

5th Sunday
OF LENT

“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 12:24

Welcome to
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church

Mass Schedule

Friday: 8:15 am
Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am & 10:30 am

March 21, 2021

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Parish Activities

This Week

Sunday, March 21: 5th Sunday of Lent

- **Mass:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Monday, March 22:

- **Prayer Shawl :** 1:00pm, Lourdes Room

Tuesday, March 23: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Wednesday, March 24: St. Patrick, Bishop

- **Hospitality Kitchen:** 10 a.m.— noon, Church Parking Lot

Thursday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord

Friday, March 26:

- **Weekday Mass:** 8:15 a.m.
- **Stations of the Cross:** 7:00 p.m., Church

Saturday, March 27:

- **Reconciliation:** 3:00-3:30 p.m.
- **Mass:** 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday

- **Mass:** 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

As we prepare for Easter, additional times are being offered for Reconciliation

Thursday March 25th- 5:30-6:00 PM

Friday March 26th- 7:45 - 8:00 AM and
after 8:15 am Mass

Saturday March 27th- 3:00 –3:30 PM and
after 4:00 PM Mass

Tuesday March 30th - 10AM; 11AM & Noon

Reconciliation will take place in the Priest
Sacristy, located at the back of church

From Fr. Dave Bruning The Lenten season is traditionally a time for doing penance and also for seeking forgiveness for our sins. As Catholics, it is a time we are encouraged to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Last Lent, as the pandemic was hitting us, the shutdown in the middle of the season meant that many who would make use of that sacrament were not able to do so at the time. We have been back now for months and have our regularly scheduled confessions on Saturday (now in the priest's sacristy), but it has been easy to forget about it. In the coming week and a half, I will have a number of extra times for the sacrament in preparation for Easter. They are posted in today's bulletin. I urge you, if you haven't already this Lenten season, to seek God's forgiveness sacramentally. God waits for us like the father waited for the prodigal son. He wants to share his mercy with us.



Adoration...Stations...Benediction

Please join us this coming **Friday evening (March 26)** at **7 pm** for a short period of **Eucharistic Adoration** followed by **Stations of the Cross** and **Benediction**.

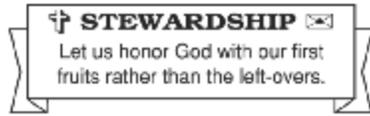
As we prepare our hearts to enter into the **holiest week** of the year, let us come together to give **glory, praise, and honor** to Jesus for the gift of himself that He would offer up for us a week later, on Good Friday. And let us thank Him... *for* enduring His Passion and Death, *for* His glorious Resurrection, and *for* opening up the gates of heaven for all of us.

Reflection 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?



SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT

Offertory.....	\$	7,022.00
Weekly Sunday Offering Budget.....	\$	9,500.00
Over (under) for the week #37.....	\$	(2,478.00)
Year-to-date thru 3/07/2021.....	\$	308,947.79
Year-to-date budgeted thru 3/7/2021....	\$	351,500.00
Over (under) thru 3/07/2021.....	\$	(42,552.21)

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Ministry of Praise Petitions

- 1) Families
- 2) RCIA Retreat
- 3) 4th Anniversary of OLL New Church

Church Laundry:
 March 21-27: Judy Hartranft
 March 28-April 3: Donna Urban

Church Cleaners:
 March 22: Kathy Scott-Williams
 March 29: JoAnn Erdman



Sat. 3/27 4:00 p.m. Law Enforcement & Military Personnel
Jon R. Foreman

Sun. 3/28 8:30 a.m. Joseph Marek Family
Maria Triola
Dylan Tokar

10:30 a.m. Ronald Napierala
Richard Wylie
Elaine Perzynski

Sanctuary Lamp burns to remind us of the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Sponsorship this week is in memory of **OLL Parishioners.**



Liturgical Ministers



March 27 & 28, 2021

4:00 p.m. Mass
CELEBRANT: Fr. Dave Bruning
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Gary Thrun
LECTOR: Pat Nadolny
SERVERS: Eileen Tippen

8:30 a.m. Mass
CELEBRANT: Fr. Joseph Newman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Kathy Scott-Williams
LECTOR: Mike Lawniczak
SERVERS: Todd Gross

10:30 a.m. Mass
CELEBRANT: Fr. Joseph Newman
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Margaret Martin
LECTOR: Dave Kina
SERVERS: Ruth Glanzman & Ava Meisenheimer



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

GOSPEL MEDITATION ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experi-

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.



When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine

The grotto here at Our Lady of Lourdes provides a quiet place to come and pray in the presence of our Blessed Mother, day or night. Spend a few minutes or an hour to reflect, contemplate and rejuvenate your spirit.

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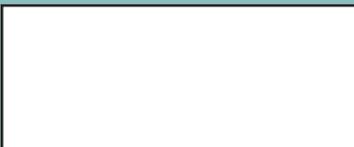


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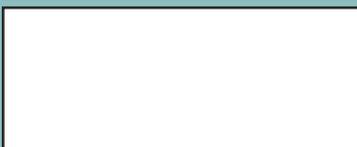
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