

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

Happy Resurrection! Grace and peace be with you in this moment of grace and euphoria called the Easter season. This is the Third week of Easter cycle (b). We continue to celebrate the fact that He's done it again. Our Savior "*Transformed Tragedy into Triumph!*"

Last week, we celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday or the Second Sunday of Easter. Just the beginning of our seven week celebration of the fact of the "empty tomb!" Also we were reminded of the fact that the Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies Auxiliary call this "Lo Sunday." They normally "turn out" in full regalia. Our celebration brought to the end of the intense liturgies called the Octave of Easter. Although the intense celebration is over, we continue for another five weeks with a special observance of the hallowed grave! Our Faith-Family paid homage to the fact that because of God's Grace and Mercy, we are "*Getting What We Deserve!*" Because of this like the KPCs' we must "turn out & turn up!" This concept is difficult to truly ascend to, because of all that is occurring in this present moment.

Currently, we have lost over 555,000 sisters & brothers as a result of this sin against God's Love called COVID-19. In our section of Los Angeles, Leimert Park, we are in one of the "hotspots" in this state. It can be extremely depressing especially, if you have lost family, friends, or faith-family members. It is almost impossible to be excited about our current situation. As difficult as it may be, we can start to feel better in the knowledge of because of this event we celebrate; that "empty grave" our faith-family members, friends, our biological families' now have the gift of everlasting life. By God's Divine Mercy someday we will see them again. We will sing the old Peaches & Herb Hymn: "Reunited & It Feels so Good!"

Civil Unrest, an almost everyday occurrence last year, is still happening, because of the sin of Racism made manifest in the "over policing" and disregard, some can easily say disdain for Black Lives by the police and our society! It is maddening that in 2021, we would still be trying to grapple with this stain on the soul of America. It could be devastating to our spirit, if the Resurrection event would not only give us Hope, but also be a teachable moment. Even with the fresh empty tomb the early Apostles still faced ridicule, torture, and death. They were not deterred. By their perseverance and testimony we are now able to experience the salvific mission that the Christ completed centuries ago. This Victory is still being made manifest today. Look how quickly cases are being charged, now. There was a time, not too long ago, nothing would be done after an unarmed Black man or woman was murdered by a policeman or someone with authority. The devil is still very busy using "willing workers" who will distract by looking at the subsequent violence that occurs at the "after-protest" by people for a myriad of reasons, or they put the murdered soul on trial, or they fall back on archaic & racist laws for the inability to bring justice. Remember the early apostles were martyred also. We must find a way to show that Black Lives Matters while simultaneously act like it in our community, then we will be able to truly start "Getting What We Deserve!" in this "Christian nation." This Resurrection season shows us that we can live up to our call to be Neo-Apostles. We can take back what the devil is trying to steal from us and continue 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, Vylfred Manor, Cheryl Santa Marina, Dorothy Okoye, Sally Price, Wiley Pugh, Clara Radcliff, 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 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?

The Archdiocese continues helping survivors of sexual abuse and their families

During National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and on behalf of Archbishop José H. Gomez, we affirm our continued commitment to report allegations of sexual misconduct to law enforcement, support victim-survivors in their healing journey, and protect children and the vulnerable. The Archdiocese created a website, <https://protect.la-archdiocese.org/> that serves as a comprehensive tool containing resources, programs and services for protecting children and reporting abuse. If you, or someone you know, is a victim of sexual misconduct by someone affiliated with our Church, please contact law enforcement and the Archdiocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator at (213) 637-7650 or visit <https://lacatholics.org/reporting-child-abuse/> for help and support. In addition, Archbishop Gomez invites you to join him and many across the Archdiocese to the Novena for Protecting and Healing from Abuse, April 22-30. To join 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

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Weekly Offering for April 11, 2021

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