

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

I am the good shepherd. (John 10:11)

This is the fourth of seven "I am" declarations that Jesus makes about himself in the Gospel of John. In other ones, Jesus says that he is the bread of life, the light of the world, the resurrection and the life, the gate, the true vine, the way, and the door. Each of these declarations tells us something unique about Jesus and who he is as the Son of God.

Using the simple analogy of sheep and their shepherd, Jesus is telling us something central to our life of faith. Like a shepherd, he leads us, feeds us, protects us, and saves us from death. But there's one mystery that this statement – or any of the others – doesn't answer: why does God have such unending and boundless love for us?

The answer to this question is both simple and profound. God is love. It's who he is. He can't stop loving us. We are his children, and he will always care for us. He loves us so much, in fact, that he asked his Son to leave his heavenly home, take on a human body, and lay down his life for us.

Now risen in glory and enthroned with his Father, Jesus still cares more about us than he cares about himself. Like a good shepherd, he guides us to safety, restores our strength, and anoints us with his grace (Psalm 23). He is the "shepherd and guardian" of our souls (1 Peter 2:25). He is the "great shepherd" who gives his all to his sheep (Hebrews 13:20).

Jesus knows that his sheep are defenseless against the temptations of Satan, the "thief" who wants to steal, kill, and destroy us (John 10:10). He wants us to know it as well, so that we will cling to him and follow him like faithful, innocent sheep. Aren't you glad that God is so faithful toward you? Today in prayer, tell the Lord how grateful you are. Tell him that you want to follow him wherever he leads.

"Jesus, you are my good shepherd. Come, Lord, and keep me safe."

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.

2015 LENTEN FISH FRY & RAFFLE

Thank you, Transfiguration parish for supporting this year's Lenten Fish Fry and Raffle and a special thanks to those outside of our Parish who supported us as well. This year's net proceeds were \$7728.29.

Mass Intentions

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
Saturday	May 2
5:15 PM	Soul of Jeroline Richards
Sunday	May 3
8:00 AM	Intention of Msgr. Richard Martini
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Anita Kennedy

Readings for the week

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1-29, Jn 10:11-18
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	Acts 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	Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-32, Jn 15:1-8

April 19, 2015 Weekly Collection

\$6,544.00	Tithe and Offering
107.00	Building Fund
20.00	"We Care"

Congratulations Fr. Bernard

On last Tuesday, April 21st Father Bernard celebrated his 10th Year of Ordination as a priest. We wish him well as he continues his call in the ministry. God Bless you!



Transfiguration School News!

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.

School Spring Recital

Thursday April 30 at 6:00 PM in the church...

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, 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, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred 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.

VIRTUS CERTIFICATION SESSION

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 Certification session on **Wednesday, May 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the hall**. It is mandatory for participation in church and school ministries, organizations and programs. Children are not allowed at the session. Child care is not provided. Please call the school at 323.292.3011 or church at 323.291.1136 to reserve a space. Latecomers will not be admitted.

ST. JEROME CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to a Day of Renewal & Prayer for Healing on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10AM to 3:30PM at St. Jerome in the parish hall. Bob Canton will be the speaker. Please bring a sack lunch. For more information, contact Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at 323.294.1940.

ROSARY SERVICE

You are invited to a Rosary-centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn in Holy Cross Cemetery Sunday, May 17, 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Holy Cross Cemetery is at 5835 West Slauson Ave., between Sepulveda and La Cienega. The service will begin at 2:00 PM at the Holy Cross Cemetery Risen Christ Chapel, with a procession to the Shrine. Please bring your family and friends. For further information, contact: Tom Ullman, tel. 310.670.0605.