

Mass Intention
20 March - 28 March 2021

20 March 2021 - Saturday - Lenten Weekday
 4.30 pm:
 21 March 2021 - Sunday - Fifth Sunday of Lent
 8.30 am:
 11.00 am: +Helen Theysohn by *Mary Schumacher*
 22 March 2021 - Monday - Lenten Weekday
 8.30 am:
 23 March 2021 - Tuesday - Lenten Weekday
 8.30 am:
 24 March 2021 - Wednesday - Lenten Weekday
 8.30 am:
 25 March 2021 - Thursday - The Annunciation of the Lord
 8.30 am:
 26 March 2021 - Friday - Lenten Weekday
 8.30 am:
 27 March 2021 - Saturday - Lenten Weekday
 4.30 pm: +Joseph Ducey by *Jonelle Rizzi*
 28 March 2021 - PALM SUNDAY
 8.30 am: +Aline & William Francis by *Frank & Kathleen Geosits*
 11.00 am: +Helen Theysohn by *Mary Schumacher*

“The remembrance of the Most holy Passion of Jesus Christ is the door through which the soul enters into intimate union with God, interior recollection and most sublime contemplation.” - St. Paul of Cross

Stewardship March 14, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$	1023.00
Second Collection	\$	140.00
Easter Flowers	\$	320.00
Candle	\$	34.00
Poor Box	\$	22.00

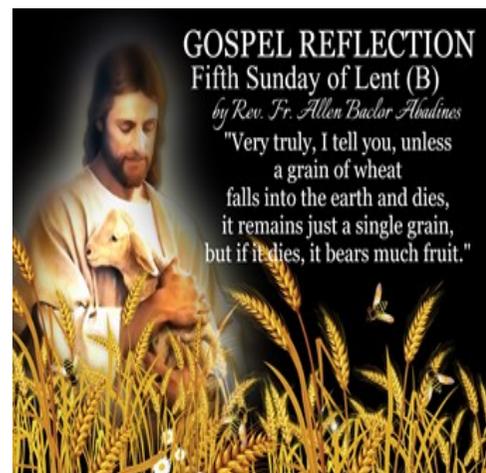
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

If a grain of wheat falls to the ground



and dies, it Produces much fruit

Regular Mass with Social – Distancing
 Saturday: 4.30 pm — Holy Cross Church
 Sunday: 8.30 am — St. Patrick's Church
 11.00 am — Holy Cross Church

“Touching Christ’s wounds in the poor helps create better world.” – Pope Francis

PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday is the Sunday before Easter that begins the Holy Week. This celebration commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, mentioned in each of the four Gospels.

As Jesus rode a donkey into the town of Jerusalem a large crowd gathered and laid palm branches and their cloaks across the road, giving Jesus royal treatment. The hundreds of people shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Palm Sunday is observed by the blessing and sharing of palm branches symbolizing the branches placed in front of Christ as he entered into Jerusalem.

On the heels of Palm Sunday, as we begin this Holy Week, may we constantly be reminded of its significance and value for our lives. That very important day in history, when Jesus began His journey towards the cross.

Yet maybe in the midst of busy lives, on the heels of Spring Break, or in all of the upcoming thoughts about Easter, the real meaning of it may, even unintentionally, get missed.

His Word reveals such great truths in every part of this story. Truths that draw us closer towards Christ, reminding us that He alone is King.

Let us praise God for sending His Son to earth, the sacrifice Jesus made for our sins, and our eternal life in Christ through faith.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer, Frank M Geosits Jr, Baby Alexian, Shirley Rangaves, Josephine, Danny Andrews, Dr.Kuncar, Christopher Milk , Vincent McCarthy and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



LITURGY OF WORD

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Second Reading: Heb 5:7-9

Gospel Reading: John 12:20-33

The first reading, taken from the book of the Prophet Jeremiah, explains how God will replace the Old Covenant of Judgment with a New Covenant of Forgiveness of sins. This New or Renewed Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah has been fulfilled, at least in part, through Jesus' life, death and Resurrection. Today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 51) asks God in His Mercy to create in us a "clean heart" and a "steadfast spirit," that we may follow Jesus unreservedly. In the second reading, St. Paul tells the Hebrews that it is by His suffering and death, in obedience to His Father's will, that Jesus established the New Covenant. Quoting the full text of Jeremiah 31:31-34, St Paul explains that the new and better covenant was inaugurated through the High Priest Jesus' offering of Himself as the one perfect sacrifice for sins. We cannot appreciate adequately the "*Blood of the New and Eternal Covenant*" which we share in the Eucharist without recognizing the joys and sufferings, triumphs and setbacks that marked the history of God's Covenant relationship with His people. Using metaphors of the "*sown wheat grain*" and the "*spent life*" in today's Gospel, Jesus teaches the lesson Paul has just recapitulated: the Gospel hints at Jesus' inner struggle in accepting the cup of suffering to inaugurate the New and Eternal Covenant. However, Jesus accepts the cross as his "*hour*," meaning the stepping-stone to his passion, death, Resurrection and exaltation. He further considers his "*hour*" as the way of glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. It is also the way all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Finally, the "lifting up" of Jesus is the assurance of our own exaltation and glorification, provided we accept our crosses.



With Prayers & Blessings of God the Father

Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lyttle
21 March 2021