



# Holy Family Parish

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## EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday.... 4 PM  
Sunday.....11 AM  
Weekdays:  
Tuesday & Wednesday ... 8 AM

**Holy Days & Civil Holidays:**  
Consult the Mass schedule in the bulletin

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**  
Saturday at 3 PM

### Save the Date:

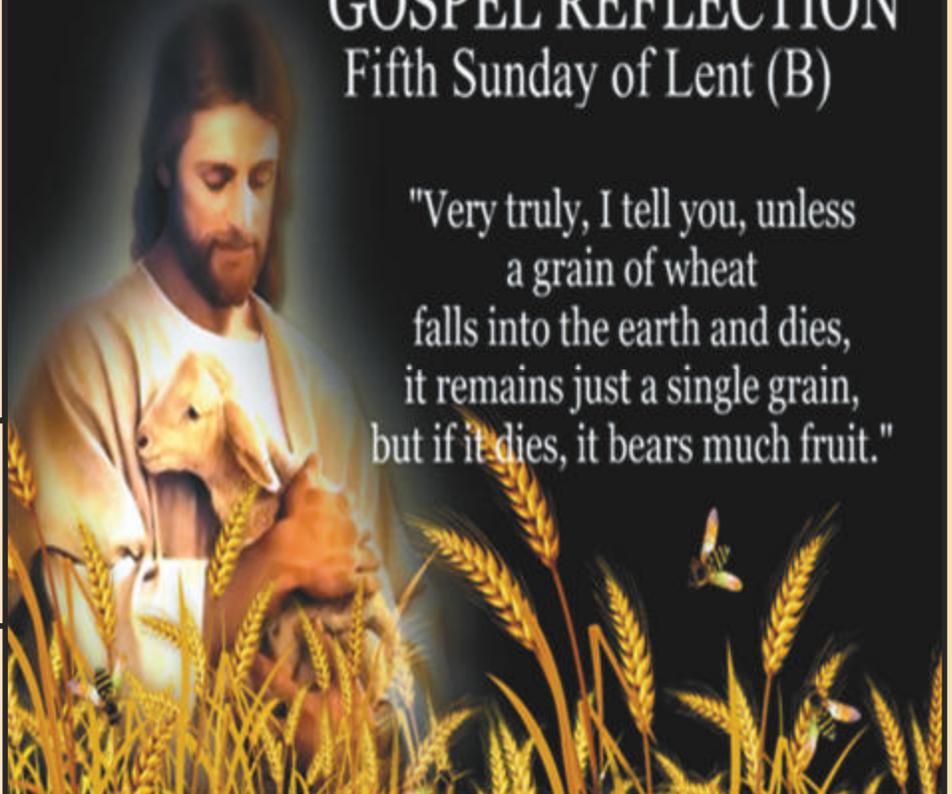
Here is a list of upcoming activities. Listed below are some of the dates you will want to reserve in the coming months.

2/24 to 3/31  
Every Wednesday—Stations of the Cross at Holy Family 12PM  
Every Wednesday—Stations of the Cross at St Anne 6:30 PM

4/1 Holy Thursday 7 PM  
4/2 Good Friday 3 PM

St Anne  
4/13 Confirmation Practice 6:30 PM  
4/14 Confirmation 7 PM  
Holy Family  
4/17 Communion Rehearsal 1 PM  
4/18 Communion 11 AM

## GOSPEL REFLECTION Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)



"Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

## MARCH 21, 2021

### Parish

### Telephone Numbers

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**4:00 PM | Saturday, March 20**

Lector: Christina Null  
Eucharistic Minister: Tina Quinn

**11:00 AM | Sunday, March 21**

Lector: Bill Hughes  
Eucharistic Minister: Aleta Keegan

**4:00 PM | Saturday, March 27**

Lector: Dan Landini  
Eucharistic Minister: Maryann Landini

**11:00 AM | Sunday, March 28**

Lector: Aleta Keegan  
Lector: Stan Materkowski  
Eucharistic Minister: Darlene Schehr

**Saturday, 3/20** | Vigil 5th Sunday of Lent  
For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

**Sunday, 3/21** | 5th Sunday of Lent  
For: Dolores Gaidosh  
By: Joan Romonosky

**Tuesday, 3/23** | Weekday  
For: Living & Deceased Members of Holy Family Church

**Wednesday, 3/24** | Weekday  
For: Mary Irene Aronckes  
By: Linda Aronckes

**Saturday, 3/27** | Vigil Palm Sunday  
For: Bertha Janitor  
By: Mary

**Sunday, 3/28** Palm Sunday  
For: Emmogene Klich  
By: Jos. DeMarchi Family

**Matters of Sexual Misconduct Information**

If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone - please contact PA ChildLine immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the ChildLine number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, ext. 1221.

