

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

They were cut to the heart. (Acts 2:37)

Here it was, Peter's very first sermon, and what did he say? He preached the heart of the gospel message. He spoke about Jesus—how he performed miracles, how he was put to death, and how he rose from the dead for our salvation. Then he brought everything to a grand conclusion: "God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified" (Acts 2:36). Luke tells us that when the people heard these words, they were "cut to the heart" (2:37).

We all know what it means to be cut to the heart. We see or hear something stirring, and we feel moved to do something about it right away. It's like the way we feel when we hear about a family that has tragically lost a loved one. We feel very sad for that family. Our pierced hearts go out to them, and we feel moved to treasure our own family even more.

Can any message cut us to the heart more dramatically than the gospel? What can compare to the story of a God who loves us so much that he sent his only Son to rescue us from sin—at the cost of his own life? What can compare to hearing that we have the hope of eternal life if we just turn from sin and turn to Jesus?

Whether we are at peace with God or not, whether we are full of faith or weakened by doubts, whether we feel confident in life or overwhelmed by our challenges, recalling this message has the power to touch us and move us closer to Jesus.

Why? Because the gospel message helps us to see our lives from a heavenly perspective. It tells us that we are destined for something wonderful. It moves us to try a little harder to be pleasing to the Lord.

So make a promise today: "I will never let a day go by without remembering and trusting in the good news that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life'" (John 3:16).

"Come, Holy Spirit: fill my heart and my mind with the gospel message.
Move me to do whatever you ask."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Important Message Regarding Anointing of Sick

In order to comply with the wishes of **ALL** families needing anointing for their loved one (s), it is requested that a call be made to the rectory **ONLY** by an immediate family member. This will eliminate confusion and insure that we are respecting the wishes of the family. **Also please do not wait until the last minute. A priest may not be available.** Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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 1:30PM. 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.

Virtus Training

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. There will be a 3 hour Virtus Training, **Monday, May 15** at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 504 Roxbury Dr., Beverly Hills, **from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. Please call **310.285.5425** to reserve a place.

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Jo Ann Levi at 323.291.1136.



Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 2:14a, 36-41, Ps 23:1-6, Jn 10:1-10
Monday	Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	Acts 12:24-13:5a, Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33, Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52, Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 6:1-7, Ps 33:1-19, Jn 14:1-12

Mass Intentions

Saturday May 6	
5:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Sunday May 7	
8:00 AM	Soul of Gwen Harmon
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Intention of Robert Johns II
Tuesday May 9	
8:00 AM	Soul of Lorina Camba Fernadez
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

Weekly Offering

April 30, 2017

\$4,360.00	Tithe and Offering
84.00	Building Fund
46.00	"We Care"



Tune to EWTN for Canonization and special 100th Anniversary programming from Fatima!
EWTN Global Catholic Network is airing the most extensive coverage of the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Fatima, including the historic canonization by Pope Francis of Fatima visionaries Francisco and Jacinta Marto! Join us for LIVE coverage of the events from Fatima, Portugal on **Friday, May 12th** and **Saturday, May 13th**. Use EWTN's Channelfinder at ewtn.com to find the companies that provide EWTN programming in your community.

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.