

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

June 2, 2019

Dear Parishioners,

They . . . returned to Jerusalem with great joy. (Luke 24:52)

“Parting is such sweet sorrow,” as Juliet said to Romeo. Isn’t this the way many farewells go? Whether you’re sending a child off to make their way in the world or leaving a grandparent after a visit, saying good-bye can be bittersweet. The sweetness lies in your love for them; the bitterness, in leaving them.

Surprisingly, Jesus’ apostles do not weep at his ascension. Quite the opposite, Luke tells us that they returned to Jerusalem—the very place where Jesus was executed—“with great joy” (24:52). Such a display of exuberance can make the apostles appear unrelatable, almost superhuman. What about their deep human connection with Jesus? Didn’t they feel sad that after overcoming death, the greatest separation there is, Jesus decided to leave them anyway?

Of course they were sad. But more than anything else, they were filled with joy. They were confident that they would one day follow where Jesus had gone, and then they would be reunited forever. So their hope of seeing him again made their sorrow sweet.

This is the key to our joy as well. By faith, we know that Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us in heaven. But it can still feel as if he has just moved on and left us on our own. One way to counter that sense of aloneness is to imagine Jesus in heaven right now. Think about how he has opened heaven to you, a place you could never reach on your own. Imagine him standing with his Father, your Father. Picture him preparing a place just for you. See the smile on his face as he thinks about opening the doors to your new home and welcoming you in.

Jesus has ascended to heaven and longs for all God’s children to join him. Until then, he never stops interceding for you and pouring out a constant stream of grace. All so that we can one day taste the sweetness of heaven.

“All praise to you, Jesus, for opening heaven for me!”

Deacon Mark Race, Administrator

June 8th and 9th Priest Retirement Fund Offering

We are truly blessed by the men who have given their lives in service to thousands of families as a priest. As life begins to change in their later years, so too do their needs. Together we are invited to join and bless those who have blessed us by making a meaningful gift to the Priest Retirement Fund. Have you ever wondered what happens to our priests after they retire from teaching, preaching, and serving on a regular basis? Where do they go? Who takes care of them? What do they need? Like us, they desire rest and have needs for care and medical treatment as they grow older. Unlike most of us, though, their modest salaries were never meant to provide for them after many years of service. Your gift to the *Priest Retirement Fund* is a meaningful investment and true blessing for the care and comfort of our spiritual fathers as they enter the later chapters in life. They deserve nothing less. **Remember June 8th and 9th** second offering is for our *Priest Retirement Fund*. Please be as generous as possible.

Daily Scripture Readings

Sunday	Acts 1:1-11, Ps 47:2-9, Lk 24:46-53
Monday	Acts 19:1-8, Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday	Acts 20:17-27, Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday	Acts 20:28-38, Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday	Acts 22:30-23:11, Jn 17:20-26
Friday	Acts 25:13b-21, Jn 21:15-19
Saturday	Acts 28:16-31, Jn 21:20-25
Sunday	Acts 2:1-11, Ps 104:1-34, Jn 20:19-23

Mass Intentions

Saturday	June 1
5:15 PM	Soul of Basil Raymond
Sunday	June 2
8:00 AM	Soul of Lillian White
10:00 AM	Soul of Dorothy Stanley
12:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Saturday	June 8
5:15 PM	Intention of all Parishioners
Sunday	June 9
8:00 AM	Intention of Felisa Camba Bayna and Soul of Perfecto Talay Atal
10:00 AM	Intention of Deacon Gregory Patterson
12:15 PM	Soul of Pamela St. Cyr

Weekly Offering for May 26, 2019

\$3,174.00 Tithe and Offering
0 Building Fund
1.00 "We Care"

Stewardship thought

"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." (REVELATIONS 22:13)

This is a reminder of how we should live our lives 24 hours a day, 7 days a week – putting God first in all that we do. Not only when I am at Mass and parish activities, but when I am in the world, at work or at school. Living gratefully and generously is a lifestyle; it should influence how I make all my daily decisions.

Mass and Healing Service

St. Jerome Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a Mass and Healing service on **Friday, June 21, 2019** from 7PM to 9PM. The celebrant will be Fr. Patrice Crowley, SSCC. The address to the church is 5550 Thornburn Street, LA 90045. Contact Donatus or Murglen Muoneke at 310.508.4940 or 310.877.9560, if you have any questions.

Transfiguration's St. Vincent dePaul Society

ANNUAL WALK-A-THON

Please save the date for Saturday June 15 for Transfiguration's St. Vincent dePaul Society **Annual Walk-A-Thon**. All walkers are asked to contribute a minimum of \$5.00 or have someone sponsor you for the event. We will walk from Transfiguration to La Brea Avenue. Support cars are available with water and transportation as needed. Your financial donations are greatly appreciated. Following the walk a light breakfast will be served in the patio at the church.

St. Vincent dePaul

Bundle Sunday

On **Sunday, June 9** 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 from 8AM until 2PM. 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 DATE

Saturday August 17, 2019

9AM to 5PM

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC

AT KENNETH HAHN PARK

If you have any questions, contact Deacon Greg Patterson in the rectory or by e-mail dcn431@aol.com.

Father's Day Novena

In the month of June, there will be a special Novena of Masses for fathers. If you wish to enroll your father, please take one of the cards located at the exit of the church.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

LaVerne Agnew, Cyd Michelle Anderson, Brian Argusta, Percenia Beasley, Fr. Emile Belletty, Sister Juliet Berber, Glenda Brown, Vivian Burgess, Barbara Butler, Brownie Cain, Sister Cecilia Calva, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Katherine Clark, Agnes Cooper, Edward Cousin, Juanita Davis, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Jayden Dunn, Nigel Dunn, Alton Ramona Duhon, Gwen Files, Cynthia Fortier, Teresa Franklin, Judy Felton-Gardner, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jacqueline Holman, Janie Jackson, Aaron Katz, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Jeanne LeBlanc, Mercedes LeBlanc, Barbara Lindsey, Connie Louie, Joe McZeal, Vyldred Manor, Sister Marianna, Dorothy Okoye, Aliyah Patterson, Sally Price, Wiley R. Pugh, Vickie Race, Andrea Raggette, Doris Rogers, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Chris Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Sandra Sterling, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, Johnnye Washington, and Alice Williams.