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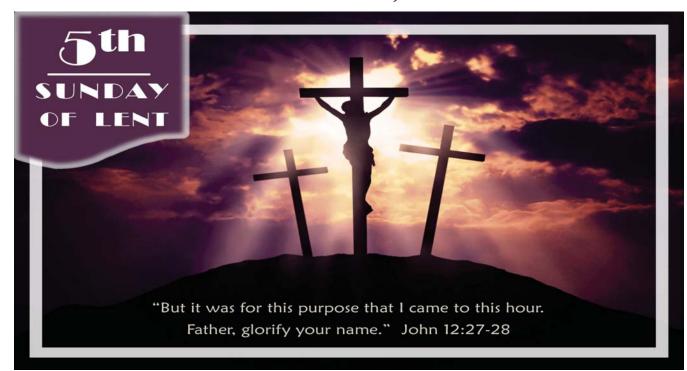
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# March 17th, 2024



### **Mass Times**

Saturday (Vigil) 5:00PM Sunday 8:30AM, 10:30AM, 1:00PM Monday-Wednesday 6:30PM Thursday-Saturday 9:00AM Adoration and Confession

to follow all Masses

All Night Adoration Wednesday/Thursday 7:00PM-9:00AM Saturday/Sunday

11:00AM-8:00AM

### **Rectory Office Hours**

Monday: 11am to 4pm
Tuesday: 9am to 2pm
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 2pm to 5pm
Friday: 10am to 1pm
Church Hours
Mon, Tue, Fri

8:00AM-8:00PM Saturday into Sunday & Wednesday into Thursday (36 Hours)

# 5th Sunday in Lent

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### Opening Hymn – Saturday

We walk by faith and not by sight; no gracious words we hear from Him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe Him near.

We may not touch His hands and side, nor follow where He trod; but in His promise we rejoice and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound to call on You when You are near and seek where You are found.

That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light, may we behold You as You are with full and endless sight.

# Opening Hymn – Sunday

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come: 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

#### **The Confiteor**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do; through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Kyrie Eléison

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# Reading I Jer 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days. says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

# Responsorial Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

### R. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

V1: Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

**V2:** A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

**V3:** Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.



# Reading II

Heb 5:7-9

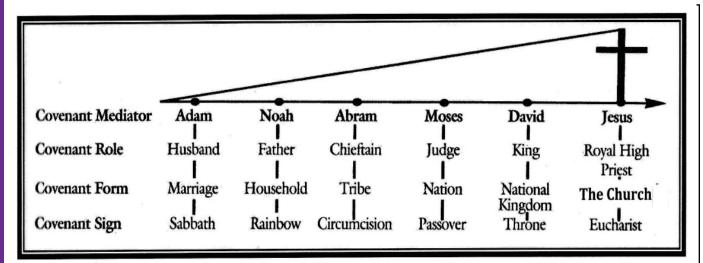
In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### Gospel

Jn 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

# Homily



"But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD.

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

**Covenant:** Exchange of person. To give an oath and to back it up with your life.

**Sacrament:** Ritual instituted by Christ, to confer grace

In ancient Roman religion and law, the sacramentum was an oath or vow that rendered the swearer sacer, "given to the gods," in the negative sense if he violated it. Sacramentum also referred to a thing that was pledged as a sacred bond, and consequently forfeit if the oath were violated.

**Mass Intentions** 

Saturday	Sunday	Monday – Friday		Saturday	Sunday
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	March 17 <sup>th</sup>	March 18 <sup>th</sup> –March 22 <sup>nd</sup>		March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	March 24 <sup>th</sup>
9:00AM Fr. Danilo Eterovic 5:00PM All Parishioners	8:30AM Eduardo Plasencia, LIV 10:30AM Robert O'Brien 1:00 PM Timothy F. Santry	6:30 PM MON Connie & Mia Plasencia, LIV 6:30 PM TUE Timothy F. Santry	6:30PM WED Griffin Masso, LIV  9:00AM THU Alyssa Hornstein 9:00AM FRI Timothy F. Santry	9:00AM The DiLullo Family 5:00PM Wiliam Rushton	8:30AM All Parishioners 10:30AM Maria Laura & Emiliano Cabrera 1:00 PM Timothy F. Santry

