

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

For my column this week, I thought I'd share the following article on Pope Francis which I found on-line. The Pope has some advice which all of us Christian Catholics need to take seriously.

"Christians need to recover the value of meekness, particularly when they are tempted to speak ill of one another," Pope Francis said during his early morning Mass last Tuesday.

Complaining behind each others' backs is a temptation that comes "from the Evil One who does not want the Spirit to dwell among us and give peace, meekness to the Christian community," the Pope said.

Joining Pope Francis for the Mass at the Domus Sanctae Marthae were staff members of the Vatican health service and from the general services department of the office governing Vatican City State.

The Pope's brief homily focused on the first reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the members of the earliest Christian community as being "of one heart and mind."

"Catholics today must strive to model their relationships on those of the earliest Christians, who truly lived the experience of having received a new life through baptism," Pope Francis said. The new life offered through the grace of baptism is something that Christians must work on developing; even though it "principally depends on the Spirit," he added, it also takes effort on the part of each individual to cooperate with that grace.

The new life of the early Christians was expressed in "that unity, unanimity, that harmony of feelings in mutual love," he said, according to Vatican Radio. He said the virtue of meekness, which is a key to harmony, has been "a bit forgotten."

Meekness, he said, has "many enemies" and the first is gossip. "*When one prefers gossiping, gossiping about another, it's like clobbering another and it is a temptation of the Evil One.*"

"*The struggle against such harmful chatter, is something that continually sows tensions in parishes, families, neighborhoods and among friends. But this is not the new life promised by baptism, because when the Holy Spirit descends, it gives birth to a new life within us, it makes us meek, charitable,*" the Pope explained.

Father Michael Tang

Pastor Scholarship Fund

Transfiguration School is accepting transfer students for the spring second semester in all grades, except Pre-K. The school has a **Pastor's Scholarship Fund** for scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2,500 per child which will be awarded to transfer students on the basis of academic achievement as well as family involvement in the Transfiguration community or at local parishes that do not have a Catholic school. The school serves Pre-K through 8th grade children and welcomes students of all faiths, ethnic background and economic circumstances. The school is accredited, provides a rigorous core curriculum, and recently added fine and performing arts to its offerings. Counseling services are also available at the school. Please contact Fr. Michael Tang or Jo Ann Levi in the rectory office at 323. 291.1136 for more details.

The Week Ahead

Sunday, April 21

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Ladies Auxiliary International Food Court
after all Masses

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

2:00 PM Reserve Corps of St. Michael-church

Monday, April 22

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

Wednesday, April 24

6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday, April 25

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

Prayer for Vocations

O, God, You have asked us to pray for vocations; that there might be young men and women willing to give their lives for the sake of souls. Hear our prayer and the prayers of your Church and send us good and holy priests and religious. We offer you this day, all we shall think, do or say for this intention, through Christ, Our Lord, Amen. O God, You call all in Your Church to live a holy life. Like a wise harvest master, clearly call laborers to reap the harvest of souls. May some become holy priests, formed by the Gospel; may some find their way to religious communities filled with love for You. Inspire them by Your Holy Spirit to leave their way of life and share the work of Your Son Who lives forever and ever.

School News

*Celebrating **75** Years*
A Legacy of Making a Difference
 Serving the Community Since 1937

Save the dates:

New Student testing, Sunday April 21 at 2:00 PM
 Piano Recital, Parish Hall on May 9 & 10 at 6:30 PM
 Sports Banquet, Hall/Church on May 17 at 5:30 PM
 Re-Registration May 9 at 5:00 PM
 Dance Recital, Parish Hall on May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM

Summer School:

We will offer Summer School from July 1-July 26. The Summer program will include Academics, Sports, and Fine and Performing Arts classes.

Paper Donation:

Please continue to assist us throughout our school year by donating copy paper. Contact the office at 323.292.3011.

Calling All Married Couples:

Feel blessed by your marriage in the Church? If so, we would love to have you help us prepare engaged couples for marriage in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. For further information please contact Candy Metoyer at 213.637.7250; cmetoyer@la-archdiocese.org. We Need You!

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. "Keep Kids Safe" Blue Ribbon Stickers are available at the Church exits. Everyone is encouraged to wear them during the month of April.

VIRTUS Re-Certification:

To comply with the Archdiocese's *Safeguard the Children Program*, "All parish/staff and 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 VIRTUS training. Transfiguration will hold a VIRTUS Re-Certification session on Tuesday, April 30th at 7:00 PM in the hall. The session, *Keeping the Promise Alive*, lasts 1hrs 30 minutes. Re-Certification is required every four years.

Cancelation of Carnival:

Due to other major events in the parish, the Carnival is being canceled. Thank you for your support of our fundraising efforts.

Altar Servers Schedule for April 27 & 28

5:15 PM	8AM	10AM	12:15 PM
Marc Anthony	Lisa Crockett	Kenya Mayers	Alexis Brown
Ruben Martinez	Rome Washington	Destiny Mayers	Tyler Smith
Sierra Black	Matthew Madere	Anthony Roque	Logan Bush
		Maurice Burnett	Kofi Karibari
		Brendan Wilkerson	Spencer Fuller

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5:15 p.m.	April 20 Soul of Pamela Williams
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 21 Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 a.m.	Soul of Dorothy Campbell
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Iris Turner
Monday 8:00 a.m.	April 22 Intention of Eleanor Wooten
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	April 25 Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia, & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
Friday 8:00 a.m.	April 26 Soul of Jean-Christophe Dehaipe
Saturday 5:15 p.m.	April 27 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 27 Souls of Bill and Eileen McKenna
10:00 a.m.	Soul of René G. Aguilar
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Alphonse Pichon

Readings for the week

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 12:24-13:5, Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	1 Pt 5:5-14, Mk 16:15-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 14:21-27, Ps 145:8-13, Jn 13:31-35

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, April 15, 2012	Sunday, April 14, 2013
\$6,157.89 Sacrificial Gift	\$5,012.43 Sacrificial Gift
517.75 Building Fund	424.34 Building Fund
295.86 "We Care"	243.28 "We Care"

Verbum Dei High School is still accepting Admissions Applications for the 2013-2014 School Year. For more information, please contact Ms. Gonzalez at 323.564.6651 or visit us at 11100 South Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90059.

PETITION FOR THE SICK

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Learie Apparicio, Helen Augusta, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Joyce Burnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, John Crear, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Anita Finie, Edith Foster, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Mavis Gibbs, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Loretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vyldred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, Dorothy Okoye, Paula Osborn, Dale Payne, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Reanna Semien, Fr. Albert Shuyaka, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, David Tureaud, Iris Turner, Alice Vogel, Lubertha Weathers, Doris Wayne, and Lilla Williams.