



**ST. MARY**  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
STAR CITY

3346 University Ave. Morgantown, WV 26505 • 304-599-3747

**March 21, 2021 • 5th Sunday of Lent**

**Mass Times: Saturday, 6:00pm, Sunday, 8:30am, 11:00am, en español a la 1:00pm**

**Daily Mass\*: Mon. 6:30pm, Tue.-Thur. 9:00am** \*please see schedule inside for any changes or cancellations.

Radio broadcast at 8:30am on 1300AM WCLG & 92.1FM, and TuneIn channel Morgan 92.1



**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



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## Are you registered in the Parish?

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of the parish family.

Clearly stating your Catholic commitment in all its dimensions brings many advantages, recognition, and responsibility.

At St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, our policy, is that you must be registered and participating in Sunday Mass regularly before a baptism can take place, or for the initial meeting with the pastor in the case of marriage.

riage.

Regular attendance is also required for adults who are asked to be a godparent or sponsor at another parish, in order that a letter can be sent stating that they are a practicing Catholic and a registered member of a parish faith community.

Even though you may have attended Mass here for months, or even years, we would like for you to be registered.

Please pick up a registration form at the church or parish office, or register online at [stmarystarcity.com](http://stmarystarcity.com)  
For more information, call the parish office at 304-599-3747.

## Sacraments

**Baptism:** (Birth – Age 7) Parents are required to participate in a preparation program before the celebration of Baptism. Parents must be registered and attending Sunday Mass regularly. Please call Kathy 304-225-1163 for information.

**Reconciliation:** 30 minutes prior to each daily Mass

**Order of Christian Initiation:** Children 7-14 years of age, and Children 15 years of age and older & Adults— *The Order of Christian Initiation*, RCIA please contact Please contact Kathy Kerzak (304) 225-1163 /kkerzak@comcast.net for information

**Marriage:** Engaged couples planning to marry at St. Mary Church should be practicing Catholics, participating in Sunday Eucharist regularly. Also, they must participate in a Marriage Preparation Program. Call the Parish Office for information. At least **six months notice** is required. *No date for a wedding will be set over the phone.*

**Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound:** When a parishioner is confined to home or hospital because of illness or advanced age, call the Parish Office. We will be happy to make arrangements to bring Holy Communion.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Upon request and communally as scheduled

### **Bulletin Deadline:**

**Tuesday@Noon**, email or written copy please,  
no bulletin announcements will be taken over the phone

**Email:** stmaryschurch@comcast.net

**Subject line:** attn: Bulletin, and include topic of announcement

Please be aware of these upcoming deadlines if you would like to submit an announcement:

### **Palm Sunday—Deadline past**

**Easter Sunday, April 4th Bulletin:** Deadline: Thursday, March 25th  
**Sunday, April 11th Bulletin:** Deadline: Tuesday, March 30th

## Spirituality of the Readings – Listen to the Light



A tiny grain plants itself deep within the soil. It tucks its self into complete darkness. It is fearless, comforted by the tough, safe shell that is its home. It belongs there, and knows it. In quiet. In growth. Home.

Then calamity.

The shell-shelter turns tight and invading and painful. The growing seed finds its peace replaced by shock. Its formerly great protector is now opposing it, holding it back. Crushing it. Then, suddenly, as if planned from all eternity, the protecting shell cracks right open. "Wait, wait, I need you," shouts

the seed. Nothing doing. The shelter goes to pieces! Moisture trickles in, and bits of dank, cold soil. Anything and everything can now wriggle right into the heart of what was a quiet, pure place.

The seed goes crazy. What is left of it copes somehow, wildly extending a new, thin arm outward, then slithering out its whole self. "Steady by jerks" through the cracks in its shell. It had to get out of there, so it dares its way into the rough, cold mud. How foolish and how shaming. Stay where safety is, you fool!\*

But the slowly transforming tiny self seems to take on a new life. Is this its new home now, in the slippery soil? It moves with caution. It is going upwards.

Too much is in its path, including a huge, unyielding rock. A jagged, rough, uncaring rock, heedless of tiny green shoots.

And so the story ends.

Except that the former seed appears to have will power. It is seeking something—urging itself toward some pressing objective, rooting its way with intuitive ambition.

