

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

April 8, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

Peace be with you. (John 20:19)

It's tempting to stay shortsighted when we think about these words of Jesus to his apostles. It's tempting to link our peace with the events of our day. If things are going well, we are at peace. But the moment one of life's trials comes along, we lose our peace.

Jesus experienced all of the emotions we experience, both the good and the bad. He showed love and tenderness to a woman who washed his feet. He showed disappointment with the Pharisees who flaunted their religiosity. He was especially compassionate toward the crowds that followed him, and he was surprisingly angry with the money changers in the Temple. He applauded people's generosity, and he hated to see anyone suffering.



Yet for all of these different emotions, one thing remained constant: Jesus always held on to his peace. That's because the peace that Jesus had was not about things going his way. His peace was about knowing that his Father was always with him and that God would always be faithful to his promises.

It's ironic, isn't it? We can lose our peace, not only when things go wrong, but even when things are going our way. We can forget about God. We can begin to rely only on ourselves and end up feeling proud and self-righteous. And this kind of self-reliance can lead to a downward spiral of agitation and insecurity.

The peace that God offers us is rooted in knowing that we are loved by him, forgiven by him, and saved by him. So when things are going your way, be sure to remain peaceful by thanking God for all of your blessings. And when you are feeling angry, resentful, or bitter, take those feelings to the Lord and ask him to help you.

Love everyone. Seek what is best and just for everyone. Seek the Lord each day, and he will help you "let the peace of Christ control your hearts" in every situation (Colossians 3:15).

"Lord, help me to hold on to your peace at all times and in every situation."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

EASTER FLOWER OFFERING

We are asking that you be as generous as possible with your giving for Easter.

Envelopes are at the church exit.

The envelopes will be placed on the altar for prayer in Memory of or in Honor of your love ones.

DID YOU KNOW?

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Archdiocese wants to reiterate that it remains committed to helping survivors and their families heal and find peace. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual abuse by a church employee or volunteer, please contact the Archdiocesan Victims Assistance Coordinator at 213.637.7650 or www.archla.org/vam for help and support.

Virtus Recertification

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 Recertification training class on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM in the hall. Recertification is required every four years. Latecomers will not be admitted. No one under 18 years will be admitted. Please call the office 323.291.1136 to reserve a space.

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.

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.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 4:32-35, Ps 118:2-24, Jn 20:19-31
Monday	Is 7:10-14, Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37, Jn 3:7-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26, Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33, Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42, Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7, Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Acts 3:13-19, Ps 4:2-9, Lk 24:35-48

Mass Intentions

Saturday April 7	
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday April 8	
8:00 AM	Soul of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM	Intention of Magna Gibbs
12:15 PM	Soul of Henry Marine, Jr.
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

Weekly Offering for April 1, 2018

\$9,200.00 Tithes and Offering
23.00 Building Fund
35.00 "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.