

Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy

April 7, 2013

From the Pastor's Desk

Happy Second Sunday of Easter! This Sunday is also known as Divine Mercy Sunday and as such, here is a little about the history of this solemnity. Divine Mercy Sunday is celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. It is originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her encounter with Jesus, and is associated with special promises from Jesus.

This feast of Divine Mercy, as recorded in the diary of Saint Faustina, receives from Jesus himself the biggest promises of Grace related to the Devotion of Divine Mercy. In specific, Jesus states that the soul that goes to Sacramental Confession (the confession may take place some days before), and receive Holy Eucharistic Communion on that day, shall obtain total forgiveness of all sins.

The devotion was actively promoted by Pope John Paul II who, on April 30, 2000, canonized Faustina Kowalska, and officially designated the Sunday after Easter as the Sunday of the Divine Mercy. A year after establishing Divine Mercy Sunday, on April 22, 2001 Pope John Paul II re-emphasized its message in the resurrection context of Easter.

Jesus said to St. Faustina, "Humanity will never find peace until it turns with trust to Divine Mercy". This is the Easter gift that the Church receives from the risen Christ and offers to humanity.

The devotion to Divine Mercy Sunday grew rapidly after its designation by Pope John Paul II and is now widely celebrated by Catholics. The *Divine Mercy image* is often carried in processions on Divine Mercy Sunday, and is placed in a location in the church so that those who attend the Mass can venerate it.

The liturgical celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday reflects the devotional elements of Divine Mercy - the first prayer of that Mass says, "Heavenly Father and God of Mercy, We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of Life".

This opening prayer refers to Divine Mercy as the key element in the plan of God for salvation and emphasizes the belief that it was through mercy that God gave his only son for the redemption of humankind, after the fall of Adam.

John Paul II, who died in April 2005 on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, was himself beatified on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011, by his successor, Pope Benedict XVI.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. when we will have our official celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Transfiguration Catholic Elementary School. Bishop Edward Clark will preside. "Save the Date" cards are available at all Masses; please take a few home and give them to friends and alumni of the 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.

Winners of Fish Fry Raffle

Thank you to those of you who supported our Annual Fish Fry and Raffle. A special thanks to **the Knights of Peter Claver & Ladies Auxiliary**. Congratulations to the following winners:

Final Drawing of Raffle Winners

3rd Place of \$250 Dorothy Davenport
2nd Place of \$500 Aaron Samuels
1st Place of \$1000 Earnest Richardson

The Week Ahead

Sunday April 7

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

10:00 AM School Family Day
& BBQ Fundraiser after all Masses

Monday April 8

7:00 PM Bible Study

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 PM RCIA, Holy Name of Jesus

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 PM Line Dancing

6:00 PM Confirmation Class

6:30 PM CCL

7:30 PM Prayer, Praise & Worship

Thursday, April 11

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, April 13

1:00-5:00 PM Seniors Meeting

Sunday, April 14

8th Grade Class Breakfast after all Masses

10:30 AM-12 Noon Religious Ed Class

Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (*after 10am Mass*)

School News

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

April 7th ~ Sunday Family Mass at 10:00 AM
 & BBQ Fundraiser and Bingo at 2:00 PM

New Student testing, Sunday April 21, 2013 at 2:00 PM

Save the dates:

Science Family Night, Parish Hall at 6:30 PM
 Piano Recital, Parish Hall on May 9th & 10th at 6:30 PM
 Sports Banquet - May 17th at 5:30 PM Hall/Church
 Dance Recital, Parish Hall on May 23 & 24 at 6:30 PM

Barbeque Fundraiser:

Join us for a delicious BBQ Sunday, April 7th after all masses in the hall. The prices for ribs and chicken dinners will range between \$8 to \$10. Each meal includes 2 side dishes! We will also have delicious desserts available. Proceeds will support our school sports banquet.

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.

Baptism:

Anyone interested in having their Little One(s) baptized -- from the ages of infant to 6 years old -- there will be a class next Saturday at 1:30 PM for parents and Godparents. Please call Sonya & Chris Robertson to reserve your space at 323.2914846.

VIRTUS Re-Certification:

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church (Los Angeles) will hold a VIRTUS Re-Certification session on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 3:00 PM. The session, *Keeping the Promise Alive*, lasts 1hrs 30 min. and is for RE-CERTIFICATION ONLY. To comply with the Archdiocese Safeguard the Children Program, Re-Certification is required every four years. **Call 323.734.8888 for an appointment.**

Transfiguration

Casino Night April 20th from 7 PM - 12 Midnight

Tell your friends ~ Tell your neighbors ~ Tell your co-workers.

Have a night of fun while supporting our church and school.

Pre-Sale tickets will be available after all masses.

SAVE THE DATE

Spread the Word...

Carnival Coming Soon

May 31 - June 1, 2013



Mass Intentions

Saturday
5:15 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

Monday
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday
8:00 a.m.

Friday
8:00 a.m.

Saturday
5:15 p.m.

Sunday
8:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.

April 6

Soul of Francois Jean

April 7

Intention of Richard Martini (*Birthday*)

Intention of all Parishioners

Soul of Chester Keyes

April 8

Intention of Mary Lou Smith

April 9

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April 10

Intention of Gwen Files

April 12

Soul of James E. Washington

April 13

Soul of Elizabeth Laneer

April 14

Soul of Alphonse Pichon

Soul of Jordan Manning

Intention of all Parishioners

ACCW District Meeting:

Friday, April 19th at Ascension Catholic Church, 517 W, 112th Street, L.A. from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The speaker will be Rev. Michael Okechucwu. All are welcome to attend.

Readings for the week

Sunday	Acts 5:12-16, Ps 118:2-24, Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
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	Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 5:27-41, Ps 30:2-6, Jn 21:1-19

Sacrificial Gifts

Sunday, April 8, 2012
 \$11,837.00 Sacrificial Gift
 310.00 Building Fund
 285.00 "We Care"

Sunday, March 31, 2013
 \$11,491.54 Sacrificial Gift
 851.12 Building Fund
 486.35 "We Care"

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, Laurretta Jackson, Robert Jordan, Maggie Lacour, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Sister Marianna, Vydred 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.