



St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

March 21, 2021

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Liturgical Celebrations
 Weekdays: See inside bulletin
 Saturday Eve (Vigil Mass): 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 10:00 am
 1:00 pm "en Español"

**Holy days of obligation
 that fall on weekdays**
 Vigil Mass: Check Bulletin
 Holy day: 8:00 AM

Sacrament of Penance
 Weekdays: Before Mass
 Saturday: 4:00-4:45 pm
 Anytime by Appointment

Sacrament of Baptism
 Call parish office to set date.

Sacrament of Matrimony
 Arrangements must be made
 with the pastor at least six months prior to the
 wedding date.

New Parishioners
 You are most welcome. Please
 stop by the rectory to register.

Bulletin Deadline
 Monday- 3:00 PM.

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WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

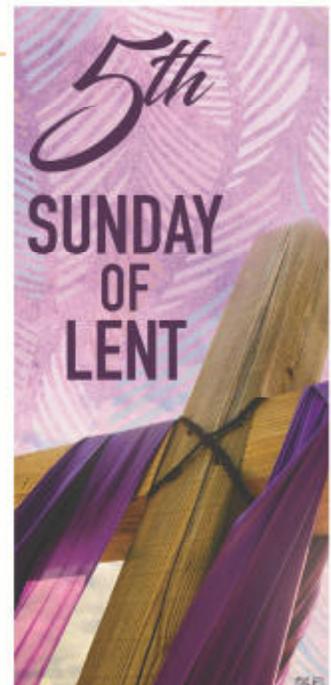
- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
 or Ex 37:12-14/Rom 8:2-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-
 45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk
 1:26-38
- FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-
 24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Thursday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name." By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.



*"Bloom
 where you
 are planted."*

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

8:30 AM Frank & Rose Vite by Frank & Barb Vite

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

8:30 AM All Souls Remembrances

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

8:30 AM Doreen Cebulski Johnson by Dolores Cebulski

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

8:30 AM John & Bernice Hyduk by Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

5:00 PM Frank & Mary Cencelewski by Wayne & Sue

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

10:00 AM John, Phyllis & Joan Kowalski by Barbara Squier

1:00 PM For Our Parish Family

1st Reading – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm – .

R. (12a) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me.

I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

2nd Reading – Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

The Word of the Lord: Thanks be to God

Gospel – John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

"I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

5th SUNDAY OF LENT



Parish News

Prayer Chain: Do you need prayers? Call the St. John's Prayer Chain and within hours these intentions will be in the prayers of every member of the prayer chain. To start the prayer chain, call Sylvia Ryan at 574-233-2869.

Hospital & Home Communion Calls: If you are in the hospital or homebound and would like to receive Communion or a visit from Fr. Glenn, please call the Rectory at 233-5414 or Holy Family at 282-2317. Also if you know of any parishioner that is in a nursing home or assisted living, please let us know so we can visit them. Thank you

Fr. Sunday's Pew Drive. If you are interested in donating to this fund drive for Fr. Sunday's St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church in Ojogobi-Ate, Nigeria, please place donation in an envelope marked "Pews" and place in collection basket or mail it to Sue at either St. John's, 3526 St. Johns Way, South Bend, IN 46628 or Holy Family, 56405 Mayflower Road, South Bend, IN 46619. Please write attention Sue on envelope. Thank you so much for your support it is much appreciated.



Penance Service at Holy Family on Wednesday, March 24 at 6:30 pm (following the 6:00pm Mass).

STORYBOOK CORNER WITH THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS

From *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* to *Strega Nona*, the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration have created around 30 videos of themselves reading stories for the children of our diocese in what is called the Storybook Corner. More videos are added often at diocesefwsb.org/storybook-corner

TEACHER RECRUITMENT FAIR

The Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend Catholic Schools are conducting interviews for teacher and/or administrator openings for the 2021-2022 school year. The virtual event will be March 22-23 from 5-8 p.m. both days. Go to diocesefwsb.org/teacher-recruitment-fair for more information.

Fr. Glenn's Pen

Jeremiah speaks of a New Covenant. This New Covenant places the law of God in us and is written in our hearts! St. Thomas Aquinas speaks of "synderisis". I believe that this is that which Jeremiah is referring. A well-formed conscience will have the capacity to make decisions always in accord with God's will. It is our innate ability to discern right from wrong.

There has been a devastating drift towards relativism and an atheistic outlook. Relativism and atheism rejects any absolute, and morality is simply determined by what any one person judges to be right for them. They conflate the difference between "why" and "how". True sound science leads us to more deeply understand "how" something works or functions. True philosophy gives us insight into "why" things are the way they are! Those who make the claim there are no absolutes, ask them some questions: When is it right to abuse a child? When is it right to directly kill an innocent human being?

God has written in our hearts the capacity to discern the true, the good and the beautiful. There was an old statement that a certain sexual sin of self-abuse would cause blindness. There seems to be little biological evidence that this physically happens, however, all sin causes us to be blind in our capacity to see the true the good and the beautiful. A couple of weeks ago in the Gospel it was said, "But Jesus would not trust himself to them because he knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He himself understood it well." We are masters at justifying our own sin. God has given us the ability to discern the truth, but this can only happen when we truly long to discover it. We must find time to pray and reflect on all that is true, good and beautiful!

In the Gospel Jesus is relating how He must suffer and die. He reminds us as well that we must die to ourselves. He uses the image of a grain of wheat which must die to bear much fruit. Jesus had little desire to suffer, but was willing to suffer for us because of his great love for us. Our world conditions us to avoid suffering at all costs, but it is through suffering that we gain so much. Many are willing to make sacrifices to excel in sports, how much more important it is to become a saint. Trophies won't last forever but our soul does! Bishop Sheen said it so well, "Suffering without Christ is simply misery, but when we unite our suffering to Christ we participate in the redemption of the whole world!"

Holiness is Happiness! May the remaining days of Lent draw us ever closer to our Master, Jesus!

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

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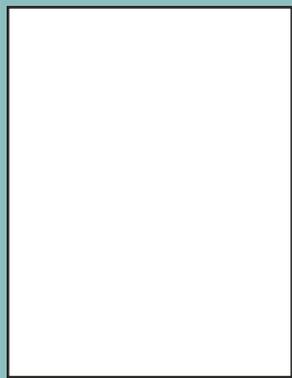
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