

March 21st, 2021

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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**Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday - Friday 8:00 am

Saturday 4:30 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 10:30 am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturday 3:30 pm

or by appointment

**Baptism**

Parish membership is required.

Baptismal preparation for parents and sponsors is held monthly. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

**Marriage**

Parish membership is required.

Arrangements need to be made a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact Fr. Robert.

**Anointing of the Sick**

Please contact the Parish Office



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**OUR LENTEN JOURNEY**

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** Where is Lent leading us liturgically as we receive ashes, and spiritually in life?  
*“Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart, with fasting, and weeping, and mourning; Rend your hearts, not your garments, and return to the Lord, your God.”* Joel 2:12-13

**LENT:** Are we making drastic changes or taking little steps of improvement that can lead to big changes as a follower of Christ?  
*“What profit is there for one to gain the whole world, yet lose or forfeit himself?”* Luke 9:25.

**PALM SUNDAY:** Jesus will be present. His spirit will be powerfully experienced. The question for you today, will you show up? Will you make these days holy, different, distinct? You will be glad you did!  
*“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...”* John 12:13

**HOLY THURSDAY:** Mother Teresa taught, *“we don’t have to do great things, but, we can do small acts with great love.”* We are people called to serve others.  
*“He took a towel and tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet....”* John 13:4-5

**GOOD FRIDAY:** Jesus paid the price in full. He died for the sins that we are too ashamed to admit to and confess. Let us live a life of gratitude.  
*“It was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured.”* Isaiah 53:4

**HOLY SATURDAY:** Jesus was gone and so was all hope. We wait quietly and prayerfully for the life-changing celebration of the Easter Resurrection. Jesus saves us!  
*“We know that our old self was crucified with him, so that our sinful body might be done away with, that we might no longer be in slavery to sin.”* Romans 6:6

**EASTER SUNDAY:** Do we believe in life after death? HE is Risen! Alleluia! Jesus, thank you for dying for me; I pray that I may live for you always. Amen.  
*“When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.”* Coloss; 3:4



**The Sacred Paschal Triduum**

**HOLY THURSDAY of the Lord’s Supper**  
 Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament until 9pm  
 Thursday, April 1 – 6:30 PM  
 (no 8am Mass)

**GOOD FRIDAY Passion of the Lord Service**  
 The Lord’s Passion and The Adoration of the Holy Cross  
 Friday, April 2- 1:00 PM  
 (no 8am Mass)

**HOLY SATURDAY**  
 The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night  
 Saturday, April 3 - 8:00 PM  
 (no 4:30pm Mass)

**EASTER SUNDAY -Alleluia!**  
 The Resurrection of the Lord  
 Sunday Masses, April 4- 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

**Stations of the Cross**

We will now offer  
 Stations of the Cross  
 each Saturday at 3:30pm  
 February 27 through March 27  
 Join us as we pray!



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### The Mass Intention Book is open for 2021.

One may ask, "What is a Mass Intention?"

Let's begin by referring to our beloved late Holy Father, Saint John Paul II, who taught, in his encyclical "*Ecclesia de Eucharistia*,"

*In the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the Church prays that God, the Father of mercies, will grant His children the fullness of the Holy Spirit so that they may become one body and one spirit in Christ. In raising this prayer to the Father of lights, from whom comes every good endowment and every perfect gift, the Church believes that she will be heard, for she prays in union with Christ her Head and Spouse, who takes up this plea of His Bride and joins it to His own redemptive sacrifice. (No. 43)*

When a priest offers Holy Mass, he has three intentions: First, to offer the Mass reverently and validly in accord with the norms of the Church. Second, to offer the Mass in union with the whole Church and for the good of the whole Church. Third, to offer the Mass for a particular intention, such as the repose of the soul of someone who has died, anniversary celebration, for healing, in gratitude for special favor received by God, etc.

Therefore, the effects of the Mass bring certain benefits or fruits. The general fruits of the Mass are the effects upon the whole Church — to the living faithful as well as the poor souls in purgatory. For this reason, in the Canon of the Mass (the Eucharistic Prayer), a special mention is made for both the living and the dead.

So please stop by the office or call the parish office and select any of the open dates for Mass Intentions 2021. May the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace!



March 21, 2021 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

#### **GROW** AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Recent news warned of a shortage of seeds this spring, as home gardeners carry on a hobby borne of the coronavirus pandemic. Even those of us not exactly known for our green thumbs jumped in, seeing home gardens as a way not only to stock our pantries, but to sow hope during a time of isolation and, for too many, mourning. In today's readings, we are reminded of an even larger hope — one that transcends optimism and feeling, and is centered in the theological virtue of Hope. God holds us close even on the most challenging of days. We see this in Jeremiah's prophecy of a new covenant, where all shall know God and our sins will be washed away. And today's Gospel reminds us that Jesus, like the grain of wheat, dies so that we may have new life. As we plant our seeds this spring, we will undoubtedly remember the people and things we have lost. Yet, as shoots break through with the warmth of spring, we can be reminded of Jesus, the source of all hope, and his promise that "I will draw everyone to myself."

**ACTION** Buy a packet of seeds (if you can find one). Plant seeds in memory of loved ones who may have died this past year, or in remembrance of any type of loss you or your loved ones may have suffered. Offer prayers of thanksgiving for Jesus, the source of our hope.

#### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel prepares us by reminding us that Jesus, like a grain of wheat, must die so that we may have new life: "Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." I don't think that John is telling us to wallow in sadness or live joyless lives. Instead, perhaps he is encouraging us to "lose" those things that are not life-giving and instead focus on what draws us closer to Jesus — such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Perhaps as we continue our Lenten journey, we can identify the obstacles that get between us and Jesus, or that divide our families and communities. By letting those go, we free ourselves to be more like Christ, and to share the Good News of God's great love for us with others.

### Readings for the week of March 21st

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/  
Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7  
-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45  
Monday: 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  
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30  
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56  
[52b]/Jn 8:31-42  
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb  
10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38  
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-  
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Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn  
11:45-56  
Next Sunday: 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-  
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### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



### Monday, March 22nd

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Tuesday, March 23rd

9:00am Food Pantry

### Wednesday, March 24th

6:30pm Edge Gr. K-5

### Thursday, March 25th

9:00am Food Pantry

### Friday, March 26th

4:00-7:00pm Fish Fry Drive Thru

### Saturday, March 27th

Nothing scheduled at this time

### Sunday, March 28th

Nothing scheduled at this time

**March 21st**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

*Mass Intentions*

**Tuesday, March 23rd**

8:00am † Poor souls in purgatory  
(Communion Service)

**Wednesday, March 24th**

8:00am † Poor souls in purgatory  
(Communion Service)

**Thursday, March 25th**

8:00am † Poor souls in purgatory

**Friday, March 26th**

8:00am † Caroline E. Sullivan

**Saturday, March 27th**

4:30pm † Deceased members of John &  
Dorothy Brickler Family

**Sunday, March 28th**

8:30 am † For the people

10:30am † Healing of Elizabeth Faa

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