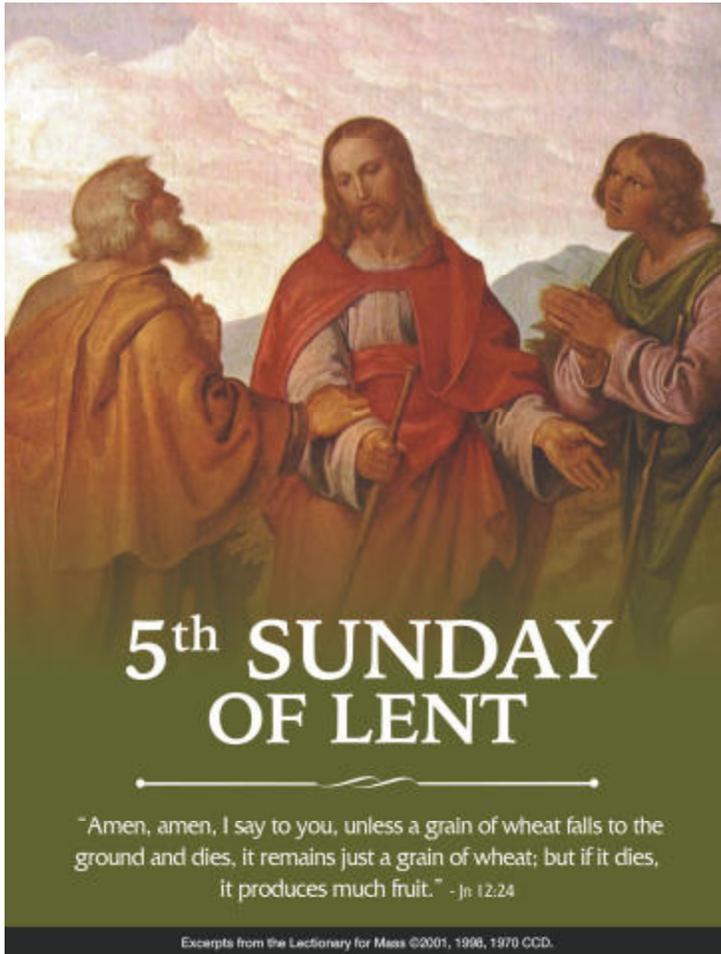




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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT MARCH 21, 2021



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8:00 a.m. — Noon on Friday

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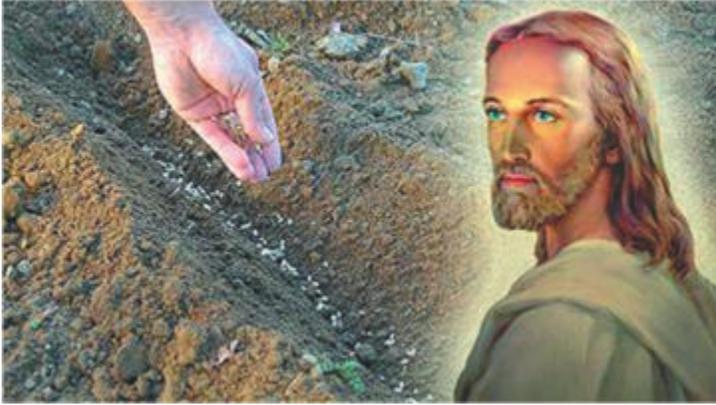
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A Message from Fr. Augusty
 V Sunday of Lent - Jeremiah 31:31-34;
 Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33



Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. A sentence difficult and even dangerous, if poorly understood, because it can legitimize a sorrowful and unhappy vision of a religion.

