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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1988, 1975 C.C.O.

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### MASS SCHEDULE

INDOOR AND PATIO  
DAILY MASS

6:30AM (except Saturday)  
8:30AM

SUNDAY MASS

7:30AM, 9:00AM

11:00AM, 12:30PM (Spanish)

Livestream Mass

See Page 5 for details

Rev. Fr. David Loftus, Pastor

Rev. Msgr. Peter C. Moran,  
Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Fr. Filiberto Cortez,  
Associate

Rev. Fr. Jerry O'Keeffe, Retired  
Deacon Francisco Sanchez

Rev. Fr. Jeff Lima O. Carm  
(Weekend Assistance)

Office Hours

See Page 4 for details



### SCHOOL

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Mr. Kris Brough, Principal  
Kindergarten to Grade 8

# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

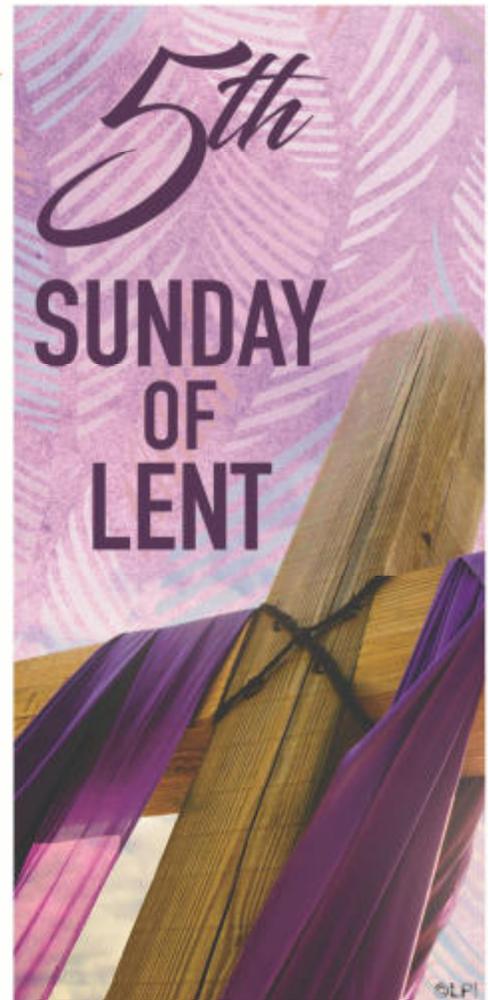
<b>SUN 3/21</b>	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
<b>MON 3/22</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
<b>TUE 3/23</b>	Nm 21:4-9/Ps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

<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Sunday:</b>	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

## THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS!

Thank you to those who participated in the American Red Cross Blood Drive last Sunday! We had 48 donors and 144 people potentially will be saved from your kindness.



**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
Join us for a peaceful prayerful presence Thursday, March 25  
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Vigil location: Family Planning Associates, 10200 Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills  
Masks will be worn and we will be outside. Contact Niamh at: [respectlife@ollnr.org](mailto:respectlife@ollnr.org) with any questions.

## LET'S CONNECT - LET'S TALK, COME AND SEE!

Feel like there's something missing from your life? Is forgiveness really necessary? Let's find out...Together.

**ALPHA** takes place via ZOOM

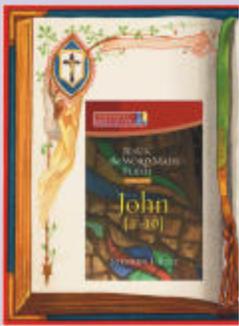
**Wednesdays, April 7 - July 14**. Visit our [website](#) to respond for this spring ALPHA gathering which is free. You may also [click](#) here to RSVP. The Zoom link will be sent to all who RSVP. If you have any questions about ALPHA please email: [alphaoll@ollnr.org](mailto:alphaoll@ollnr.org).



## BIBLE STUDY: THE GOSPEL OF JOHN

**(Part One - John 1:1-10:42)**  
**Thursdays, April 8 - May 13**  
**6:30PM - 9:00PM**

Resource book: "Jesus, the Word Made Flesh" (Part 1: John 1-10) by Stephen J. Binz. Available at Amazon.com. Paperback cost is \$12.95 plus tax and shipping. Register by emailing Susan Maggio at: [sip\\_lawyer@juno.com](mailto:sip_lawyer@juno.com) to join the Zoom platform.



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT

**Friday, March 26 at 7:00PM**  
Visit our [website](#) to view the Stations of the Cross.



## LENTEN NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION 2021

In these videos we integrate Night Prayer with Benediction and invite you to conclude your day with a reflection on the presence of Jesus in your life. Visit our [website](#) and click on this graphic to start watching.

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR LENT

Fr. David shares with us casual thoughts on the Sunday readings for each of the Sundays of Lent. Let his reflections prompt your own thoughts and relaxed reflection on the scriptures. Treat yourself to the feast that the scripture readings can be. Visit our [website](#) and click on the graphic above to start watching. For more Lenten Resources for families and individuals click on the graphic seen here. Happy Lent!



