

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 30, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Their eyes were opened and they recognized him. (Luke 24:31)

Don't you wish you could have been there when Cleopas and his friend were walking to Emmaus? Wouldn't it have been exciting to hear Jesus interpreting the Scriptures and to see the look in their eyes when they recognized him in the breaking of the bread?

Well, in a sense, we can be there. Even today, two thousand years after his resurrection, Jesus' word can cause our hearts to burn and bring us to the place where we recognize him. How is this possible? Because the Scriptures do more than teach us about Jesus—they reveal him to us!

As many times as we hear the Scriptures read at Mass, it's good to be reminded that they aren't just words on a page. As St. Paul taught, they are "living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Hebrews 4:12). Inspired by God, they are filled with his presence. They have the Spirit's own power to bring us his wisdom, peace, and joy. All it takes is listening with faith.

Cleopas and his friend had to walk a long way with Jesus before they recognized him, and sometimes we do too. So be patient with yourself. When you hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass, try to imagine that you are there in the middle of the action—in Galilee, in Jerusalem, or wherever the story takes place. Imagine that you can hear Jesus speaking to you. Put aside distractions, and listen for what he may want to say to you personally.

You may not "hear" anything right away. You may not hear anything at all! But that's okay because the Holy Spirit is still at work in you, just as he was working with the Emmaus disciples every step of their journey. He is always pouring out his grace, even when you can't feel it. All you have to do is try your best to keep an open heart. Over time, you will recognize him.

"Holy Spirit, help me to recognize Jesus in his word today.
Lord, let your word touch my heart so that you can use me for your glory!"

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

CONFIRMATION

Friday May 5 at 7:00 PM

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Brigid with combining churches: Holy Name of Jesus, St. Bernadette and Transfiguration. Bishop Thomas J. Curry will be the Presider.

A special thank you to our DRE *Mrs. Refugio Godinez* and our Confirmation Catechist: *Mrs. Terrye Thomas and Mr. David Thomas*. Blessings for all you do for Transfiguration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Implementing national mandate to protect children

2017 marks 15 years since the establishment of the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People. The Archdiocese has made an ongoing commitment over the past 15 years to implement the Charter by providing education and tools to help protect children and young people from child sexual abuse and other threats to their safety. Since 2002, the Archdiocese has trained 300,000 adults and more than 1.4 million children. For more information, visit <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/Pages/default.aspx>

ACCW

The Central District of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW) invites all women of the parish to a day of prayer and fellowship with other Catholic women of the area. Every Catholic Woman is a member and there are no dues. The next gathering will be **Friday, May 19, 2017** at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 6028 Victoria Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90043. The day begins at 9:30 AM with registration. Rev. Anthaiah Madanu, S.V.D. is the speaker, Mass, lunch and ends at 1:30PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

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.

Stewardship thought

"Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?" LUKE 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

Virtus Recertification

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. Recertification is required every four years. There will be a Recertification training session on **Saturday, May 6** at Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels, at 10:00 AM. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. The session lasts 1 ½ hours. Please call 213.680.5215 to reserve a place.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 2:14-33, Ps 16:1-11, Lk 24:13-35
Monday	Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	1Cor 15:1-8, Jn 14:6-14
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 29

5:15 PM Intention of Iris Turner

Sunday April 30

8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners

10:00 AM Intention of the Knights of Peter Claver Court & Council

12:15 PM Soul of Veronica Warner

Monday May 1

8:00 AM Soul of Veronica Warner

Weekly Offering

April 23, 2017

\$4,921.00 Tithes and Offering
95.00 Building Fund
41.00 "We Care"



Rosary Procession

Fr. Bernard invites you to join him in a Rosary Procession on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at 4:30 PM followed by 5:15 PM Mass here at Transfiguration. Confession is a 4PM on that day.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to

Robert and Sarah Johns



who celebrated their **71st** Wedding Anniversary on April 28. Your daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren wish you a happy anniversary.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVern Agnew, 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, Jeannie Chapron, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Betty Eason, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Dorothy Pulliam, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Basil Raymond, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, George Simon, Sr., Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Frank Vidrio, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.