

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 2015

## From the Administrator's Desk

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)*

A good gardener can seem like a surgeon sometimes: meticulously careful in his goal of removing anything that is a threat to his plantings. He is completely dedicated to making his roses even more beautiful or his grapes more delicious.

Imagine the kind of pruning Jesus, the master Gardener, had to do with Paul. In the days immediately following his conversion, Paul proved he needed a lot of work! On fire with his new-found faith, he debated so forcefully with the Jews in Damascus that they tried to kill him. Even the disciples were afraid of him (Acts 9:26-29)! The situation became so drastic that the apostles decided to send Paul back home to Tarsus for a while. They could tell that some time away from all the action would do him good.

This story shows us two ways that God likes to prune us. First, there is quiet time spent with the Lord. Paul spent a number of years in Tarsus praying, studying the Scriptures, and examining his heart. During this time of retreat, he gave the Holy Spirit the opportunity to soften his rough edges, reveal the gospel to him more clearly, and prepare him for his future ministry. The same holds true for us. By sitting quietly before the Lord in prayer, we give the Spirit the opportunity to prune us and form us.

Another way God prunes us is through the steps we take in our walk with him, whether we are sharing our faith or trying to serve our family. As Saul preached, he came to see how argumentative he was. He learned from his mistakes, and over time he learned the art of being both passionate and compassionate in his preaching.

So keep stepping out in faith, but be sure also to keep listening to the Lord in the quiet of your prayer. Let him prune you, and you'll find yourself bearing more and more fruit for his kingdom!

*"Come, Holy Spirit, and make me more like Jesus!"*

Called to Serve,

*~ Deacon Mark Race*

### **DID YOU KNOW**

#### ***Adults are responsible for reporting abuse***

When any adult has reason to suspect that a child is being or has been abused, he or she has a moral (and often legal) responsibility to report suspicions to civil authorities. Reporting suspected abuse takes courage. Adults who take a stand for children and make the call are often responsible for saving a child from terrible torment. Learn more about how to identify and report suspected abuse by reading chapter 9.8.1 of the Administrative Handbook for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Go to: <http://handbook.la-archdiocese.org/chapter-9/section-9-8/topic-9-8-1>

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 2</b>
5:15 PM	Soul of Jeroline Richards
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 3</b>
8:00 AM	Intention of Msgr. Richard Martini
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Anita Kennedy
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 9</b>
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 10</b>
10:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers

## Readings for the week

<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-32, Jn 15:1-8
<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18, Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28, Jn 14:27-31a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15:1-6, Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 15:7-21, Jn 15:9-11
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15:22-31, Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10, Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 10:25-48, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 15:9-17

## April 26, 2015 Weekly Collection

4,992.00	Tithe and Offering
93.00	Building Fund
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## Transfiguration School News!

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.

## 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, Mattie Hilburn, Janie Jackson, Mary Jené, Aaron Jittu, Robert Jordan, Walita Keyes, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vydred 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, and Patricia Williams.

## 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.

## 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.

## VIRTUS CERTIFICATION SESSION

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. Transfiguration will hold a Virtus Certification session on Wednesday, May 6, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM in the hall. Children are not allowed at the session. Child care is **NOT** provided. Please call the school at 323.292.3011 or church at 323.291.1136 to reserve a space. Latecomers will not be admitted.

## ST. JEROME CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

You are invited to a Day of Renewal & Prayer for Healing on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10AM to 3:30PM at St. Jerome in the parish hall. Bob Canton will be the speaker. Please bring a sack lunch. For more information, contact Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at 323.294.1940.

## ROSARY SERVICE

You are invited to a Rosary-centered service at the Shrine to the Unborn in Holy Cross Cemetery Sunday, May 17, 2015, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Holy Cross Cemetery is at 5835 West Slauson Ave., between Sepulveda and La Cienega. The service will begin at 2:00 PM at the Holy Cross Cemetery Risen Christ Chapel, with a procession to the Shrine. Please bring your family and friends. For further information, contact: Tom Ullman, tel. 310.670.0605.