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March 21, 2021

5TH SUNDAY of LENT



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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." - Jn 12:23-24

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All of us need to be extra careful during the Coronavirus outbreak. Here are some simple ways to keep sickness away.



WASH YOUR HANDS
Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap and water. If you can't wash your hands, use hand sanitizer frequently.



DON'T TOUCH YOUR FACE
Especially around the eyes, nose and mouth. If you must sneeze, use a tissue or your arm.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE
Practice social distancing during this epidemic and stay away from large groups. Instead, call, email or check up on family and friends using social media.

Stay Connected. While You're Away.

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The Pastor's Prayer Request for...

Cozette Johnson Mary Gaines

In Our Prayers

Camella Batten
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COVID-19 VACCINATION...

The City is providing vaccination for Englewood residents who are at least 18 years old. Here is the registration link...

<https://communityvaccineuic.health/englewood>

If you need assistance with registering, please contact the parish office 773.873.4464.



Readings for the Week of
March 21, 2021

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 10:31-42

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

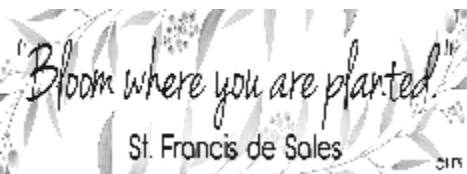
Is 50:4-7

Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP —
RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

WHEN OUR OWN HOUR COMES

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being “troubled” and he speaks of “the time of judgment.” There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

“Yet what should I say?” he asks them. “Father, save me from this hour?” But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour.”

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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Thank you!



FOOD for THOUGHT—
The Lighter Side

Jesus Is Watching You

A burglar broke into a home and was looking around. He heard a soft voice say, “Jesus is watching you.”

Thinking it was just his imagination, he continued his search. Again the voice said, “Jesus is watching you.”

He turned his flashlight around and saw a parrot in a cage. He asked the parrot if he was the one talking and the parrot replied, “Yes.”

He asked the parrot what his name was and the parrot said, “Moses.”

The burglar asked, “What kind of people would name a parrot Moses?”

The parrot answered, “The same kind of people who would name their German Shepherd Jesus.”

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