

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Do not let your hearts be troubled. (John 14:1)

There is no way anyone in the upper room was more troubled than Jesus. In just a few hours, he was going to be beaten, crowned with thorns, and crucified—and he knew it was going to happen. Still, he took the time to encourage his apostles. *I may be leaving*, he told them, *but don't lose your faith or your peace over it. Trust me instead.*

As the night went on, the apostles grew increasingly anxious and fearful—so much so that they ended up running away from Jesus. Their faith wasn't strong enough to sustain them when they faced a life-or-death situation.

But that's not how their story ends. Their faith returned when Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to them. They were so excited that they went out and set the world on fire for Jesus.

Were their hearts troubled after Jesus ascended into heaven? Yes, often. Did they lose their peace? Yes, often. Didn't they have the Holy Spirit in them? Yes. So why couldn't they hold firm? Because even the great apostles Peter, James, and John were still only human. Sometimes it takes time, even years, to develop that level of faith and trust.

So how do we regroup when our faith is tested? The best thing you can do is go easy on yourself. Remember how Peter lost his trust and denied even knowing the Lord. He wept bitterly when he realized what he had done, but he didn't remain trapped in that bitterness and guilt. When he saw Jesus on the Sea of Galilee, he jumped into the water and ran to him. He let Jesus reassure him, and he resolved to keep moving forward in faith.

So whenever your faith is tested, or whatever you are struggling with right now, remember that Jesus knows you. He knows your worries. He is with you, surrounding you with his love. Try your best to rest in him.

"Lord, help me to keep moving forward, to hold my peace, and to trust in you."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

A Mother's Prayer

*Thank you, Lord,
for bringing my children into my life.
Help me guide them and teach
through example to lead lives of wisdom
and strong, loving faith.
Please let them learn to serve you
always in thought and deed.
And remind me, Lord,
to always be there for my family
as you are always there for me. Amen*

Mother's Day Novena

In the month of May, there will be a special Novena of Masses for all mothers living and deceased. If you wish to enroll your mother, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

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 1:30 PM. Reservations are not necessary. All are welcome.

Mass with Healing of Memories Prayer

St. Bernadette Catholic Church is hosting a Mass with Healing of Memories Prayer on **Friday, June 9, 2017**. Praise and Worship will begin at 6:30 PM and Mass will begin at 7:00 PM. Come and invite Jesus to heal and free you from past hurts. Father Bill Delaney, the Pastoral Coordinator of Southern California Renewal Communities (SCRC), will be presiding. If you have any questions please call the office at 323.293.4877.

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Jo Ann Levi at 323.291.1136.



Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-19, Jn 14:1-12
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	Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 8:5-17, Ps 66:1-20, Jn 14:15-21

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 13	
5:15 PM	Intention of Cynthia Richardson
Sunday May 14	
8:00 AM	Soul of Barbara Starks
10:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Monday May 15	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Tuesday May 16	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Wednesday May 17	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Thursday May 18	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Friday May 19	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
Saturday May 20	
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday May 21	
8:00 AM	Intention of Briana & Aaron Katz
10:00 AM	Soul of Lennell Johnson
12:15 PM	Intention of all Mothers

Weekly Offering

May 7, 2017

\$5,298.78 Tithes and Offering
80.00 Building Fund
65.00 "We Care"

The *school offering* for the month
of April was \$1,360.63.



First Communion

Sunday, May 21 at 12:15 PM Mass

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

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.