

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

A good deed done . . . (Acts 4:9)

Peter had just healed a beggar. The people who witnessed the miracle were amazed, but the rulers were offended because Peter had said that it was Jesus who healed the man—the same Jesus whom they had crucified. No wonder they arrested him!

Jesus wants us to do good deeds each day. He wants us to go out and help people who are in need. As Pope Francis said, “What matters for Jesus is, above all, reaching out to save those far off, healing the wounds of the sick and restoring everyone to God’s family” (Homily, February 15, 2015).

As our Holy Father often reminds us, there is an intimate relationship between our being filled with God’s love and our desire to do good deeds for people. The more we are filled with God’s love, the more we will want to give back to him—with gifts of praise and gifts of deeds.

Unlike Peter, it’s doubtful that we will be arrested and put in jail for doing good deeds in the name of Jesus. But like Peter, our good deeds will have the same effect on people today that they had on the people back then. They will melt people’s hearts. They will help them believe that God’s love is real and is powerful. They may spark some opposition, but not even that will diminish the power of your witness.

So pray each day and ask Jesus to fill you with his love. His love is the catalyst that can move you to love and serve those around you. Then be as generous as you can. Be on the lookout for opportunities.

Jesus wants us to do good deeds. We may not have Peter’s courage, but we all know how to do random acts of love and kindness. So start today. Make it a point to be cordial, helpful, generous, and compassionate today. Your acts of love are infectious. Who knows? They may even draw some people closer to God!

“Lord, fill me with your love. Inspire me to do good deeds for others.”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.” - JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in “quiet whispers”, so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.

DID YOU KNOW?

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

2018 Working Together to Prevent Child Abuse Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children annually publishes the *Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse* brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of the policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information on how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the 2018 brochures are available in the parish vestibule or visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 4:8-12, Ps 118:1-29, Jn 10:11-18
Monday	Acts 11:1-18, Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 11:19-26, Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday	1 Pt 5:5b-14, Mk 16:15-20
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25, Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33, Jn14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52, Jn14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 9:26-31, Ps 22:26-32, Jn 15:1-8

Mass Intentions

Saturday	April 21
5:15 PM	Soul of Lillian White
Sunday	April 22
8:00 AM	Souls of Tom and Stacy Franklin
10:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
12:15 PM	Soul of Barbara Starks
Monday	April 23
8:00 AM	Soul of Kenneth Breaux and Intention of Jonathan Breaux
Wednesday	April 25
8:00 AM	Souls of Yvonne, Jackeline, Dilcia, & Willie Morgan, Jr.
Saturday	April 28
5:15 PM	Intention of Robert and Sarah Johns

Weekly Offering for April 15, 2018

\$4,516.00 Tithe and Offering
405.00 Building Fund
40.00 "We Care"

St. Vincent dePaul

Bundle Sunday

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.

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.

First Communion

Sunday, May 20 at 12:15 PM Mass

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

Transfiguration Parish Community

Congratulates

FR. BERNARD

on his **13th Anniversary** of Ordination.

Many blessings to you!

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, Cassandra Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.