

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 6, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

They were astounded. (Acts 10:45)

Today, the Sacrament of Confirmation follows Baptism and Eucharist. Baptism, in most cases, is administered to infants. Then, children receive their First Holy Communion around the age of seven. Then, they are confirmed sometime in their teens. That's the typical order of things.

In the early Church, the order was a bit different. Once a person had a conversion to Jesus, they received all three sacraments of initiation at the same time.

Today's second reading tells us that the Holy Spirit doesn't always follow the prescribed order. Before he is even baptized, Cornelius is visited by an angel. At the same time, the Holy Spirit tells Peter to visit Cornelius, although Cornelius was a Gentile, and Peter—a faithful Jew—was forbidden to enter a Gentile's home.

Then, as Peter preaches to Cornelius and his household, God breaks the rules again. The Holy Spirit comes upon these Gentiles, and they begin speaking in tongues. They didn't have to repent, convert, or be baptized; the Spirit just fell. Only then did Peter baptize them.

What's the point to this story? God likes to stretch the way we think. He stretched Cornelius and Peter while they were at prayer, and the same can happen with us (Acts 10:3, 10-16). He stretched everyone again while Peter was preaching, and he stretched the whole Church when Peter explained to the other apostles what had happened (11:1-18).

Today, ask the Holy Spirit to stretch the way you think. Then listen to what comes into your mind. When the Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, ask the Spirit for new insight into God's love. When you hear the homily, ask the Spirit to show you how to put it into practice. When you are praying after Communion, ask him to stretch your love for the people at Mass with you. Then, go out and try to do whatever you think the Spirit has put on your heart.

"Come, Holy Spirit, stretch me."

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

Stewardship thought

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" - JOHN 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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.

Ladies you are invited to attend the ACCW meeting at **St. Cecelia Catholic Church** on 4230 S. Normandie Avenue in L.A., May 18th at 9:30AM. Please call Helen Argusta at 323.295.9024 for more information.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Most Reverend Bishop Gordon Bennett, S.J. presided at the Confirmation ceremony at Transfiguration on Friday April 20, 2018

Congratulations to our students:

Stephanie Elize
Juliana Grayson
Amira Guidry
Brandon Munoz
Heather Realegeno
Alyssa Riverall

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 10:25-48, Ps 98:1-4, Jn 15:9-17
Monday	Acts 16:11-15, Jn 15:26-16:4
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34, Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15-18:1, Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8, Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18, Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28, Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Mk 16:15-20

Mass Intentions

Saturday	May 5
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	May 6
8:00 AM	Soul of Rudolph Liggins
10:00 AM	Soul of Daisy Pratt
12:15 PM	Soul of Robert Jordan
Monday	May 7
8:00 AM	Intention of Audry Brown
Sunday	May 13
8:00 AM	Intention of all Parishioners
10:00 AM	Intention of all Mothers
12:15 PM	Soul of Edna Mae Brown

Weekly Offering for April 29, 2018

\$5,823.25 Tithe and Offering
22.00 Building Fund
111.00 "We Care"

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.

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, Avis Gibbs, Refugio Godinez, Nancy Goosby, Barbara Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Mattie Hilburn, Doris Hill, 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, Emma Thornton, Iris Turner, Johnnye Washington, Alice Williams, Cassandra Williams, Jacqueline Williams, Thomas Williams, Peggy Wright and Emmerson Young.