# Transfiguration OF THE LORD parish

**We Celebrate Eucharist:**
Saturday Vigil: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 9:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

**Confessions:**
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:30 P.M.

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**Weekday Mass Schedule:**
Monday thru Thursday: 12:00 P.M.

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

**March 21, 2021**
*Fifth Sunday of Lent (B)*
Jer 31:31–34
Heb 5:7–9
Jn 12:20–33

# Do I Have to Die?

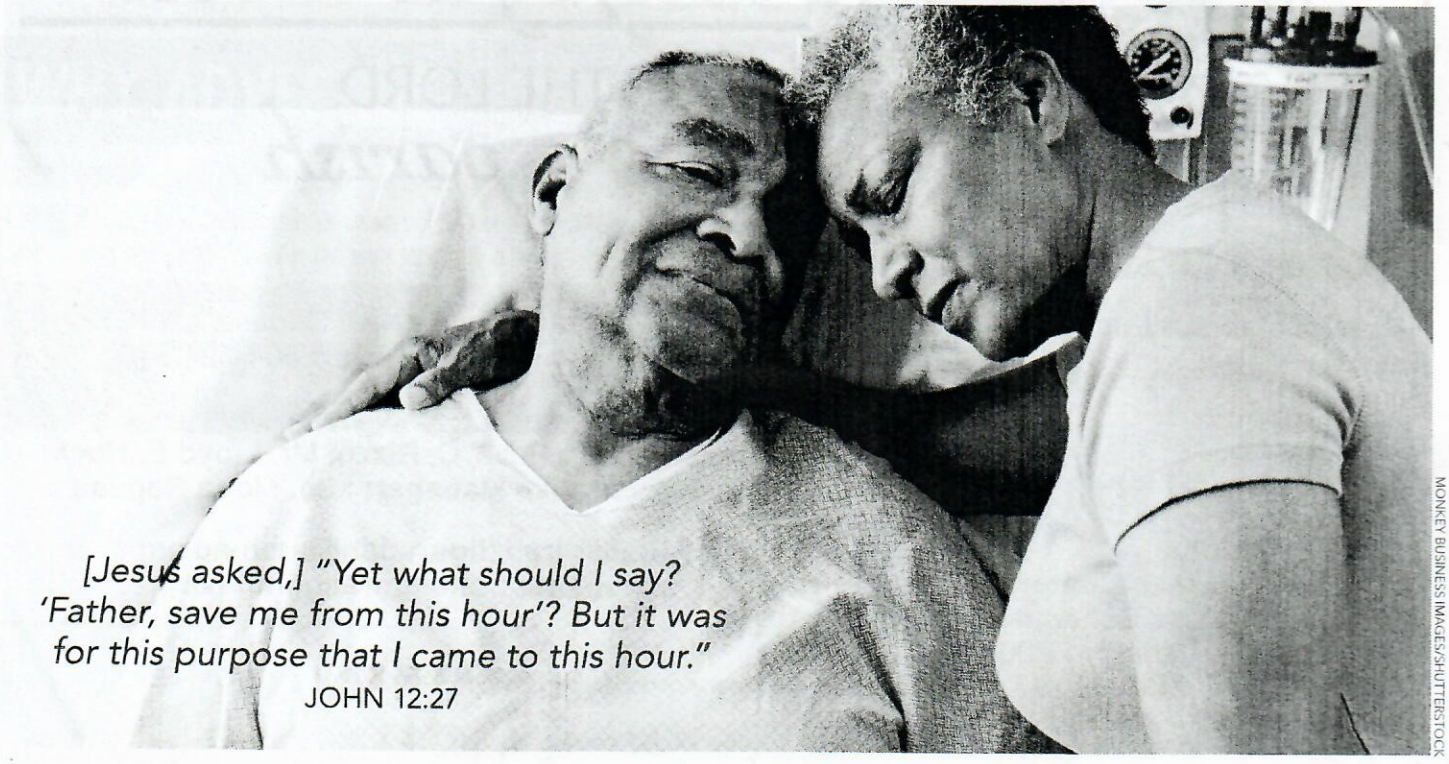
**Who has not asked this question,** at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendorous future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## *For Reflection*

- *Begin to place yourself in God's hands with little things so that you are better able to do so in bigger things.*
- *The second reading reminds us that Christ is the source of our eternal salvation. Spend a moment in gratitude for this great gift.*



*[Jesus asked,] "Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."*
JOHN 12:27

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**Community in Madagascar**
Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term consequences for individuals, communities & entire countries. That's why communities must work together to ensure that all children have access to better food & nutrition. New planting & cooking techniques are helping many communities in Madagascar improve the health & wellbeing of the children. How does your community work together for the good of others? Visit **crsricebowl.org** to learn more.

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## Announcements

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March 13th/14th, 2021: $3508.94
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March 13th/14th, 2021: $49.35

**Confessions**

**Wednesday, March 24, 2021 5:00 - 6:00 pm**

Followed by

**Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm**

**Stations of the Cross** – Fridays in Lent at 6:00 PM at Transfiguration of the Lord Church

**Mass Intentions for March 27th/28st, 2021**

**4:00 PM** **+Phyllis Brown**
**+Robert Collins**
**+Blaise Duhe'**
**+Joan & +Leonard Fine**
**+Robert Munch, Sr.**
**+Mark S. Harry**
**+Sean Michael Knockum, Jr.**
**+Louis Lawrence**
**+Ameldia Rochon Lion**
**+Melinda Lion, +Johnson, +Jourdan, +Frick, & +Vigee Families**

**9:00 AM** **+Charles Amar**
**+Kirby Jackson**
**+Grant Winand**

**11:00 AM** **Parish**

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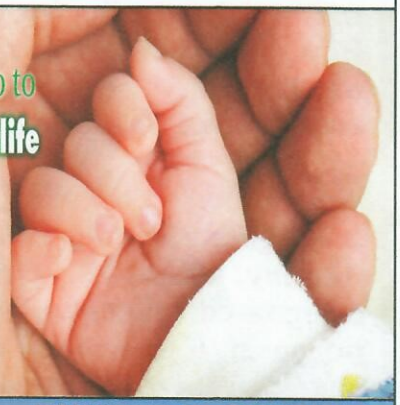


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