

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2021

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My dear Sisters and Brothers in the Lord,

**Happy Resurrection!** We continue to celebrate the gift that keeps on giving caused by the Empty Tomb! Many of us are still partying with a purpose, because of the Salvific event. Following our Resurrection season theme; “Transforming Tragedy to Triumph” we celebrate the victory won for us by Our Savior! On this Fourth Sunday of Easter cycle (b), we see Triumph and still some tragedy.

Last Sunday we began the week, being reminded that we are too quick to run & tell bad news and gossip. In this Resurrection season especially as well as in all times, we must take a page from Nosey Nancy and run & tell the Good News of the Risen Christ! Evangelization would be the theological concept, which becomes more colloquial by “Run & Tell that!” We saw because of the actions of a 17 year old girl, many hearts and minds were changed about “over policing!” Darnella Frazier’s run & tell that moment became a movement.

Many things are occurring that are tragedies that are being transformed into triumph. Look at the verdict of the George Floyd murder trial. It was a tragedy that not by the guilty verdict rendered by the jury became a triumph. Darnella’s filming the lynching, her loading to social media, her sleepless nights, are all the Triumph that lead to a world realizing (becoming woke) to the sin of Racism. This sin made manifest by the knees on Mr. Floyd’s neck, back, and spirit! In a just real Christian society the murder’s guilty verdict would have not been in doubt. One reason the overwhelming evidence would leave no other conclusion possible but conclude guilty. The other reason, in a Christian society we see all women and men as sisters and brothers, so you could never be so cruel and inhumane to a family member. Even with the accountability for the illegal, immoral, and inhumane action starting to unfold with a guilty verdict, there are many who are saying that it was not a correct one. The verdict cannot bring justice to the Floyd family in particular or the African-American community in general. The police officer who killed him needs a metanoia (a conversion) also. This is just a moment of accountability that will not be realized until the officer does real jail time and hopefully repents for his sin!

Unfortunately, the need for transforming tragedy into triumph did not end with the empty tomb. People have yet to learn, comprehend, or adhere to the transformation called for by this salvific moment. Church of the Transfiguration, as we celebrate Resurrection, we can boldly proclaim the empty tomb, but we must also turn that moment into a movement! If we do this we will continue transforming tragedy into triumph as we share the Good News of our universal sisterhood and brotherhood!

**Resurrection Blessings,**

*Fr. Anthony Bozeman, SSSJ*

## Pray for the Sick

LaVerne Agnew, Brian Argusta, Vivian Burgess, Tenci Bowden, Brownie Cain, Alberto Casanova, Kathleen Charles, 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, Rochelle Williams, Peggy Wilson and Michele Yerima.

### 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

### Mother and Child Mass on Sunday May 2

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Transfiguration School we want to thank you for your continued support. Because of your generosity, we were able to purchase supplies, and prepare our campus for in-person instruction which will begin tomorrow. Please continue to keep our school in your prayers. We are so excited to worship again with our church family on Sunday May 2nd. Join us on this first Sunday to celebrate our mothers at this special mother and child mass. Following mass, the school will have beautiful box breakfasts, coffee, and mimosas for you to safely purchase to go for \$5 and \$10. Please consider supporting this special event.

### Did You Know?

#### “United Together in Prayer”

We ask you, as the People of God, to unite in a special prayer for victims of child sexual abuse.

#### “A Prayer for Healing Victims of Abuse”

Holy Spirit, comforter of hearts, heal your people's wounds and transform brokenness into wholeness. Grant us the courage and wisdom, humility and grace, to act with justice. Breathe wisdom into our prayers and labors. Grant that all harmed by abuse may find peace and justice. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### 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.

### Court 220 Mother's Day

Transfiguration Court 220 is hosting a virtual Mother's Day See's Candy Yumraiser April 22, 2021 thru Friday, May 14, 2021. Please visit our shop by clicking on this link, [Court 220 Mother's Day Yumraiser](#), to see all the delicious chocolate and other candy treats or gift card you can order to surprise and honor the special mothers in your life for Mother's Day. Our virtual contactless Yum-Raiser begins today thru Friday, May 14, 2021. All orders are shipped directly to the address you designate. Thank you for your support showering love this Mother's Day.

### Stewardship

*“I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice.”*

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in “quiet whispers” that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

### Weekly Offering for April 18, 2021

\$3,183.24 Tithe and Offering