

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

The author of life you put to death, but God raised him from the dead. (Acts 3:15)

Let's set the stage for today's first reading. Peter has just healed a man who had been lame from birth. Thrilled at his healing, the man begins jumping for joy in the Temple, which attracts a large crowd. Everyone is astonished. Everyone, that is, but Peter. "Why are you amazed at this?" he asks (Acts 3:12). Surely he was happy, but he seems more surprised at their astonishment than at the miracle itself!

So why would Peter be so unsurprised? Perhaps the answer comes in his words to the crowd. At least three times, Peter announces something more astonishing than this miracle: after all that we did to Jesus, God raised him from the dead and gave him back to us as our Savior. "The author of life you put to death," he says, "but God raised him" (Acts 3:15). It was a stunning reversal that no one saw coming. God repaid our cruelty with his divine love.

Through the drama of Good Friday, Easter Sunday, and Pentecost, Peter learned how merciful and generous God is. Remember, Peter had denied Jesus and fled at his arrest. He, the "Rock" of the Church, crumbled in fear. And still, Jesus forgave him and welcomed him back. So, after all this, nothing could astonish Peter any more. He knew that God wanted only good for his people.

This is the astonishingly good news of the gospel: God is relentless in his mercy. He takes our worst sins to himself, wipes them away, and gives us healing and forgiveness instead of punishment and retribution.

At Mass today, remember that no matter how bad your sins are, no matter what you think you deserve, God has just one answer for you. In yet another stunning reversal, he offers you his Son, Jesus, in the humble form of bread and wine.

"Thank you, Father, for repaying my sins with your love! Lord, I want to follow your way of mercy."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..."

-LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

DID YOU KNOW?

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Pray for the healing of abuse victims

Each of us, as members of our Catholic community, can contribute to the healing of those harmed by abuse by remembering survivors in our prayers. For specific information on how you can make the world a safer place for children and youth please visit: www.archla.org/protecting.

Confirmation Friday April 20th at 7 PM

All are invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation here at Transfiguration, with combining churches: St. Bernadette, Holy Name and St. Brigid. Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J. will be the Presider. The ceremony begins at 7:00 PM. A special thank you to our DRE *Mrs. Refugio Godinez* and our Confirmation Catechists: *Mr. David Thomas and Mrs. Terrye Thomas*. Blessings for all you do for Transfiguration.

SAVE THE DATES

Transfiguration will host its 1st "Youth Summit" on Saturday May 5 at 11AM and Sunday May 6th at the 10AM School Family Mass. Our guest speaker will be *Father Claude Williams*. All are welcome to attend.

ACCW NEWS

Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Archdiocese to attend the **14th Annual Spring Mass** on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 9:45AM at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels located at 555 W. Temple Street, L.A. The celebrant will be Reverend Monsignor James Gehl, Spiritual Advisor. For more information call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

The Women's Interfaith Committee invites you to join them on a tour of **Second Baptist Church and St. Phillip's Episcopal Church** on Thursday, May 17, 2018. Bus leaves from Baha'i Center located at 5755 Rodeo Road, L.A. 90016. For more information call Grover Khoury at 603.674.0930 or Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 3:13-19, Ps 4:2-9, Lk 24:35-48
Monday	Acts 6:8-15, Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51-8:1a, Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8, Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40, Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20, Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42, Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1-29, Jn 10:11-18

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 14	
5:15 PM	Soul of Ann Rawles
Sunday April 15	
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of Briana and Aaron Katz
12:15 PM	Souls of Beryl Davidson and Angela Dupré
Wednesday April 18	
8:00 AM	Soul of Robert Johns, Jr.

Weekly Offering for April 8, 2018

\$6,557.00 Tithe and Offering
188.00 Building Fund
47.00 "We Care"

St. Vincent dePaul

Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, April 22** our Parish is having a Bundle Sunday for the Society of St. Vincent dePaul Thrift Stores. Please bring your usable clothing and usable household items on this day. Their truck will be at our church parking lot. Please help in their endless efforts to assist the needy. They are in great need of furniture and large appliances. Call them for pick-up of any heavy items at 323.224.6280 or 800/97-HELP-1.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Sidney Anderson, 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, Katherine Clark, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Jo Ann Collins, Agnes Cooper, Rita Cormire, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Gwen Files, Ferdinand Foye, Betty Flowers, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Mavis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Joyce Hithe, Janie Jackson, Aaron Jittu, Louis Johnson, Nathan Johnson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Gloria McClaurin, Vylfred Manor, Sister Marianna, Sabrina Markos, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Martina Peters, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Dottie Rodriguez, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Maurice Simon, Jeremiah Skyes, Darnell Stang, Michele Starks, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Stephanie Thompson, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Alice Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Cassandra Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.