The emphasis is not about death, but about life. God's glory is not dying, but living. Saint Irenaeus says; "The glory of God is the living man and the life of man is the vision of God." If we observe a grain of wheat, within any seed, we don't find any sign of life in it, an inert shell, but which is actually a chest, a small volcano of life. Once it falls into the earth, the seed dies to its shape but is reborn following germination becoming a 'germ'. One process is not a sacrifice for the other. They are not two different things but in reality are the same thing and transformed into more life. The germ turns into a flower, the flower into a fruit, and the fruit into the seed. In the life cycle as in the spiritual life "life is changed not ended" (Preface I for the Dead). No one is born to be lost but to be saved because God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

Every man and woman is a grain of wheat, sown in the furrows of history, of the family, of the workplace and called to bear much fruit. If you are generous of heart, of intelligence, and of time; if you dedicate yourself, as an athlete, a scientist or a lover, to your purpose, then you produce much fruit. If you are generous with your life, you do not lose life but multiply life.

When we look at the cross we understand more about the grain of wheat, fallen and flourished. The Cross is the purest and greatest image of God who gave himself. To know who God is, we just have to kneel at the foot of the Crucifix. God enters into death thus every child of God dies. But from death God raises every child as a germ of indestructible life, and brings them out from death to life with him.

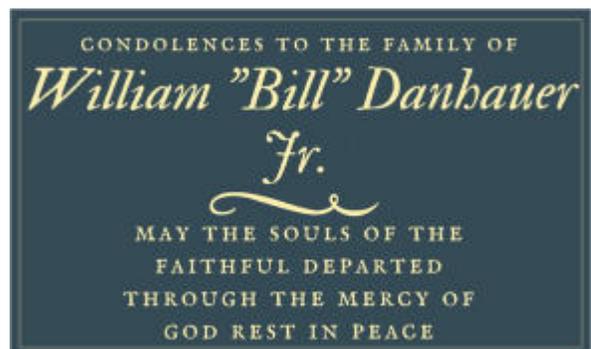
Jesus is like a grain of wheat, fallen and flourished; from

the cross, where already breathes the resurrection. If I understand well the meaning of the grain and the cross I am a Christian who can find meaning in my life at any given circumstance because my faith is contemplation of the face of the crucified God. As I understand more about the cross the more I will embrace it.

***Prayer:** I want to see you Jesus! I find it hard to believe without seeing your loving face, O my Jesus! You prefer to draw me close to you in many ways, please let me see your face in those ways! Make me feel that you are there, close to me when sufferings overpower me. Make me lift my eyes towards you when I am preoccupied with so many things. You know me and you know what it means to be in a situation like that, deprived of joy, peace, light and life. You are the joy, peace, light and life of every moment of my life. If you are there in my life everything is different. Come in to my life, my Jesus, even if I am not able to see you. Look at me, find me and get me out from all that is preventing me from seeing your loving face. Sowed within the furrow of this life, in the heart of this world, make me always want to live with you, in you and for you with a faith that makes me believe without touching and seeing. A faith that makes me love you and my brothers and sisters at every moment of my life. Amen.*



Smiley Corner: During an impassioned sermon about death and final judgement, the pastor said forcefully, "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement." Glancing down at the front pew, he noticed a man with a big smile on his face. The minister repeated his point louder. "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!" The man nodded and smiled even more. This really got the preacher wound up. He pounded the pulpit emphatically when he came to the ultimatum: "Each member of this church is going to die and face judgement!!!" Though everyone else in the congregation was looking somber, the man in front continued to smile. Finally, the preacher stepped off the platform, stood in front of the man and shouted, "I said each member of this church is going to die!" The man grinned from ear to ear. After the service was over, the preacher made a beeline for the man. "I don't get it," the preacher said in frustration. "Whenever I said, 'Each member of this church is going to die, your smile got bigger. Why?' "I'm not a member of this church," the man replied.



These are the people that signed up for the Matthew 9 Mission, for the days of 15-21 of every month. They will pray the rosary for vocations to the priesthood. If you would like to sign-up, call the office.

