

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 29, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Let us love . . . in deed and truth. (1 John 3:18)

In today's second reading, John offers us solid guidance on how to "remain" in God's love (1 John 3:24). He tells us that one of the secrets to this is to listen to the movements of our hearts. That's because the heart, or the conscience, is the place where the Holy Spirit speaks to us most intimately.

On one end of the spectrum, John talks about having "confidence in God (3:21)," which means the Spirit is pouring God's love into us and reassuring us that we are following his commands. On the other end of the spectrum, our hearts can "condemn" us when the Spirit makes it clear that we have acted selfishly and taken advantage of someone (3:20). Surely we have all had experiences on both ends of this spectrum.

John makes it clear that it's not only a matter of our own consciences. Throughout his letter, he emphasizes the Holy Spirit's work of writing his words in our hearts and helping us to follow them.

So what does this mean for us? It means that if the Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts, then we should take it seriously when we sense a tug in our hearts. We should pay attention to the movements of our hearts, because it may well be that the Spirit is trying to help us make the right decisions and draw closer to the Lord.

It's exciting to know that the Holy Spirit is constantly at work forming our hearts and helping us to make good decisions. He's even at work when we aren't aware of him! It's reassuring to know that he won't stop working in us until our every thought and action pleases Jesus and builds up his kingdom.

So try to remain in God's love today. Try to listen to the movements of your heart. And try to put into practice whatever you think God is asking of you.

"Holy Spirit, come and move in my life. Inspire me to do good deeds in spirit and in truth."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.
No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend?
Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him,
not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him.
Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

DID YOU KNOW?

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Ongoing child sexual abuse prevention training

Article 12 of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* calls for all dioceses to maintain "safe environment programs." Through the VIRTUS® child sexual abuse prevention programs, the Archdiocese continues to fulfill this commitment. Since 2002, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has trained 329,000 adults to *proactively* protect children and young people from child sexual abuse, and has empowered more than 1.4 million children and young people to protect themselves from child sexual abuse. For more information, visit www.archla.org/protecting.

Youth Summit May 5 & 6, 2018

Transfiguration will host its 1st "Youth Summit" on Saturday May 5 at 11AM and Sunday May 6th at the 10AM School Family Mass. Our guest speaker will be *Father Claude Williams*. All are welcome to attend.

ACCW NEWS

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Archdiocese to attend the 14th Annual Spring Mass on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:45AM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels located at 555 W. Temple Street, L.A. The celebrant will be Reverend Monsignor James Gehl, Spiritual Advisor. For more information call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

The Women's Interfaith Committee invites you to join them on a tour of **Second Baptist Church and St. Phillip's Episcopal Church** on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Bus leaves from Baha'i Center located at 5755 Rodeo Road, L.A. 90016. For more information call Grover Khoury at 603.674.0930 or Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

Ladies you are invited to attend the ACCW meeting at **St. Cecelia Catholic Church** on 4230 S. Normandie Avenue in L.A., May 18th at 9:30AM. Please call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024 for more information.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

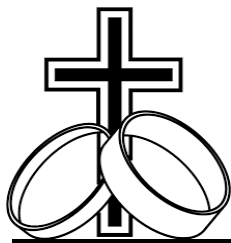
Congratulations to

Robert and Sarah Johns

who celebrated their

72nd Wedding Anniversary

on April 28, from your family and friends.



Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-32, Jn 15:1-8
Monday	Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14: 27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	1Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14
Friday	Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 10:25-48, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 15:9-17

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 28
5:15 PM	Intention of Robert and Sarah Johns
Sunday	April 29
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Soul of Ronald Lindsey
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners

Weekly Offering for April 22, 2018

\$5000.00	Tithe and Offering
0.00	Building Fund
0.00	"We Care"

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.

First Communion

Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 PM Mass

All are invited to celebrate this very special sacrament here at Transfiguration Church.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Percenia Beasley, Veronica Bearce, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Jo Ann Collins, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Alice Williams, Cassandra Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emerson Young.