## ZOOM IN TUESDAY MORNINGS WITH FR. DAVID

Let's connect with a cup of coffee or tea and chat with our pastor. Simply access the Zoom link by visiting our [website](#) click on "Visit Our Page For More News" to find the words "**ZOOM Link 9:05AM.**"

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCE

Paul Brogan M.F.T. helps people understand how our brains process and respond to external realities. Download handouts, download a booklet and watch a recorded session, "Tools & Strategies to Help Us Alleviate Stress and Anxiety During the COVID-19 Pandemic." Go to our [website](#) and click on the image. Visit Paul Brogan's website for Mental Health Resources at <https://www.strongerdaybyday.com> or call 818-501-0513 for more information.



# Parish Family



## REMOTE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, 18405 Superior Street, Northridge, California 91325

**Parish staff is working remotely. You may drop off weekly envelopes through the mail slot at the Parish Center Monday - Friday 10:00AM - 4:00PM.** We are here for you if you feel the need to call or meet with any of us.

Call 818-349-1500 or email [parishcenter@ollnr.org](mailto:parishcenter@ollnr.org). Understand that drop-ins can not be accommodated at this time. Call ahead if something is needed and a staff person will call you back as soon as is feasible.

## SAFEGUARD THE CHILDREN



### DID YOU KNOW?

#### Revisit Screen Time Recommendations

Parents everywhere are struggling to be parents, teachers, and friends for their children in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, many are likely and understandably relying on screens to help them through these seemingly endless days. Many children are also online for school, which only increases their screen exposure. The American Pediatric Association warns parents that too much screen time can lead to sleep problems, lower grades, mood and weight problems, and can keep children from learning how to relax and have fun without a screen present. Try to make time for reading, playing games, and other screen-free activities that will help break the cycle of screen addiction and talk to your children's teachers about how screen time for school can be managed. For more information, visit [https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families\\_and\\_Youth/Facts\\_for\\_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx](https://www.aacap.org/AACAP/Families_and_Youth/Facts_for_Families/FFF-Guide/Children-And-Watching-TV-054.aspx)

Contact Monica Alvarez at: [Safeguard@ollnr.org](mailto:Safeguard@ollnr.org). "Working Together to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse 2020 - 2021" is available in the Parish Center Office once the office reopens.

For more information call Safeguard at 213-637-7508 or email [bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:bmelendez@la-archdiocese.org)



### HELPING HANDS NEEDED

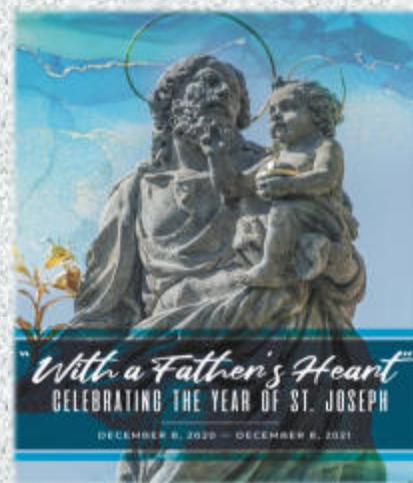
We could use your help and volunteers make our Mass celebrations possible. Please contact Dianne Walker at 818-349-1500, email: [dwalker@ollnr.org](mailto:dwalker@ollnr.org) to [volunteer](#), and complete the

registration form, found within "Sunday Mass," "Lourdes Coming Home."

We are also looking for Livestream operators for the Sunday and weekday masses. Please email John R. Walker at [oll.livestream@ollnr.org](mailto:oll.livestream@ollnr.org) if you are interested in helping.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Our religious education staff continues to work with **Families of Faith**, our family-centered approach to growing in faith and preparing for sacrament. All sessions continue to take place remotely via Zoom. For more information, please contact Sr. Frances at: 818-349-1285 or email: [re@ollnr.org](mailto:re@ollnr.org).



### THIRD SCRUTINY

Our catechumens and candidates are excited about their impending celebration of the Easter Sacraments at our Easter Vigil. Let us keep them close to our hearts as they enter into final, intense preparation for the sacraments.

Let us pray.

Good and forgiving God,

The Easter Sacraments are drawing near and your children who are preparing for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist confess their faith in you. Help them to strive against worldly desires and rescue them from ignorance of you.

Give us courage to walk with them as they approach your altar for the first time and receive you in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Help us to be models of Christian life for them and welcome them to the Mystical Body of Christ. We ask all this in your name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

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### PASTORAL VISIT

To arrange a "visit" with Fr. Fli or Fr. David please feel free to call the parish office at: 818-349-1500 X101 or [email](#) for an appointment. Pastoral "visits" are available via phone or by Zoom call, depending on preference.