SAINT WILLIAM CHURCH

- 15 Tony & Mary Helen Rhodes; Paul & Theresa Crowe
- 16 Dennis & Joyce Payne
- 17 Jackie & Clemie Cecil
- 18 Merici Carrico
- 19 Mary & Buch Isbill
- 20 Brad & Melanie Mills; Tony & Joyce Mills
- 21 Paul & Theresa Crowe

SAINT LAWRENCE CHURCH

- 15 Mary Wimsatt
- 16 Christ Johnson Family
- 17 Francine Wright
- 18 Martha Rose Dotterweich
- 19
- 20 Pam & Jim Higdon
- 21 Marilyn & Jessie Rhodes; Debbie Postlewaite



STEWARDSHIP

"Our return to the Lord": In thanksgiving for the blessings we have received from God, last weekend we chose to return a portion to the Lord"

With the restriction due to the Coronavirus there will be baskets to drop tithing envelopes in after Masses. You may still leave envelopes in the door at the church office or mail them.

March 14, 2021	<u>St. William</u> envelopes	<u>St. Lawrence</u> envelopes
Regular Collections	\$ 7,698.00	\$ 1,998.00
Loose	\$ 6.00	
Children's		
Total	\$ 7,704.00	\$ 1,998.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 9,600.00	\$ 2,800.00
Collections Year to Date**	\$ 294,272.71	\$ 95,975.01
Budget Year to Date**	\$ 355,200.00	\$ 100,800.00
Over (Under) YTD**	\$ (60,927.29)	\$ (4,824.99)
Easter Flowers	\$ 247.00	\$ 10.00
Catholic Relief	\$ 221.00	\$ 39.00
GYM PARKING LOT REPAIR		\$ 11,420.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN ACCOUNT BALANCE		\$ 817,788.39

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Mon. | 8:00 a.m. SW | Warren & Elaine Lanham |
| Tue. | 8:00 a.m. SW | Allen Payne (dec) |
| Tue. | 6:00 p.m. SL | John Yates (dec) |
| Wed. | 8:00 a.m. SW | Betty Miller (dec) |
| Thurs. | 8:00 a.m. SW | Les & Lettie Mae Payne (dec) |
| Thurs. | 6:00 p.m. SL | Gene "Boots" Lanham (dec) |
| Fri. | 8:00 a.m. SW | Sister Diana Ortiz (dec) |
| Sat. | 8:00 a.m. SL | Fr. Augusty |
| Sat. | 4:00 p.m. SW | Freddie Payne |
| Sun. | 6:30 a.m. SW | Rosie Clary (dec) |
| Sun. | 8:00 a.m. SL | Parishioners |
| Sun. | 10:00 a.m. SW | Raphael Mattingly (dec) |
| Sun. | 12:00 p.m. SW | Martha Payne (dec) |



Cindy Payne, Ronnie Goetz, Joe Fitzgerald, Kathy Edge, Marti Rhinerson, Junior Hurm, Shelia Sanders, Dwayne Mattingly, David Montgomery, Allie Rickard, Ashley Whitaker, Cary Mattingly, Starla Warren, Terry Stone, Francine Wright, Donna Barnett, Cecilia Recker, Sherri Murphy, Keilen Aud, Tabatha Roberts, Stevie Rhodes, Alex Payne, Whitney Burden, Eddie Burden, Jim Hazel, Nancy Meisenhelder, Jimmy Haynes, Jerome Hamilton, Kent Recker, Paige Morton, Margie Duncan, Warren Lanham, Janet Cecil, Kenneth Huskisson, Bill McBrayer, Charles Aud

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION: St. Lawrence Saturdays 7-7:30 am. Gym Saturdays 3-3:30 pm.

BAPTISM: Parents requesting Baptism for an infant or child under age 7, contact Kara Bekebrede, at the parish office. Baptismal preparation is required and is held on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month **by appointment only**.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Anyone having surgery or wishing to receive the Sacrament is asked to call the Parish Office.

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS: Any home-bound parishioner wishing to receive Communion or a pastoral visit is asked to call the Parish Office. Please notify the Parish Office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital.

HOLY MATRIMONY: At least one party must be a registered member of this parish. Do not set a wedding date before meeting with the Pastor. Please call for an appointment with Fr. Augusty at least six months before scheduling the wedding. The bride and groom must be free to marry in the Catholic Church before a date can be selected.





THE LION'S CLUB ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT!

All are invited on Sunday, March 28th at 2pm at St. Lawrence Church. The Egg Hunt will take place behind the St. Lawrence Hall.