Along the under-edge of the rock, brutally, fearfully and with rending pain. After what seems like years it achieves the far under-edge of the gnarly rock and, guess what. It starts upward again.

Now there are hard clods to press through and plenty of pebbles. The higher it goes the more dry the surrounding soil becomes. Then the top crust. It forbids any penetration. It is an ultimate, intractable, stupefying barrier.

And so the story ends.

Except for one voice from deep within. Push. Push, it murmurs. I am with you.

Now just a thinnest lesion in the tough skin. With a certainty that might have been written on its heart, this vine-to-be gets to the place it was meant to be. In a heaven of light and warmth, bathed in the sun's astonishing rays, it is now a plant and it stretches and yawns in the wafting breezes of Spring.

This is just like our own journey, isn't it? Dark mud can take a chokehold on our life.

But Jesus says, do not worry, child, trust me. "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" (Gospel)

John Foley, SJ

\* For an example of an opposite approach, try this:

Oh I am a chickie who lives in an egg,  
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.  
The hens they all cackle, the roosters all beg,  
But I will not hatch, I will not hatch.  
For I hear all the talk of pollution and war  
As the people all shout and the airplanes roar,  
So I'm staying in here where it's safe and it's warm,  
And I WILL NOT HATCH!

Shel Silverstein, *Where the Sidewalk Ends* (New York: Harper & Row, 1974) p. 127.

## Giving Summary

**Last Sunday's Offering:**  
\$8,148.00

**Online Giving:**  
\$1,726.35

**Catholic Relief Services:**  
\$ 760.00

**Attendance:** 226

For ease of accounting, **separate checks are preferred** for all donations to different collections and purposes, including special collections, Mass intentions, memorials, and donations to different funds e.g. Trust Fund for the Poor, Debt Reduction, etc. Thank you for your help!

## Recent/Upcoming Special Collections

**4/1**— Holy Thursday  
Trust Fund for the Poor

**4/2**—Pontifical Good Friday  
for the Holy Land

**4/4**—Education of  
Seminarians



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[www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com).

## THIS WEEK'S CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### March 21, 5th Sunday of Lent

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|------------------|--|
| Saturday, 6:00pm | For the People                                       |
| Sunday, 8:30am   | Amelia (Barill) Marasco                              |
| Sunday, 11:00am  | John Miller  |
| Domingo, 1pm     | Por la salud de Fatima García<br>y José Angel García |

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| Monday 3/22 | Lenten Weekday   |
| 6:30pm      | Nila Frohnappfel |

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| Tuesday 3/23 | Opt. Mem. of St. Turibius of Mogrovejo |
| 9:00am       | In honor of Michael Aldridge           |

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| Wednesday 3/24 | Lenten Weekday |
| 9:00am         | Kathy Koloff   |

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| Thur. 3/25 | Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord |
| 9:00am     | For the People                            |

In the event of Closing of school due to inclement weather, there will be no Daily Mass or Prayer Service.

**\*In the event of a funeral, morning Mass will be cancelled\***

### March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

|                  |                                     |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Saturday, 6:00pm | For the People                      |
| Sunday, 8:30am   | Jim & Betty Elder                   |
| Sunday, 11:00am  | Debbie Lattanzi                     |
| Domingo, 1pm     | Por la Comunidad<br>de la Parroquia |



**The Bread and Tabernacle Candle**  
the week of March 21st are  
in memory of **Debbie Lattanzi**  
from mother and sisters.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

30 minutes prior to each Daily Mass  
(Mon.-6:00pm, Tue.-Thur.-8:30am)

And during lent—Saturdays 5:00-5:40pm  
(Feb. 20, 27 & Mar. 13, 20, 27)

\*times may change based on any changes to the weekly Mass schedule



### Mass intentions are being accepted for 2021.

The suggested donation is \$20 for a weekend, \$10 for a weekday. Please call the Parish Office if interested, 304-599-3747.