## MASS SCHEDULE



### INDOOR AND PATIO

**Monday - Friday: 6:30AM**

**Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM**

**Sundays: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)**

**Registration for Sunday Masses goes live on our Parish website Mondays at Noon and closes on Friday at 12:00PM Noon.**

Every person who is present at Mass needs to register. You may register by going to our [website](#) Home page and clicking on "To Register For Mass." Please bring your chair or blanket if you choose to sit on the patio instead of inside the church. Anyone who missed the opportunity to register can still come for mass but will be asked to fill out a contact information card. All of our protocols will adhere to best practices and current guidance received from appropriate authorities, both civil and church.

### LIVESTREAM MASS

**Monday - Saturday: 8:30AM**

**Sundays: 9:00AM, 11:00AM and 12:30PM (Spanish)**

To watch our masses live, just visit our [website](#).

**The liturgies may also be viewed by pointing your browser to <https://vimeo.com/ollnr> where an archive of our liturgies will be available.**

Our parish priests are praying for all of our parishioners at Our Lady of Lourdes and all those listed on our Mass Intentions.

**Please keep in mind that Archbishop Gomez continues to extend the dispensation from the obligation to attend mass on Sundays indefinitely.**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

<b>March 20</b> 8:30AM	Jose & Susana Lim (D)
<b>March 21</b> 7:30AM	Jeremiah Xavier Jaravata (D), Jeremias Jaravata Sr. (D)
9:00AM	Fr. John Coleman O.Carm. (D), Mark Maverk (D)
	Antonio Perez (D)
11:00AM	Aurora de la Cruz (D), Vincent Rocco (D)
12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
	Edwin Lopez Jeronimo (D)
<b>March 22</b> 6:30AM	Suzanna Kim (D)
8:30AM	Norma Somcio (D), Agustin Juarez (D)
<b>March 23</b> 6:30AM	Jerry Brady
8:30AM	P.J. Joyce (D), Cesar Antonio Salas Room (D)
<b>March 24</b> 6:30AM	OLL Benefactors
8:30AM	Louisa DaNave(D), Carol Schultz (D)
<b>March 25</b> 6:30AM	Nenita Aberasturi (D), Josephinea Escaño (D)
8:30AM	Irene Q. Paras (D), Monica Di Fonso (D)
<b>March 26</b> 6:30AM	Ronald Swigerts (D)
8:30AM	Buenaventura Agravador (D), Rosa Ho (D)
<b>March 27</b> 8:30AM	Hugo Florez Jr., Angie Espinoza
<b>March 28</b> 7:30AM	Ronald Mina (D), Dennis Ylo (D)
9:00AM	Marcheta Ann Miller (D), Rafaela Castro Monroy (D)
11:00AM	Ruel & Lynette Quintillan
12:30PM	Tom Christopher Jeronimo (D)
	Edwin Lopez Jeronimo (D)

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions take place outdoors and at a mutually convenient time. To avail of this opportunity, please email [parishcenter@ollnr.org](mailto:parishcenter@ollnr.org) or call 818-349-1500.

**The sacrament will also be made available from 4:00PM - 5:00PM at the Moran Center Saturday, March 27.**

Please visit the Protocols for Participation in Sacramental Reconciliation found on our [website](#). Click on "Sunday Mass" to find the image above.



**Celebrate your marriage anniversary with our parish community at our livestream Sunday masses once a month.**



You may send a picture to [awing@ollnr.org](mailto:awing@ollnr.org) to be used in an anniversary video.

Please call Betty Peltier at 818-363-0174 for additional information.

## IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Adelina B. Racema  
Gloria Roman Rodriguez  
Dorila Ester Hernandez Lazaro



### PRAY FOR OUR SICK

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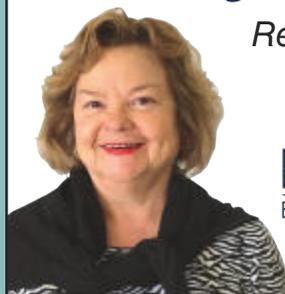
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# LENT

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### LILIES FOR EASTER!

Would you like to have flowers placed in the church this Easter in honor or in memory of a loved one? For a monetary

donation of \$15 per lily/person/family these flowers will be beautify our church this Easter season. On Monday, April 5 through Friday, April 16, you may call to schedule a time to pick up your Easter lily from the Parish Center. **Please provide the information below and bring or mail your donation to the Parish Center no later than Monday, March 22. A name tag for your loved one will appear with the flowers.**

For questions please email: parishcenter@ollnr.org or call 818-349-1500.

[Click](#) to complete the online form.

### Enjoy the Lenten season!

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### Please Print

1. Your name: First and last

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2. Your phone number:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Your email address:

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4. Loved one's name: First and Last

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Living or Deceased

\_\_\_\_\_

6. I will send my donation by Monday, March 22:

By mail

By dropping off my donation at the Parish Center

By Faith Direct (Please indicate "L" for Living or "D" for deceased on memo line)

7. I will pick up my Easter Lily between

April 5 - April 16:

Yes

No thank you

### GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

#### Scrutiny

#### 5th Sunday of Lent

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.



God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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