

Divine Mercy Sunday

27 April 2014

Prime Time for Mystagogy

As we have gradually deepened our understanding of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, we have begun to understand more fully the role of mystagogy in religious formation. The general Catechetical Directory from Rome and documents from the U.S. bishops have insisted that the catechumenate is to be the model for all catechesis in the church. That means that we catechize both adults and children by preparing them to celebrate the liturgy and then by reflecting with them on the meaning of what they have experienced after it happens.

RCIA teams are learning that this pattern is not reserved only for the period of the RCIA called mystagogy. It is rather the way that we should be guiding catechumens throughout their formation. We prepare for prayers and ritual experiences, including the Liturgy of the Word on Sundays, and then we help them to reflect on what they have heard and seen to discern where God has been present and active in their own experience. This provides the basis for theological insights drawn from the church's tradition over the centuries, but the experience itself is primary and the first step is to unpack its meaning and significance.

While mystagogy is gradually finding its way into other contexts and seasons, the Easter season remains a primary time for mystagogy, since it follows the celebration of our foundational sacraments at the Easter Vigil. This is time to reflect upon and unpack the significance of those sacraments for our daily life as individual believers and as a community of faith.

Planners, then, should work closely with the RCIA team and the preacher(s) to discern what issues need to be addressed and what insights will be helpful for both the newly baptized and the whole assembly. This is a season for all of us to deepen our appreciation for the initiation sacraments and to challenge ourselves to live out their implications in our lives.

The readings of the Easter season are chosen to foster this kind of reflection. This is true in all three cycles, but it is perhaps clearest in our current Cycle A texts. Planners and preachers should look at the readings for the whole season to get a sense of how they progress. It can be helpful to list all the various themes that might be drawn from each set of readings. Then that list can be discussed with the RCIA team to see what topics might be most useful for mystagogy for the newly baptized.

Preachers can then develop their homilies accordingly and planners might put together bulletin articles or inserts that provide further materials for the reflection on each topic.

~Taken from Celebration Publication

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.

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Manual Brule, Vivian Burgess, Joyce Barnett, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Beryl Davidson, Nigel Dunn, Angela Dupré, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Gwen Files, Anita Finie, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Msgr. Robert Howard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Robert Jordan, Anita Kennedy, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred Manor, Muriel Meyers, Yvonne Morgan, James Murphy, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Gerald Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Reanna Semien, Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, and Iris Turner.

ALTAR SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 3 & 4

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony Martinez
Sierra Black

8:00 AM

Lisa Crockett
Delisa Madere
Cori Chapman

10:00 AM

Martin Hill
Lanigi Chinilio
Chris Robinson

12:15 PM

Samia Marine
Gilberto Gonzales
Maurice Burnett
Brenden Wilkerson

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:15 PM

Wednesday

8:00 AM

Saturday

5:15 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

12:15 PM

April 26

Intention of all Parishioners

April 27

Souls of William and Eileen McKenna

Souls of Jackeline, Dilcia and Wilfred Morgan, Jr.

Intentions of Sarah and Robert Johns, Sr.

April 30

Intention of Gerald Pratt

May 3

Intention of Cynthia Richardson

May 4

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Leona Roland

Intention of Angela Dupré

Readings for the week

Sunday

Acts 2:42-47, Ps 118:2-24, Jn 20:19-31

Monday

Acts 4:23-31, Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday

Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21

Thursday

Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36

Friday

Act 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15

Saturday

1 Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14

Sunday

Acts 2:14-33, Ps 16 1-11, Lk 24-13-35

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, April 21, 2013

\$4,298.58 Sacrificial Gift

372.22 Building Fund

212.70 "We Care"

Sunday, April 20, 2014

\$7,438.54 Sacrificial Gift

570.97 Building Fund

326.27 "We Care"

Transfiguration Knights of Peter Claver, #220

Junior Knights & Junior Daughters

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SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2014

1:00pm to 6:30pm

at Transfiguration in the parish hall.

Proceeds will go towards us attending our Western States
District Junior Conference.

Chicken, Ribs or Link Dinner \$10

Combinations 2 meats \$12

Orders include Potato Salad, Baked Beans and Bread

For more information or tickets call:

Commander Maurice Simon ~ 213.219.8010

Counselor Jeré Carmon ~ 310.351.6929

Junior Grand Knight Jordan Jackson ~ 310.570.8248

Thank you for your support!



Confirmation Saturday May 10 at 7:30 PM

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Transfiguration, with combing churches: St. Bernadette, Holy Name and St. Brigid. Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J. will be the Presider. The ceremony begins at 7:30 PM.

Mark your calendar:

First Communion Sunday May 18th 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.

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 Saturday, May 31 at 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM in the hall. The session, *Keeping the Promise Alive*, lasts 1 hour 30 minutes. Re-Certification is required every four years.

Baptism Class

For anyone seeking to have their infant or young child (7 or younger) baptized the next class for parents and godparents will be on Saturday, May 3rd in the St. Peter Claver Room from 1:30-3:00 PM. We are expecting a full class. Please contact Chris or Sonya Robertson at 323.291.4846 to reserve your space.

Ushers Needed...

Please consider becoming an Usher at Transfiguration. Your time and talent in this ministry is greatly needed. Youth and Young Adults are welcome. See one of the Ushers after mass for more detail on how you may be of service.

Bible Study Returns Monday, April 28th

All are invited to attend. We will study the book of Corinthians.

House for Rent at 52nd & Van Ness

~ 2 bedrooms, large kitchen with breakfast nook. Please call 323.599.3140 for more details.