

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

First Reading. Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Second Reading. 1Jn 2:1-5a

Gospel. Lk 24:35-48

"Peace be with you."

Our Easter liturgies recall many accounts describing the experience of the original disciples of Jesus as they found Faith through their encounter with their Risen Lord. These stories are heard by us like a family group that is listening to one another, sharing personal recollections of a past event that meant a great deal to the whole family. Given from different points of view, these different Gospel accounts bring a far fully appreciation of what took place.

Last Sunday we heard the story as it was recalled in the community of John's gospel. Today, we hear Luke's account of the disciples' meeting with the Risen Savior. From all these accounts a coherent story emerges that invites the Church of every age to share in the original moment of Resurrection faith: the disciples are confused and frightened; when Jesus comes into their midst, finding faith in him is not easy and immediate; his greeting, however, and his loving acceptance of them into his abiding friendship brings them a great joy, and they find full faith in him; he charges them with the mission of bringing to the whole world the good news of their Resurrection faith and the 'forgiveness of sins' it brings.

In today's world of confused moral values, who is to judge the moral guilt of many things that are done? But if what is done is a turning away from the light to darkness, from what leads to life to what leads to death, it is sinful in the sense that it is an aberration that has destructive consequences from which only God can save us.

Our mission is to bring liberation from sinfulness in all its forms, by sharing the light and life of the Risen Lord with our struggling world.

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Today a group of young people from our Parish will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. I still encounter many adults who "fell through the cracks" and missed the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is never too late to be confirmed! Why is it important to be confirmed after being properly prepared for it?

In Baptism we begin to live a supernatural life. As we practice the virtues of faith, hope and love, and as we unite with Christ in His Church in offering worship to God, we also grow in grace and goodness.

But at this stage our spiritual life, like the life of a child, is largely self-centered. We tend to be preoccupied with the needs of our own soul, with the effort to "be good." But we cannot continue to be self-centered, to live a religious life revolving around self.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is about "living for others."

In this Sacrament, we receive a special grace by which our faith is deepened and strengthened, so that it will be strong enough not only for our own needs but for the needs of others with whom we shall try to share it.

With the onset of adolescence, a child begins to assume, progressively, the responsibilities of adulthood. He begins to see his place in the total family picture and in the community at large. It is in this sense that Confirmation is a spiritual "growing up."

In order that we may have such a concern for Church and neighbor, in deed as well as in feeling, the sacrament of Confirmation gives us a special grace, a special power and makes us sharers with Christ in His role of prophet or teacher.

The "adult Christian" now participates with Him in the task of extending His kingdom, of adding new souls to His Mystical Body. Our words and our works are directed not merely to our own sanctification but also to the purpose of making Christ's truths alive and real for those around us.

Masses for the Week

April 14, 2018 - April 21, 2018

Saturday, April 14

6:00 p.m. +Jose Catibog Jr
+Elizabeth Yuhico

Sunday, April 15

9:30 a.m. (English/Spanish)

Special intentions of Manuel Ramirez
by Alma Ramirez

+Ramon Montes by Sergio & Irm Media

11:00 a.m. (Italian)

+Ennio Capra by children and grandchildren

+Giovanni Capra by Nick & Maria D'Egidio

+Luigi Smaldino by Stan & Jenny

+Joseph Rodogna by Philip Carlucci

For the deceased members of **Sacro Cuore di Gesu**

For the deceased members of **Madonna de Costantinopoli Society**

6:00 p.m. (English)

People of the parish

Monday, April 16

11:00 a.m. No mass

Tuesday, April 17

6:00 p.m. For the healing of Christopher Smith

Wednesday, April 18

6:00 p.m. For the healing of Chris Graff

Thursday, April 19

6:00 p.m. +Gloria Napoli

Friday, April 20

6:00 p.m. +Special intentions of Jeanine Graff

Saturday, April 21

6:00 p.m. +For the healing of Susan Dacarey
by Ante & Edna

Did you know we have **Vespers** at 5:45 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

Adoration: Thursdays 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Last week's offerings

Offerte Della Settimana Scorsa

Last week's Offering-Easter: \$4,115.50

Good Friday envelop: \$20.00

Easter special envelops: \$145.00

**Offerta settimanale necessaria per far fronte alle spese ordinarie

Weekly offering needed to meet ordinary expenses

- \$2,950.00-

DID YOU KNOW

You can support the Archdiocese's Keeping Kids Safe Campaign

In celebration of National Child Abuse Prevention, the Office of Safeguard the Children is offering the 2018 Prevent Child Abuse Resource Packet. This year's packet includes "Keeping Kids Safe" pinwheel stickers, decorations and children's activities as well as informative articles to help parents and other caring adults learn about how to protect our children and youth. Through this campaign, we hope to provide another opportunity to transform awareness into action as we affirm every child's right for a life filled with hope, health and happiness. For more information, visit: <http://www.la-archdiocese.org/org/protecting/safeguard/Pages/CAPM.aspx>.

Dates to Remember

April 15, Confirmation at St. Bridget's parish. 11:15 a.m.

April 15, Sacred Heart meeting after 11:00 a.m. Mass.

April 22, All parish brunch after 11:00 a.m. mass



20th Annual Scalabrini House Seminary Fundraiser and the 130th anniversary of the Scalabrini Fathers.

Saturday April 28, 2018

Mass: 5:00 p.m. followed by Dinner, Live Music, silent and live auction.

Contact the Parish office for reservations. (323) 225-8119

CONFIRMATION

Today, Sunday April 15 at 11:15 a.m. **11 young men and women, and 1 adult** will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation this year is held at St. Bridget Chinese church. **Bishop Alexander Salazar** will preside the inspiring celebration empowering the candidates with the gifts of the Holy Spirit (Wisdom, Fear of the Lord, Fortitude, Piety, Knowledge and Understanding).

"Be who you were created to be, and you will set the world on fire."

— St. Catherine of Siena

Those receiving their Confirmation are:

Vito James Russell
Massimo Iezza
Sierra Cardona
Rory Graciela Godinez
Elise Martinez
Ruben Alexander Carrillo
Alejandra Prado
Abigail Prado
America M. Flores Hdez
Clarissa Marie Farfan
Evelyn Cristobal

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