

Second Sunday of Easter

April 11, 2021

Happy Resurrection! Grace and peace be with you in the moment of euphoria called the Easter season. We continue our celebration of the fact of the "empty tomb!" Our Easter Season theme continues to demonstrate our excitement in this moment; **"Transforming Tragedy into Triumph!"**

Last week our faith-family entered in to the sacred Triduum the "seamless garment" of the Paschal mystery focused on liturgies to walk with Jesus. Our faith-family in a real way journeyed with Our Salvation, Jesus the Christ, to create an opportunity for salvation. On Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, we demonstrated to the world that it wasn't about the sacramental of raising a palm, but about the salvific opportunity to raise some praise to God entering this holiest of weeks.

Wednesday a small number utilized the Sacrament of Reconciliation to properly prepare themselves for the Graces of the season.

Holy Thursday we came together for the scaled down celebration, because of the COVID-19 restrictions. No presentation of the Oils blessed by Archbishop Gomez for the use of the faithful during the year. We could not have a Mundatum (Washing of the Feet) which is the ultimate sign of humility. Also no Eucharistic procession, because of the pandemic. Even with all the restrictions, we were able to "take it down a notch", so that we could microcosmically mirror Christ's humbling Himself. Simultaneously while humbling Himself, He gave us His very self to assist us in His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Blessed Sacrament. This special night Christ institutes the priesthood and the Eucharist. Our celebration ended solemnly as we journeyed with Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Many stayed and prayed, so that we could grow a little closer to the knowledge of Christ's suffering and prepare ourselves for the spiritual and or physical pain we feel in this anguish now and 2000 years ago!

Friday of the Lord's Passion (Good Friday), we began our Service at the hour of Christ's death. Knowing our disdain for pain and strife, we found a way to "stay in the moment." Understanding if we rush through the liturgy, we miss gaining more on knowledge of the depth of Christ's love. We also overleap the opportunity to evaluate what we must die to in order to measure up to this moment on our journey.

Holy Saturday the "mother of all vigils", we began the liturgy after the Service of the Light. The Easter Candle was blessed privately. In the dark, we listened intensely as God's salvific plan was revealed to us through the Old Testament readings and the Epistle. God blessed us to witness two people; Ms. Gloria P. Wilson and Antonio Gonzalez becoming Faith-family members. Our beautiful font was used by the Holy Spirit to bring new life to them. We were reminded as we began the Easter season that God emptied the grave to *"Transform the Salvage!"* This is good news for all who are broken or discarded as unsalvageable by humankind! Our Resurrection celebration on this Second Sunday of Easter (Octave of Easter) continues as the opened grave demonstrates Christ's and our **"Transforming Tragedy into Triumph!"**

Resurrection Blessings,
Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSJ

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, 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.

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.

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?

Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse

Brochure

The Office of Safeguard the Children of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles annually publishes the 2021 Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse brochure, which provides an up-to-date listing of safe environment policies, programs, resources, contact numbers and other important information about how the Archdiocese of Los Angeles is working to prevent child sexual abuse. Copies of the brochures are available in the parish vestibule or online at: <https://lacatholics.org/child-abuse-prevention-month/>.

Thank you

Thank you to those who helped with the Holy Week Environment and Preparation for Easter.

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Stewardship

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

Weekly Offering for April 4, 2021

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