**First Reading:**

All, from least to greatest, shall know Me, says the LORD,  
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

**Psalm:**

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)

**Second Reading:**

Son though He was, He learned obedience from what He suffered; (Heb 5:8)

**Gospel:**

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 20:24)

**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

**Observances for the week of March 21, 2021**

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent  
Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Holy Week begins

**Financial Report for 3//2021**

Offertory: \$2,590.00  
Loose: \$50.00 Home Missions: \$30.00  
Monthly: \$355.00 Accent: \$12.00  
Candles: \$90.00 Eastern Europe: \$10.00  
Ash Wednesday: \$40.00  
Flowers: \$225.00  
Palm Sunday: \$30.00  
Sol. Of Mary: \$10.00

**Parish Income: \$3,390.00**

**Parish Budget: \$4,000.00**

**Under Budget: -\$610.00**

**Total Offertory: \$3442.00**

## WORSHIP TOGETHER

### 5th Sunday of Lent –

After what seemed like a winter that would never end, we are now beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel. Granted, winter, like the other seasons, is three months long, but sometimes it does seem more than that – especially if one enjoys the warm outdoors and interacting with nature. Spring is when we begin to get our hands into the soil – loosening it up, breaking the clods, raking it out, marking out shallow troughs to place the vegetable seeds. I remember a science project done when I was in elementary school. We would fill a clear-glass jar with garden soil, place some seeds into the soil and near the glass so that we could watch the seeds swell and germinate and grow into a plant. When Jesus told His audience “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,” He was speaking to an agricultural people who understood the point He was trying to make.

The setting for today’s Gospel is that Jesus is in Jerusalem. It is springtime, just a few days before the Jewish Passover. In just a few days, Judas will betray Jesus and Jesus will be arrested, condemned and put to death. When some Greeks showed up asking to “see” Jesus (another way of saying they wanted some time with Him), Jesus knew that His ministry exclusively among the Jewish people had come to an end, that His death was imminent, and that it was time for the Apostles to go outside the Jewish world and to preach the Gospel of God’s love to everyone. Jesus uses the word “hour” quite often in John’s Gospel. His “hour” always referred to His death, resurrection and His return to the Father. Jesus says, the “hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.” We might say today - “my time has come.”

The Scripture Readings for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent present us with a challenge. Just as Jesus became the “Promised Messiah of Glory” and the “Conquering Son of Man” by offering His life for others, we, too, must possess Heaven by dying to self and spending our lives in self-giving, sacrificial service.

Using metaphors of the “*sown wheat-grain*” and the “*spent life*”, Jesus teaches the same lesson as Paul does. Returning to my thoughts in the opening paragraph – the science project - We placed the seeds as close to the glass as we could so that we could observe the germination process of the seeds. In that process, we see how the seed initially breaks down to nourish the root and the first shoot until the roots are developed enough to nourish the plant. And we know thru planting flowers or vegetables how one seed can produce a plant that produces many flowers with many seeds. Jesus’ death and resurrection would form the beginning of the Christian community. Many more people would be filled with His spirit, His attitude of love and obedience for God the Father, and His love for others. So also with each of us. We are to continue the message when we talk with our children, grandchildren, and share His message of love & hope with any and all who come into our lives so as to continue the building and strengthening of the Kingdom.

Jesus explains to His apostles that it is by His suffering and death that He is bringing life and liberation to the sinful world. Just as a grain of wheat sown in the field ceases to remain itself alone, by germinating and then growing into a plant it produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, it is by the self-sacrificial lives of holy men and women that life and salvation come to mankind. In other words, when we “die” to our selfishness, we “rise” to new life in Jesus Christ. To be “buried in the earth” means avoiding sin, accepting suffering, and living for others.

Today’s Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through suffering and service. Salt delivers its taste by dissolving in water; a candle gives light by burning its wick and melting its wax. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their kids can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had. Let us pray for this self-sacrificial spirit, especially during Lent.

I came across the following while preparing for this weekend – and it is entitled: It is better to burn out than rust out. And it is one of the repeated pieces of advice Jesus gives us (Mark 8:35; Matthew 16:25; 10:39; Luke 9:24; 17:33). Bernard Shaw in his play, *Joan of Arc*, shows the saint as praying: “Lord I shall last a year; use me as you can.” Many charitable foundations and research institutions are financed by generous millionaires who understood this great principle of life (e.g. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill Gates Foundation for AIDS Research), while so many others selfishly keep their God-given wealth and talents for themselves. Let us learn to live this Lenten period by “burning out,” in other words - spending our time and talents for others around us by humble, selfless and self-giving service. In closing I share the following: “***Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can***” (John Wesley).

Let us pray for the Conversion of the World  
& for Peace

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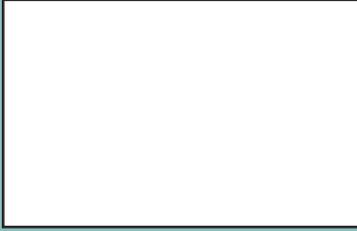
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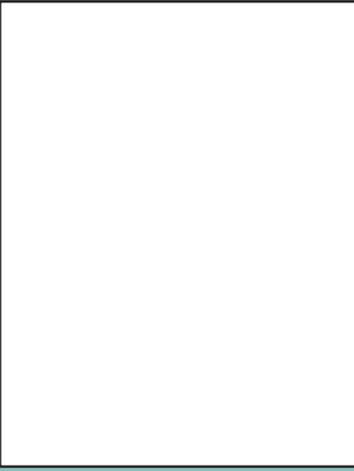
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