Please note that any Masses cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances such as a global pandemic, inclement weather, or a funeral, will be moved to the next available 'like' date and time e.g., Daily Mass on Tuesday moved to another Tuesday, 8:30 Sunday Mass moved to another 8:30, as available.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARY

### Sunday, March 21

8:30/9:30 Religious Ed. (Refer to schedule)  
9:30-10:45 RCIA  
No NA meeting

1:30-5:30pm Confirmation Retreat  
5:30pm Confirmation Dinner-Peace Hall  
6:00-7:30pm Silhouette Stations Rehearsal

### Monday, March 22

Stations of the Cross—*immediately* after Mass  
7:00-9:00pm Boy Scouts—Pavilion

### Tuesday, March 23

6:30pm Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic—Narthex  
6:30pm NA Meeting—Peace Hall

### Wednesday, March 24

6:30-7:30pm Communal Reconciliation @**St. John University Parish**

### Friday, March 26

12:00pm Stations of the Cross-  
Confessions held during

### Saturday, March 27

5-5:30pm Reconciliation

### Sunday, March—28 Palm Sunday

No Religious Ed.  
9:30-10:45 RCIA  
1:00pm NA Meeting  
1:30-5:30pm Confirmation Retreat  
5:30pm Confirmation Dinner-Peace Hall  
7-8:00pm Silhouette Stations of the Cross—  
Peace Hall-Youth report @ 6:15pm

## We are in need of Ministry Volunteers

for some upcoming Masses for  
Holy Week and Easter.

Please contact TamI at

[stmarystarcitymusic@gmail.com](mailto:stmarystarcitymusic@gmail.com) for  
details if you think you can help!



## Lenten Season

### Stations of the Cross

**Mondays:** Fr. John will lead stations of the cross *immediately* following 6:30pm Mass.

**Fridays:** Lay led stations of the cross will be at 12:00pm every Friday during Lent.

### Reconciliation

**In addition** to the normal times before daily Mass, there will be reconciliation on

**Saturdays-** from 5-5:40pm

**Fridays-** during stations of the cross beginning at noon

**Wednesday, March 24, 6:30-7:30pm**

Communal Reconciliation @ St. John



## Holy Week and Easter Services

Please note, some times were changed after the publication of the March calendar.  
Please go by this new schedule

### Holy Thursday, 1 April 2021

**7:00pm** Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

**8pm-12am** Eucharistic Adoration—  
in the Narthex

### Good Friday, 2 April 2021

**12:00pm** Stations of the Cross,  
Confessions held during

**7:00pm** The Celebration of the Passion of  
the Lord

### Holy Saturday, 3 April 2021

**8:00pm** The Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday, 4 April 2021

**8:30am** Mass

**11:00am** Mass

**1:00pm** Misa en español



**On Holy Thursday, our special collection is for the Trust Fund for the Poor.**

**This account is used to help those in need who live in our community.** 100% of your donations remain here in our local community, and these donations are non-assessable by the diocese. The funds are disbursed as one time gifts of assistance to individuals or families who need help with rent, utilities, or other services.

As we know, the pandemic has hit many people hard. Families have experienced unexpected job loss, loss of pay because of missed work due to illness or mandatory quarantining, and children were home from school, leading to increased costs for food or child care, drawing on already limited resources. Now we are coming up on spring and summer, when we typically see an increase in requests for assistance.

Please consider making a donation of **any amount** using the envelope you got in your envelope packet or through online giving. You can do this by selecting the 'Trust Fund for the Poor' fund when making a donation at [www.stmarystarcity.com](http://www.stmarystarcity.com). We encourage you to become a recurring donor to this fund.

**Thank you to all who have contributed to the Trust Fund for the Poor** collections in the past, and to our sustaining contributors.

## Please Sign Up!



**Washing of Feet during Holy Thursday Mass** We welcome volunteers of all ages! Up to 12 participants will be seated in a distanced manner, and separate towels will be used for each person. You may bring your own towel if you prefer.



## **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Please sign up to be present with the Blessed Sacrament in the Narthex after Mass on Holy Thursday. Sign ups will be in 1/2 hour increments from **8pm to midnight**. You may register for more than 1 time slot. At least one person must be present at all times.

Sign up sheets are in the church.



