, 2016 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at St. Dominic Savio, 13400 Bellflower Blvd. Bellflower, CA 90706.** For further information, please contact Mrs. Claudia Ortiz in the Diaconate Formation Office at 213.637.7383 or at: [mail to: CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:CAOrtiz@la-archdiocese.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday April 16
5:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Sunday April 17
8:00 AM Soul of Learie Apparicio
10:00 AM Soul of Walita Keyes
12:15 PM Soul of Barbara Starks

Monday April 18
8:00 AM Soul of Robert Johns, Jr.

Wednesday April 20
8:00 AM Intention of Michelle Simon

Friday April 22
8:00 AM Intention of Brianna Katz

Saturday April 23
5:15 PM Soul of Lillian White

Sunday April 24
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Renee Arguilar
12:15 PM Soul of Allyson Smith

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Sunday Acts 13:14-52, Ps 100:1-5, Jn 10:27-30
Monday Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50
Thursday Act 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Act 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-13, Jn 13:31-35

Thank you

The beautiful flower arrangement in front of the altar this week was donated by **MARIE JEAN**. If you would like to donate flowers, please call the rectory for more details.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

For all those caring adults who have been educated to protect children and young people from child sexual abuse; may God bless their efforts in being the "ears, eyes and voice" of children and young people.

Mission Madness Day

Saturday, April 23, 2016

Mission Madness Day, scheduled for April 23rd from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm in the classrooms at Carondelet Center is to raise funds for children and youth living in poverty where the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet minister in Peru. Funds will be used for educational resources, student supplies and food for breakfast for students in Tacna and Canto Chico in Peru. There will be a silent auction, raffles, door prizes, appetizers, desserts and refreshments. This will be a good way to socialize, shop, and support the Missions of Sisters of St. Joseph. All Sisters, Associates, Partners in Ministry, CSJ friends, and all parishioners of Transfiguration Parish are welcome to come! Come and support our CSJ Missions in Peru Carondelet Center is located at 11999 Chalon Rd., Los Angeles, right below Mt. St. Mary's University. We hope to see you!

WEEKLY OFFERING

April 10, 2016

\$6,861.56 Tithes and Offering
138.00 Building Fund
26.00 "We Care"



Noted Musician/Composer Howlett Smith's

"THE CARPENTER"

Sunday, May 15, 2016 at 4PM

CHURCH OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

2515 W. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90008
323.291.1136

Transfiguration's

50 + CLUB

Are you ready to enjoy the *Spring* and *Summer* fun every 2nd Saturday at 1 PM here in the parish hall.

JOIN THE GREAT FUN...

Delicious Food, Trips and Bingo!

Music & Dancing,

ALL ARE INVITED!

CONFIRMATION

Friday April 29 at 7:00 PM

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Bernadette, with combining churches; Holy Name of Jesus, St. Brigid and Transfiguration. Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J. will be the Presider.

Mark your calendar

First Communion **Sunday, May 22nd at 12:15PM** Mass. Join us for this special ceremony.

Mother's Day Novena

In the month of May, there will be a special Novena of Masses for the intentions of mothers. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.