

Pentecost Sunday

24 May 2015

From the Administrator's Desk

The doors were locked. (John 20:19)

Fear can be such a crippling emotion! Think of how many dreams were never realized because someone was afraid of failure. Think of how many relationships never got started because someone was afraid to make the first move.

Now think of the apostles, locked in the upper room “for fear of the Jews” (John 20:19). What if they had never gotten over that fear and remained in Jerusalem? What if the Church had never grown beyond that small group of disciples? You probably wouldn't be reading this meditation! We know, of course, that this didn't happen. That's why we are celebrating Pentecost today. Empowered by the Spirit, the apostles did overcome their fears. And because of their boldness, all of history has been transformed by the message of God's love and salvation.

But what of us, who are also called to witness our faith? Maybe we should ask ourselves, as Pope Francis did recently, “Are we open to ‘God's surprises’? Or are we closed and fearful before the newness of the Holy Spirit?”

It may sound simplistic, but we don't have to be afraid. God is with us, and as the Holy Father has said, he has wonderful surprises waiting for us if we step out in faith.

This week, let the Lord surprise you – and take a risk by acting on the surprise. If you feel a renewed urge to share your faith, don't stifle it. If you feel called to pray for someone's healing or reach out to someone in distress, follow that leading. Try to put your anxieties aside and do what you sense the Lord is asking you to do. You'll find great freedom, even if you take just one small step of trust in the Lord. Not only that, but God will take this tiny step of faith and turn it into a giant leap forward – for you and for the person you are reaching out to!

*“Lord, may the fire of your Spirit burn away every fear that I have.
May I follow without hesitation wherever you are leading me!”*

Called to Serve,

~Deacon Mark Race

CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Confirmation Students: Jered Baylis, Maurice Burnett, Spencer Fuller, Gilberto Gonzalez, Treasure May, Rome Washington, Brendan Wilkerson, Sierra Wilson-Bailey.

1st Communion Students: Lori Crockett, Bryce Pearson, Zephanya Blades, Doriahn Mayers, Bettsie Munoz, Alexis Bedolla, Calysta James-Washington, Nia Carolyn Davis-Cigar, Camille Samuels, Ashley Linares, Hazel Pereda, Andy Pereda, Amary Melisa Carias, Aiyanna Randolph, Lauren Richard, Kennedy Richard, Gabriela Martinez, Beatriz Martinez, Jade Tureaud, Zuleyca Ventura, Rachel Paul, Michelle Paul, Ryan Hollis, Chris Hernandez, Carolos Hernandez, Keren Pareda, and Alejandro Carias.

Come Holy Spirit: Revive us, Refresh us, Renew us!

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 23
5:15 PM Intention of Cynthia Richardson
Sunday May 24
8:00 AM Soul of Roland Hithe
10:00 AM Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia & Wilfred Morgan, Jr.
12:15 PM Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday May 31
8:00 AM Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM Intention of all Public Safety Personnel & First Responders
12:15 PM Soul of Angela Dupré

Readings for the week

Sunday Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1-34, Jn 20:19-23
Monday Sir 17:20-24, Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday Sir 35:1-12, Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday Sir 36:1-17, Mk 10:32-45
Thursday Sir 42:15-25, Mk 10:46-52
Friday Sir 44:1-13, Mk 11:11-26
Saturday Sir 51:1-20, Mk 11:27-33
Sunday Dt 4:32-40, Ps 33:4-22, Mt 28:16-20

May 17, 2015 Weekly Collection

4,850.00 Tithe and Offering
422.00 Building Fund
41.00 "We Care"

Petition of the Sick

Virgie Aguilar, LaVern Agnew, Brian Argusta, Joyce Barnett, Rose Ball, Veronica Bearce, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Andrei Briggs, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Mary Captain, Alberto Casanova, Harry Charles, Katherine Clark, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Nigel Dunn, Ethel Earley, Robert Evans, Connie Farlice, Dwight Fauria, Teresa Franklin, Stacy Franklin, Marian Fussey, Sister Mary Michaeline Gahwolf, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Jane Grover, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Gwendolyn Houlemard, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Mary Ann Mayer, Dorothy Okoye, Martina Peters, Daisy Pratt, Wiley R. Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Michelle Raines, Emma Rausch, Dottie Rodriguez, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Reanna Semien, George Simon, Sr., Lionel Smith, Sr., Darnell Stang, Barbara Starks, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Wilbur Starks, Alice Tenette, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Patricia Williams, Peggy Wright and Ralph Wright.

Summer School

We are offering **summer school** from **June 22 to July 17**. The cost is only \$300.00 which includes: high school placement preparation, academics, sports, and fine and performing arts courses. Please call the school for more information 323.292.3011.

Faith Formation Opportunity

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites anyone involved in Youth ministry, Confirmation, Initiation, or Liturgy to the basic ministry "formation" course that will take place at St. Mark's parish hall in Venice this summer. Other adults wishing to volunteer in a Parish ministry or adults wishing to seek enrichment are also welcome to attend. For more information please contact the church office or Ms. Godinez.

Altar Servers Schedule for May 30 & 31, 2015

5:15 PM

Ruben Martinez
Marc Anthony

8:00 AM

Kniya Addy

10:00 AM

David Brown
Alonzo & Martin
Lanigi Chinilio

12:15 PM

Cori Chapman
Samia Marine
Jeremiah Sykes
Nathan Burrell

ROSARY PROCESSION

During the month of May at Transfiguration Church, we have recited the rosary in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at the 8:00 AM daily mass. We will conclude the month with a Rosary Procession in Her honor at 4:30 PM on Saturday, May 30, 2015 with the regular scheduled 5:15 PM mass immediately following. Everyone is invited to take part in the services.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Barbara Starks who celebrates her birthday on May 27th.
From your daughter Michele,
your grandsons, Eddie and John

WE LOVE YOU!