**After April 4th we will begin another study of Pope Francis' encyclicals - Laudato Si'** (Praise be to you, my Lord) On Care for Our Common Home. This is the 5th year anniversary of this

encyclical. Over six sessions we will discuss the history, insights, suggestions given in this document. We can offer this via ZOOM during the day or in the evening. Please contact Nancy Ferrari ([nickliz@aol.com](mailto:nickliz@aol.com)) if you are interested in this opportunity and which day and time of day you prefer. On Care for Our Common Home (Laudato Si') is the new appeal from Pope Francis addressed to "every person living on this planet" for an inclusive dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. Pope Francis calls the Church and the world to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking new path. This encyclical is written with both hope and resolve, looking to our common future with candor and humility. ( [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) )

## Silhouette Stations

Our youth have been hard at work putting together a living stations of the cross in silhouette. They will be putting on their 'Silhouette Stations' on the evening of Palm Sunday.



Due to the nature of our current COVID restrictions, and to ensure the safety of our youth, this event is not going to be open to the general public.

**However**, there is a **possibility** that we may have around 20 seats available for **fully vaccinated** individuals to attend. In this event, an email will be sent out to our Friday Notes mailing list saying you can call the office to sign up. If you do not receive Friday Notes and wish to be added to the list, please email [stmaryschurch@comcast.net](mailto:stmaryschurch@comcast.net). **Please do not call the office unless, or until, an email has been sent out.** Thank you!



## Community in Madagascar

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating longterm consequences for individuals, communities and entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food and nutrition. New planting and cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health and wellbeing of their children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.



## St. Ursula Food Pantry needs:

**\*\* Soup and Cereal \*\***

## Baby & Toddler Program needs:

**\*Diapers** (All sizes, but especially 4, 5, 6)  
**\*Toddler-sized Winter Clothing**  
 (Especially 3T, 4T, & 5T. No other children's clothing is being accepted at this time)



## Morgantown Catholic Daughters Scholarship

The Morgantown Catholic Daughters are sponsoring a \$500 college scholarship to a Catholic high school senior in the Morgantown area. Applications are available from Angel Conley by emailing [wvussteacher@hotmail.com](mailto:wvussteacher@hotmail.com) and are due to her by April 5th.

## Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection

**\*Pontifical Good Friday for the Holy Land Collection** - supports the Holy Places, but above all goes toward those pastoral, charitable, educational and social works which the Church supports in the Holy Land for the welfare of their Christian brethren and of the local communities.

### Last year's Pontifical Good Friday Collection:

- Supported 23 parishes and three academic institutions
- Provided a home for 30 children from homes facing domestic violence
- Offered 400 scholarships for high school and university education
- Helped keep schools open for over 10,000 pre-K through grade 12 students
- Supported 120 men preparing to be priests or brothers
- Restored and maintained 1000+ houses/apartments for Christian families
- Offered assistance at senior care facilities in Bethlehem and Nazareth
- Created 1,200 jobs in the Holy Land for Christians
- Preserved 65 shrines connected with the life of Jesus and the prophets

**Thank you for supporting the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, as encouraged by Pope Francis.** Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land, and you become an instrument of peace in a troubled land.



**COAR invites you to a prayer service on St. Romero Day, March 24th, 7pm, to celebrate the saint and his exhortation to peace.** COAR, is the Community of St. Oscar A. Romero. Founded in 1980, COAR is now known as the

"Children's Village" in El Salvador with 1,000 day students, 50 in foster care, a medical and dental clinic, pharmacy, and trade shops. It is the oldest organization in the world named for St. Romero. The service will be live streamed. Registration for streaming is optional but encouraged. Attendance is extremely limited, registration is encouraged. More information is available at [www.coarpeacemission.org](http://www.coarpeacemission.org), (440) 943-7615.

**Sunday, Mar 21, 2021**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**See inside for more information**

Sometimes your reputation precedes you. The prophet Jeremiah is famous for lamentations, but he is less known for the centerpiece of his message: that everything we need to know about how to live is already planted in our hearts. On this International Forest Day, let's not miss the forest for the trees on another great truth rooted deeply in our midst. Trees are friends: bearing fruit, shade, and beauty wherever they're planted. They are also necessary allies in achieving planetary sustainability, food security, and poverty eradication. Play your part in protecting God's greenery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35). *"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."*

**Monday, Mar 22, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**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.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

**Tuesday, Mar 23, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

**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?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"Their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses."*

**Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**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."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"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."*

