

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

21 March 2021

Lenten Theme:

“Working to be Transformed!”

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Hosanna! Hosanna!

Just a little over 2,000 years ago, Our Salvation (Jesus the Christ) arrives triumphantly into Jerusalem hearing the cheer, “Hosanna! Hosanna!” On this Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, we begin the holiest week of the liturgical year. We start this Holy Week with great joy. Still following our theme; “Working to be Transformed!” Hosanna! It is an expression of adoration and extreme joy. How quickly that will change and return again.

Today in Christian Churches all around the world we recall and in a real way relive, Christ’s triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish the Paschal Mystery. Only looking at this day 2000 years ago, Jesus is victorious, but this celebration temporary. People are celebrating their king. Israelites have now made it to that promise of greatness. Six days later the same crowd will turn and because of fear, hatred, and greed. They will be crying out; Crucify Him! Crucify Him!

Also today we continue to experience the same type of dichotomy in our country we are divided by politicians and racist opportunists. This “experience” made manifest in the hundreds of people who stormed the United States Capital Building. All Americans (except for the insurrectionists and sympathizers) condemn these heinous acts. Almost everyone has seen pictures and/or read about the country Capitol being seized by a mob wearing “maga hats”, carrying confederate flags, wearing Tee shirts promoting places like Auschwitz. They were yelling things like; “kill Mike Pence.”, “Nancy where are you?” The insurrectionist wanting to do harm to the people they hate. All supposedly based on a lie promulgated by the last occupant of the White House, because of his desire to stay in power. Politicians trying to benefit from the insurrection that they helped to cause try to rewrite the narrative. Using fear and hate to stay in power. Same playbook different game.

Racism (the most egregious sin against the universal Church) is at the root of our problems in this country and in our Church. The sin effects every decisions we make. Back in the ‘60s Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said that Sunday at 10:00am was the most “segregated hour” in the United States. It still is. We are still feeling the effects of this sin. Easily apparent as people of “goodwill” in this country mourn the massacre of 8 innocent victims of hate. Those six Asian women and two others murdered because of the sin of Racism in the deranged mind of a young white man. Racists in our Church, country, and world are emboldened by the politicians that are trying to hold onto a base and negating any call for reform of our society.

How can we continue in this holiest of weeks trying to complete “working to be transformed” as we deal with this and the pandemic of COVID-19? We recommit ourselves to relive this triumphant week walking with Christ for real. Just as He walks with us. And just like Holy Week 2000 years ago, we the neo-Israelites will be triumphant as our homes, state, country and world will be transformed. We will boldly proclaim; Hosanna in the highest!

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor

Transfiguration School Registration

We are currently accepting applications for new students for preschool through seventh grade for the 2021-2022 school year. If you, or someone you know, are interested in enrolling or receiving more information about our school, please contact the main office: 323.292.3011 or email: info@transfigurationla.org

Did you Know?

Parents everywhere are struggling to be parents, teachers, and friends for their children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are likely and understandably relying on screens to help them through these seemingly endless days. Many children are also online for school, which only increases their screen exposure. The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed. For more information,

visit [https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families and Youth/Facts for Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx)

Employment Opportunity

Immaculate Heart High School & Middle School is seeking to immediately hire a responsible, detail-oriented maintenance/custodian to maintain and clean our facilities. Interested candidates can visit the school's website at

<https://www.immaculateheart.org/About-IH/Employment> for the job description and the application process.

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Thursday Morning Mass

During the Season of Lent you are invited to attend **Mass every Thursday** at 8AM. Please follow the Sunday mass guidelines for these services. This mass will be live streamed.

Stewardship Thought

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."

- JEREMIAH 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

Weekly Offering for March 14, 2021

\$6,826.50 Tithe and Offering

SUNDAY MASSES 8AM AND 10AM

In Church Parking Lot

4001 – 3rd Avenue, L.A. 90008

Must register for all masses!

Limited space...

Please call 323.291.1136

Monday through Thursday to reserve a seat.

Masks Required at all times
and Social Distancing.

Please invite your family and friends!!!

Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Christopher Chestnut, Sister Ann Paul Clare, Edward Cousin, Cynthia Cyrus, Juanita Davis, Carolyn Didney, Beverly Colvin-Dorsey, Cynthia Fortier, Michael Frierson, Sherie Frierson-Chenier, Brenda Garibaldi, Avis Gibbs, Barbara Harris, Darren Harris, Jennifer Hallman, Briana Katz, Barbara Lagarde, Irwin Lagarde, Mercedes LeBlanc, Kelli Louie, Vyldred Manor, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Andrea Raggette, Dana Semien, Dudley Semien, Mike Simon, Joan Spencer, Annie Starks, Leila Thomas, Iris Turner, Mabel Walton, William Warrior, Alice Williams, and Peggy Wilson.