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RAIN DATE MARCH 29 AT 5PM



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER

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Daughter of Eric & Shana McBride

The family of Betty Miller would like to thank everyone for their kinds words and prayers during this difficult time. A big thanks to Fr. Augusty for his visits to Betty over the last several months.

*Thank you!
The Miller Family*

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Easter Sunday: 6:30 AM

8 AM

10 AM

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Please call the office to sign up for ministry positions: 270-281-4802

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo. There is a saying that saints come in clusters, and St. Turibius was the starting force of one of these clusters. He was an unlikely leader though, and a late bloomer. Turibius was born in 1538 in Spain to a noble family. He was pious from his youth, fasting once a week and praying the rosary often. He had a big devotion to our Blessed Mother. As a nobleman, he received an excellent education, went to college, and became a noted professor with a holy disposition. He thought this was his path in life, and it was until his 40th year. At that time, Spain had tons of colonies in the Americas, and the bishop of Peru had died. The Spanish King suggested Turibius to be archbishop of Peru and the surrounding areas, and the pope approved. Turibius declined and reminded the king and pope that only priests could be made bishops, and he wasn't a priest. However, since he wasn't married, the pope declared they would just ordain him a priest first, then make him bishop, and that is what they did. At age 42, he set sail for Peru with his sister and brother-in-law. He arrived 9 months later and began the 600 mile journey to Lima on foot. Wherever he walked, he catechized and baptized natives and Spaniards. A week later he arrived in Peru and took charge of his archdiocese. His motto was, "Time is not our own and we must give a strict account of it." He spent his time in arduous labor, traversing his vast archdiocese three times on foot, exposed to the elements, hostile tribes, and wild beasts. He catechized, baptized, and confirmed half a million people, including St. Rose of Lima, to whom he gave the name "Rose," and St. Martin de Porres. He also worked closely with the Franciscan, St. Francis Solano and the Dominican, St. Juan Masias, leading them in their evangelization efforts. He built roads, schools, chapels, hospitals, convents, and seminaries. He felt his main job was two-fold. First to encourage the Spaniards to live out their baptismal promises and be good Christian examples to the natives, because typically they were quite the opposite. Second to convert the natives. He learned native dialects to be able to talk to the people, and also required all seminarians to learn the na-



tive dialects as well as Spanish. Turibius also brought a ton of reform and unity to the Church in South America. He made a trilingual catechism and ensured every one of his parishes was in proper order, teaching the proper catechesis, keeping accurate records, and using the correct missal. He also excommunicated any clergy who engaged in business affairs since firstly, this was not their job, and secondly, most business affairs exploited natives as slaves. He always ensured the rights of the natives when most Spaniards neglected to treat them with dignity and respect. He also ensured the Council of Trent's teachings were included in catechesis and called many meetings to make sure all his bishops and priests were unified and on the same page. As he exhausted himself in his work, he predicted the exact date and hour of his death. He died from a fever after receiving last rights on Holy Thursday with his last words being those of Christ's from the cross, "Lord, into your hands I commend my spirit." He was 67 and had been working tirelessly for 25 years. May we follow the example of St. Turibius, no matter how old we are. He heard God call, followed him, and wasn't afraid to stand up for what is right. He worked tirelessly for the people. Pope Francis said St. Turibius didn't shepherd from behind his desk, but was "a bishop with shoes worn out by walking, by constant travel, but setting out to preach to Gospel to all: to all places, on all occasions, without hesitation, reluctance, and fear." May we be as bold! St. Turibius, pray for us!



HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY!

March 22-28

March 24 Zachary & Allison Sheldon

9 years

March 27 Barry & Alice Bickett

34 years

There is no greater force against evil in the world than the love of a man and woman in marriage. After the Holy Eucharist, it has a power beyond anything that we can imagine.

March 22, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11

Tap into the virtues of water

As part of its observance of the 2020 World Water Day, the Vatican published *Aqua fons vitae*. Orientations on water: symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth. The document, meant to support the human right to clean water, reminds us that "by means of the water made holy by the Spirit," God gives us life and renews us. The way we respect water is an indicator of how we are "taking care of the early garden" entrusted to us. In observance of World Water Day, educate yourself and others about the challenges the world faces in ensuring access to clean water: the holy source of all life.

