

Fifth Sunday of Lent
 March 21, 2021
 I will place my law within them
 and write it upon their hearts;
 I will be their God,
 and they shall be my people.

THE NEW COVENANT

Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart. Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

Mass Intentions



- Sat., Mar. 20, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Huval Family, Louis Perschall Sr., Nick Sita, Elaine Muro, **and for the living**; Special Intention, Karge Family, Terry Sita, Michael Treuting, Dawn Treuting, and Clarence Innis
- Sun. Mar. 21, 7:30 a.m. Frank Minyard
- Sun. Mar. 21, 9:15 a.m. Parishioners
- Sun., Mar. 21, 11:00 a.m. Sedonia Neal, Joseph Legnon, Carol Pieri, Gene Grabbe, Gary Joseph Treuil, Jimmy Matherne, Jean Senac Jr., Ken Bopp, **and for the living**: Karlee Leroux
- Mon., Mar. 22, 8:00 a.m. Priscilla Stahel (L)
- Tues., Mar. 23 NO MASS
- Wed., Mar. 24, 8:00 a.m. Margaret Mary Mule'
- Thurs., Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m. Richard W. Letsch
- Fri., Mar. 26, 8:00 a.m. Priscilla Stahel (L)

Please pray for **Mary Lou Whitmer**, sister of Terry Sita who entered peacefully into eternal rest. "Whoever lives and believes in me shall never die". [John 11:26]

PRAYER LIST

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| Rosalind Baham | Chuck Armstrong |
| Joel Ferrera | Louise Cashmere |
| Kenneth Vicari | Yolanda Bourgeois |
| Tuck Tucker | LeLe Kopfler |
| Catherine Atkins | Roxanne Troxclair |
| Robert Till | Curt Stansbury |
| Cindy Hebert | Clarence Inniss |



Envelopes	\$ 2,358.00
Loose	\$ 1,435.00
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Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 166.00
2 nd Coll. Catholic Relief Services	\$ 977.00

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<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stjohnfolsom>.

This weekend we will take up a 2nd Collection for Seminarians for Archdiocese New Orleans

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

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| Sanctuary: | Family Peace |
| Blessed Mother: | Alexander Bradford |
| St. Joseph: | Perry Armstrong |
| St. Anne: | Voila Bradford |

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7-day candle please call 796-3806.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent, the stations of the cross will be at 3:30 p.m., outdoors weather permitting. Each parishioner attending the Stations of the Cross is requested to keep the booklet for personal use during this entire Lenten Season. New booklets will be purchased when we return to indoors.

POPE FRANCIS'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.

Next Wednesday, Confessions will be available in all parishes from 5:00 p.m.— 6:30 p.m.

Rice Bowl-COMMUNITY IN MADAGASCAR

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating long-term 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 to learn more.

Beginning Thursday April 1st immediately following 6:00pm Mass in Odilo Hall the Men's group will be starting the The Eucharist written by Father Mitch Pacwa. All men are invited to attend to learn about the source and summit of our Catholic Faith - the Eucharist. In this study you will see the essential connection between the Eucharist and the Scriptures, and through reflection and discussion you will learn to apply the principles in your own life.

EASTER FLOWERS AND REMEMBRANCE

The Altar Society is asking for donations to help with the cost of the Easter Flowers. Any donations will be greatly appreciated and may be placed in the box at the back of the Church or the containers on Jonathan Hall's entrance tables. If you would like your loved ones remembered at all masses throughout the Easter Season, please write their names on the Easter Book at the back of the Church or one of the Remembrance Books in Jonathan Hall.

HOLY TRIDUUM HOLY THURSDAY

Mass of the Lords Supper at 6:00 p.m., in Jonathan Hall, followed by Adoration until 10:00 p.m. in Church.

GOOD FRIDAY

3:00 p.m. - Passion of the Lord, Veneration of the Cross, in Jonathan Hall, followed by Stations of the Cross outside, (weather permitting)

HOLY SATURDAY

Easter Vigil, 8 p.m. in Jonathan Hall

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES:

7:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m., 11:00 a.m. in Jonathan Hall

Holy Week Monday and Wednesday morning Mass times are as usual.

The office will be closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday. We will reopen on Tuesday.

ST. LOUIS MEDAL

The Order of St. Louis Award will be presented to David Cooper on Sunday, March 21, at 3:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Church, 1802 Tulane Avenue, New Orleans. God Bless

You. Thank you for your dedication and service to St. John's Church.

FEAST OF FAITH

The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the Introduction to the Lectionary. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

LET US PRAY,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power, and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Our Lady of Prompt Succor hasten to help us. Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. **AMEN**

REMINDERS

PSR Classes, Wednesdays, 6:15 – 7:30 p.m., Jonathan Hall and Office Classrooms

First Saturday Mass at 8:00 a.m.

Weekly Wednesday Adoration, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

First Friday Adoration Benediction, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Men's Study Group in Odilo Hall, Mondays, 6:30 p.m.

Knights of Columbus meeting, Thurs, April 8th at 7 p.m.

Weekly Wednesday Evening Adoration, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross Fridays, during Lent-3:30 p.m.

K.C. Fish Fries, Fridays in Lent, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

On Monday, March 22nd at 9:00 a.m. in Odilo Hall, our Church history class will continue our study of the time period, the Catholic Reformation, by looking in more depth at the Council of Trent and its implications for the renewal of the Church. We will also look at a grave external threat to Christendom, the

expansion of the Ottoman Empire. The great naval battle of Lepanto staved off this threat, at least temporarily.