

# Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

**He Is Risen Indeed!**

**Happy Resurrection!**



The Tomb is empty! Alleluia! Alleluia! Church of the Transfiguration our struggle has ended. Our wait is over. Resurrection Sunday is a time we celebrate our transformation from defeated sinners to exuberant victors! For forty days we were working to be transformed. By our utilization of the Lenten tools of Prayer, Fasting, and Alms-giving our need to change was apparent. As Sacred Scripture and our prayer (communication with God) showed or reminded us that Christ came, put on human flesh, so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. In order for this to be possible, He would have to suffer and die, so that He and ultimately we could rise.

This Resurrection Sunday, we are called to give the highest praise, because of the empty tomb even though many feel there is nothing to be excited about? Approximately 569,000 deaths occurred from the sin against God's Love, COVID-19. For over a year, we were forced to shut down all or most activities, wear a mask or two, socially distance, etc. Many of us experienced loved ones, close friends, coworkers, etc. suffer and perish during this awful period on our journey. We were unable to say goodbye in person, to have traditional burials, etc. The lack of real closure exacerbated the devastating losses we suffered.

Fear and hatred has taken over our discourse in the US. It affects even our faith life in this moment which makes our joyfulness seem disingenuous. The other pandemic that continues in an on-going battle has permeated every aspect of our journey. For over 401 years Racism has detrimentally affected all of those who consider the United States home. Because of our failure to deal with this Sin, we can not live up to our full potential. This insidious sin creeps into the hearts of some of the past victims of racism to adopt the same sin. The 400% increase of hate crimes against our Asian sisters and brothers, because of the rhetoric started by the divider-in-chief has made this moment a lot more horrifying. Witnessing Africans in America being some of the perpetrators of anti-Asian violence is extremely distressing. These pandemics are tricks of the enemy to impede our "*working to be transformed!*" Praise God, we come to this mountain top because of the twins of Grace and Mercy thus far, through the pandemic of COVID-19. The Church continues through those same twins to help us to take the Good News of our Universal sisterhood and brotherhood to the nations. To victims, perpetrators, and all on the periphery of violence, our Victor is here!

With all that is happening we are still euphoric, because of the empty grave brings victory. Yes we had a lot of tragedies, but because of our prayer and praise, we know that our loved ones' tombs are just as empty as the one that the entire world is celebrating. We are strengthened to continue the fight against Racism and hate, because our God has already defeated the sin. We must continue to make plain that our Savior has come for all!

Because of all this, we can easily celebrate for the next fifty days. Our theme for the Resurrection/Easter season is "*Transformed tragedy into Triumph!*" Victors' let the celebration begin!

**Happy Resurrection!**

Shalom,

Fr. Anthony M. Bozeman, SSJ Pastor

## **Pray for the Sick**

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Tenci Bowden, 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, Vydred 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.

## **THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THE MONDAY AFTER EASTER APRIL 5, 2021**

### **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](mailto:info@transfigurationla.org)

### **Did you Know?**

“United Together in Prayer”

Novena In honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month this April, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles invites you to join us in transforming awareness into action by participating in a special nine-day Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. For more information and to join the Novena on April 22, please visit <https://lacatholics.org/united-together/>.

### **Transfiguration Media Ministry**

We are looking for volunteers to join our Media Ministry to assist with our live-streaming. Please contact the church office at 323.291.1136 for more details.

### **Stewardship**

*“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.”*

~COLOSSIANS 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “*Alleluia*.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

### **Weekly Offering for March 28, 2021**

\$4921.00 Tithe and Offering