"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."

March 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

Today's readings: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

To reveal Christ, go the distance

In 2018, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Peru, invoking the patron saint of Latin American bishops—Turibius of Mogrovejo. "This holy bishop is frequently portrayed as a 'new Moses,'" said the pope. "The Vatican has a picture in which Saint Turibius appears crossing a great river whose waters open before him like the Red Sea, so that he could get to the other shore, where numerous native peoples awaited him." Turibius cast aside life in Spain to live among native Peruvians. What can you cast aside so others might see Christ in you?

"Their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses."

March 24, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42

Be transformed by justice

This is an anniversary of martyrdom. The archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was murdered on this day in 1980 as he presided at Mass in the chapel of a church-run hospital for cancer patients and the terminally ill. Romero, an unassuming man who in earlier years had ministered to the country's elite, experienced a late-in-life transformation that took him from quiet acceptance of the status quo to courageous critic of his government's repression of the poor. His weekly sermons championed justice, challenged the government, and eventually cost him his life: "It is not the will of God for some to have everything and for others to have nothing," he said. "It is not enough to attend Mass on Sunday . . . God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love." Begin to dress the part by questioning the "way we always do things." "If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

March 25, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

Today's readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

Prepare to say yes

Today we celebrate the Annunciation, that famous conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Mary em-

braced what must have been the frightening prospect of bearing the Son of God. Mary's yes is seen as the model for all Christians in response to our individual callings, and in response to everyday choices to do what is most loving, moral, and just. Perhaps today you will be called to make a choice for faithfulness; prepare yourself now to say yes to God, as did Mary.

"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"

March 26, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

Meet violence with hope

Violence has made an all-too-comfortable home in our lives. It's in our TV shows and movies, our politics, our streets, and even our own hearts. In a pastoral message on violence in 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote, "Hostility, hatred, despair, and indifference are at the heart of a growing culture of violence." How do we meet these experiences with compassion and offer a safe place for peace? "The path to a more peaceful future is found in a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice. The best antidote to violence is hope."

"[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus."

March 27, 2021

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

The long history of judicial corruption

We learn more each day about inequities in our judicial system. Justice, it seems, is more often praised than practiced, especially when it comes to treatment of minorities and those who challenge authority. We could include Jesus in the long list of victims of injustice. At this moment in Lent, as we prepare to enter Holy Week, the wheels of injustice are set in motion by Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest who will play a key role in the coming execution of the prophet of Peace. Pray today for forgiveness for the injustices committed in our names, and in our hearts.

"So from that day on they planned to kill him."



I am not afraid of death which I have waited for a long time. God will let me live through my death.

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Mary Carrico Catholic School

Mary Carrico Catholic School strives to provide an environment for a quality faith-based academic education that prepares its students to become successful in living the Gospel of Christ, and capable of success in all aspects of life.

Kindergarten students took advantage of some warm spring like weather to create art on the sidewalk.



Upcoming School Events

April 2 Trial of Jesus Live Streamed at 2:00PM

April 4 Easter Sunday

April 5-9 Spring Break

April 29 Confirmation

May 2 First Communion

Contact the school office to order SCRIP cards of sign up for the

mobile APP-Raise Right



You will need MCCS' code to enroll

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Thanks for collecting aluminum cans for MCCS. Last week's proceeds were \$172. Thanks Joe Wedding for taking them for us!



Beef Raffle

MCCS PTO is selling tickets for 1/4 beef cattle. Two

quarters will be given away. Tickets are \$5 per chance.

The drawing is April 23.

Contact the school or an MCCS student to purchase tickets.

Become A Tuition Angel



Would you be willing to help a family with the gift of a Catholic Education? Angels may give at any level. **100%** of all donations go to a student's tuition at Mary Carrico Catholic School.

Due to the Covid pandemic, several families have had unforeseen financial difficulties due to sickness, quarantine, or lack of work. Any amount you could donate would help these families!



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