**Thursday, Mar 25, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**Prepare to say yes**

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

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"*

**Friday, Mar 26, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**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."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus."*

**Saturday, Mar 27, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**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.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"So from that day on they planned to kill him."*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

*Salve, Guardián del Redentor  
Esposo de la Bendita Virgen María.  
A ti Dios te confió su único Hijo;  
en ti Maria depositó su confianza;  
contigo Cristo se hizo hombre.*

*Bendito José, para nosotros también  
muéstrate padre  
y guíanos en el camino de la vida.  
Obten para nosotros gracia, misericordia y coraje  
y defiéndenos de todo mal. Amén.*

### **Safe Environment Reporting**

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, please contact the Diocese at 888-434-6237 or 304-233-0880. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

### **Will or Estate Planning**

Are you thinking of remembering St. Mary Church in your will or estate plans? A bequest through a Last Will and Testament is the simplest way of creating a lasting legacy of support for St. Mary Church. Bequests should be made out to:  
"The Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, or his successors in office," with a specification of the purpose for which the bequest is to be used, e.g. "for the use of St. Mary Parish"

## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK 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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## Fifth Sunday of Lent—Readings and Gospel

### FIRST READING

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

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.**

### SECOND READING

#### A READING FROM THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

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.**

### A READING FROM THE THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

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 thun-  
der;  
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.**

**Primera lectura****Lectura del libro del Jeremías**

“Se acerca el tiempo, dice el Señor, en que haré con la casa de Israel y la casa de Judá una alianza nueva. No será como la alianza que hice con los padres de ustedes, cuando los tomé de la mano para sacarlos de Egipto. Ellos rompieron mi alianza y yo tuve que hacer un escarmiento con ellos. Ésta será la alianza nueva que voy a hacer con la casa de Israel: Voy a poner mi ley en lo más profundo de su mente y voy a grabarla en sus corazones. Yo seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo. Ya nadie tendrá que instruir a su prójimo ni a su hermano, diciéndole: ‘Conoce al Señor’, porque todos me van a conocer, desde el más pequeño hasta el mayor de todos, cuando yo les perdone sus culpas y olvide para siempre sus pecados”.

Palabra de Dios.

**Segunda lectura****Lectura de la carta a los hebreos**

Hermanos: Durante su vida mortal, Cristo ofreció oraciones y súplicas, con fuertes voces y lágrimas, a aquel que podía librarlo de la muerte, y fue escuchado por su piedad. A pesar de que era el Hijo, aprendió a obedecer padeciendo, y llegado a su perfección, se convirtió en la causa de la salvación eterna para todos los que lo obedecen.

Palabra de Dios.

**Evangelio****Lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan**

Entre los que habían llegado a Jerusalén para adorar a Dios en la fiesta de Pascua, había algunos griegos, los cuales se acercaron a Felipe, el de Betsaida de Galilea, y le pidieron: “Señor, quisiéramos ver a Jesús”. Felipe fue a decírselo a Andrés; Andrés y Felipe se lo dijeron a Jesús y él les respondió: “Ha llegado la hora de que el Hijo del hombre sea glorificado. Yo les aseguro que si el grano de trigo, sembrado en la tierra, no muere, queda infecundo; pero si muere, producirá mucho fruto. El que se ama a sí mismo, se pierde; el que se aborrece a sí mismo en este mundo, se asegura para la vida eterna. El que quiera servirme, que me siga, para que donde yo esté, también esté mi servidor. El que me sirve será honrado por mi Padre. Ahora que tengo miedo, ¿le voy a decir a mi Padre: ‘Padre, líbrame de esta hora’? No, pues precisamente para esta hora he venido. Padre, dale gloria a tu nombre”. Se oyó entonces una voz que decía: “Lo he glorificado y volveré a glorificarlo”.

De entre los que estaban ahí presentes y oyeron aquella voz, unos decían que había sido un trueno; otros, que le había hablado un ángel. Pero Jesús les dijo: “Esa voz no ha venido por mí, sino por ustedes. Está llegando el juicio de este mundo; ya va a ser arrojado el príncipe de este mundo. Cuando yo sea levantado de la tierra, atraeré a todos hacia mí”. Dijo esto, indicando de qué manera habría de morir.

Palabra del Señor.



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