

Third Sunday of Easter

19 April 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

We all know what it feels like when we finally understand something we have previously doubted or haven't fully grasped. It's like having a little light go on in our heads. When Jesus opened the minds of his disciples, he was showing them that everything was going to be all right. He had risen from the dead, and he was in control. There was nothing to be afraid of.

So what exactly did Jesus tell them? It's anybody's guess. All Luke tells us is that Jesus showed them how the Scriptures were fulfilled through him. Perhaps he walked them through the story of Adam and Eve. Maybe he talked about the events that pointed to his mission: about Abraham's sacrifice of his son Isaac; about Moses, the Passover lamb, and the Israelites' deliverance from slavery; or about the rite of atonement in the Book of Leviticus.

Maybe Jesus spoke about the suffering servant who was pierced for our transgressions (Isaiah 53:5). Or maybe he talked about the words of the prophet Zechariah, who said that God will pour out his Spirit as his people look on one whom they have pierced and "mourn for him as one mourns for an only child" (Zechariah 12:10). Whatever he said, Jesus filled them all with joy and deepened their faith. Each story brought them more clarity about God's plan.

Likewise, Jesus wants to open our minds. He wants to tell us that the feast we celebrated two weeks ago is the fulfillment of God's plan for his people—of his plan for each of us. It was foretold in the Old Testament and fulfilled in Christ. And one day, when he comes again, we will see the completion of this plan as sin and suffering are done away with forever.

Today at Mass, ask Jesus to open your eyes so that you can see this magnificent plan more clearly. Then let what you see propel your faith to a new level, just as it did for the disciples two thousand years ago.

"Open my eyes, Lord, to your glorious plans."

Called to Serve,

~Deacon Mark Race

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Confirmation ~ Saturday May 1 at 7:00 PM
Sacrament of Confirmation at Holy Name of Jesus Church

**First Communion ~ Sunday May 17th at the
12:15PM Mass at Transfiguration**

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.



Mass Intentions

Saturday April 18
5:15 PM Soul of Robert Johns, Jr.

Sunday April 19
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Soul of Rene Arguillar
12:15 PM Soul of Yula Wilkes

Monday April 20
8:00 AM Soul of Allyson Smith

Wednesday April 22
8:00 AM Soul of Kenneth Breaux

Friday April 24
8:00 AM Soul of Fr. Augustus Tolton

Saturday April 25
5:15 PM Intention of Robert & Sarah Johns

Sunday April 26
8:00 AM Soul of Samuel Foye
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners

Readings for the week

Sunday Acts 3:13-19, Ps 4:2-9, Lk 24:35-48
Monday Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
Thursday Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Friday Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Saturday 1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20
Sunday Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1-29, Jn 10:11-18

April 12, 2015 Weekly Collection

\$7,869.00 Tithe and Offering
367.00 Building Fund
75.00 "We Care"

Transfiguration School News!

Today, April 19th, at the 10AM mass, we will honor the **Academic Decathlon team** and our 8th grade students. We will also have a delicious BBQ fundraiser after all masses.

We are offering **summer school** from June 22 to July 17. The cost is only \$300.00 which includes: high school placement preparation, academics, sports, and fine and performing arts courses. Please call the school for more information 323.292.3011.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Jane Grover, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, 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., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, and Patricia Williams.

FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites anyone involved in Youth ministry, Confirmation, Initiation, or Liturgy to the basic ministry "formation" course that will take place at St. Mark's parish Hall in Venice this summer. Other adults wishing to volunteer in a Parish ministry or adults wishing to seek enrichment are also welcome to attend. For more information please contact the church office or Ms. Godinez.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE APRIL 25 & 26, 2015

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony

8 AM

Kniya Addy
Carlos Ordonez
Korina Ordonez

10 AM

David Brown
Alonzo Ramo
Martin Hill
Lanigi Chinilio

12:15 PM

Cori Chapman
Samia Marine
Jeremiah Sykes
Nathan Burrell

THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST REVIVAL

at Transfiguration Catholic Church

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