

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

This weekend in our liturgy we hear the most important commandment that Christ gave us: "Love one another as I have loved you." This commandment is important because it includes all the others.

The First Reading tells of the conclusion of Paul's first missionary journey. He and Barnabas retrace their steps, encouraging the little communities they have founded, and preparing them for the persecutions that would inevitably come.

In the Gospel the scene is the Last Supper. Judas has departed and Jesus is alone with his own. Jesus is going forward to the cross. By so doing, he is giving glory to God, who in turn will give glory to him. The apostles can't follow him yet. In the meantime they are to live by a "new commandment" – the commandment of love. It is new only in the sense that it sets a new standard – "as I have loved you". The world will know that they are his disciples by their fidelity to this commandment.

The Second Reading, which comes from the final part of Revelation, is one we frequently hear at funerals. The final part of Revelation opens with a vision of a new heaven, a new earth, and a new Jerusalem. This glorious future to which God is leading us will be fully realized only in the hereafter.

In your bulletin this week, you will find a special sheet describing tribute options for the celebratory book that is being published in conjunction with the 75th Anniversary of our school. All of you know local businesses that might be willing to advertise in this book; please approach them and see if they are willing to take out an ad. Several hundred letters have already gone out to various schools, parishes, and foundations asking them to advertise. Please help us make a success of our Tribute Book and join with friends to take out an advertisement yourself! Every bit of money that we raise through this effort goes to our school!

Blessings on your week!

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 28

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

Monday, April 29

7:00 PM Bible Study-hall

Tuesday, April 30

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Virtus Re-certification-hall

Wednesday, May 1

6:00 PM Line Dancing-hall

6:30 PM CCL

Thursday, May 2

6:30 PM Science Night-hall

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 3

9:30 AM Mass w/School Children

11:00 AM Adoration

2:00 PM Benediction

Sunday, May 5

10:00 AM School Family Mass

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

Jr. Knights Mtg.-after 10am Mass

Jr. Daughters Mtg.-after 10am Mass

2:00 PM Bingo-hall

Congratulations to:

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS who were confirmed on last Friday. **Mariah Ellis, Marcia Fuller, Jordan Jackson, Damas Kufлом, Ingrid Laing, Brain Mutetikka, Destiny Thomas, Jorge Tiznado, Milagro Jean-Marie Tucker, Raspaody Washington, and Matthew Young.** Thank you to our Religious Education teachers for a job well done! **Mrs. Terrye Thomas, Mrs. Barbara Starks and Mrs. Michele Starks, and our DRE, Ms. Refugio Godinez.**

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

Save the dates:

Science Family Night, Thursday, Hall on May 2nd at 6:30 PM
 Re-Registration Night May 9 at 5:00 PM
 Piano Recital, Church on Friday May 10th at 6:30 pm
 Sports Banquet, Hall/Church on May 17 at 5:30 PM
 Dance Recital, Hall on May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM

School-Wide Clean-up & Paint Day

Saturday, May 18th.

All parents are needed to assist!

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.

We pray for our parishioners every week!!

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 1hour 30 minutes. Re-Certification is required every four years.

VIRTUS Certification:

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (Los Angeles) will hold a VIRTUS Certification session on Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 6:30 to 9:30 PM. The session, *Protecting God's Children*, lasts 3hours. **Call 323.734.8888 for an appointment.**

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

Text Messaging: Understanding the Codes

Monitoring a child's Internet browsing and cell phone use are important and challenging aspects of being a parent and "Keeping Kids Safe". In keeping track of your child's text messaging, with its dizzying array of coded abbreviations and symbols, there are some codes that every parent should keep his/her eyes open for. These are codes that kids use to warn others that their parents are around or that they use to talk about sex, drugs, or to arrange a meeting. For a "Glossary of Text Messaging Abbreviations" and other related resources contact: Office of Safeguard the Children: bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org

Saturday 5:15 p.m.	April 27 Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	April 28 Souls of Bill and Eileen McKenna
10:00 a.m.	Soul of René G. Aguilar
12:15 p.m.	Soul of Alphonse Pichon
Monday 8:00 a.m.	April 29 Intention of Mary Jo McKenna
Tuesday 8:00 a.m.	April 30 Intention of Rose Morgan
Friday 9:30 a.m.	May 3 Soul of Damian Liggins
Saturday 5:15 p.m.	May 4 Soul of Edmund Richards
Sunday 8:00 a.m.	May 5 Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 a.m.	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 p.m.	Intention of Monsignor Robert Howard

Readings for the week

Sunday	Acts 14:21-27 Ps 145:8-13 Jn 13:31-35
Monday	Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11
Friday	1Cor 15:1-8 Jn 14:6-14
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10 Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 15:1-29 Ps 67:2-8 Jn 14:23-29

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, April 22, 2012	Sunday, April 21, 2013
\$2,793.99 Sacrificial Gift	\$4,298.58 Sacrificial Gift
216.37 Building Fund	372.22 Building Fund
123.64 "We Care"	212.70 "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, Anita Kennedy, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vylfred 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 Whyne, and Lilla Williams.