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# **Announcements**



#### Calendar for the Week:

Tuesday, March 19, Feast of St. Joseph: 630pm Mass, Parishioners with their families encouraged to attend. Thursday, March 21st at 7PM: Women's Wine and Cheese: Topic: Genesis 21-25. (Sign up by Monday) Friday, March 22nd at 8pm: Teen Holy Hour, invite and bring someone

**Next Sunday is Palm Sunday** 

**Stations of the Cross meditation will be held every Friday of Lent but at different times:** March 22nd @ 630pm. Reminder no meat is to be eaten on Fridays of Lent

**Novena to St. Joseph began last Sunday,** March 10th and will end on March 19th, Feast of St. Joseph. Please entinue to join us in praying the Novena prayers, which was sent to you last week. We will recite the prayers after each Mass.

#### Mark your Calendars:

Fri., April 5th: Couples Night

We are hoping to start a childrens choir to sing for the 1st Sunday of the month at the 10:30 Mass. If interested please email Sylvia Paladino at sylviapaladino4@gmail. com. Please know that if your child wishes to sing, that they will have to be committed to the practice session which will take place 45 minutes prior to that Mass.

**Vacation Bible School for Grades K-5 is July 8th-12th.** To register your child please check out our homepage.

**Coffee & Donuts** – Thank you to the Catherine Brown's Quad Group for sponsoring coffee & donuts after the 10:30AM Mass this week. Please consider signing your family up to sponsor Coffee and Donuts on our homepage!

#### Divine Mercy Enthronement –

Should you wish to have the Divine Mercy image enthroned in your home and have your house blessed, please email Fr. Sinisa or call the Rectory.



Please do not stick gum under church pews

# Please pray for our brothers and sisters who will be receiving the Sacraments at the Easter Vigil:

**Baptism:** Gavin, Joslin, Cole, and Jeremy Gormley: **Baptism and Eucharist:** Sara, Kate, & Ted Worcester: **Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation:** 

Brandon Goldman, Wyatt Peterson, Mitchell Brinkman **Eucharist and Confirmation**: Adam Deering

We need about 10 volunteers who can help clean the church every 4-6 weeks for 2hrs of work on Fridays 11:15am-1:15pm. Again it would be monthly at most, but closer to every 6 weeks. If willing to help please email Lisa Caraviello at mylittleben@netzero.com

Medway Food Pantry is in need of the following items. Please put items in the storage room below the 13th Station of the Cross. There is a need for: Paper towels, toilet paper, spaghetti & sauce, diapers & Wipes (sz 4, 5, 6, 7), soups & snacks

If you would like to take care of a garden bed and grow food for the poor this spring and summer, please sign up on our homepage. There are 3 beds available and they go soon. Cost: \$100.

#### **Open Adoration Slots:**

Saturdays: 11pm-12am, Thursdays: 12am-1am

St Brendan's in Bellingham is holding "A Passover Sedar in the Light of Christ" on March 21st at 6:30pm. Seating is limited, please RSVP to Kelly Lacasse at 508-966-0206

The Catholic Appeal is underway. So far, we have raised \$9,895 of our \$31,243 goal. Should you wish to donate please visit bostocatholicappeal.org and press donate. Please make sure you select St. Thomas, Millis.

#### Weekly Parish Offering -

 Offertory
 \$ 2,912

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 \$ 9,480

 Total
 \$ 12,392

#### Online Giving -

Please consider signing up for online giving on the parish website under Register/Donate! We are extremely grateful to our 150 donors who have already signed up!

#### **Need help praying the Rosary?**

Join every morning at 8AM with dozens of people. https://hinghamcatholic.org/zoom-rosary

#### Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven, (bow) and by the Holy Spirit, was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. (raise from bow) For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



# Communion – Saturday

Behold the cross on which was hung life's very Lord, God's only Son; Mary's own babe, so cold and so still, helpless before her on Calvary hill.

Nails in his hands, nails in his feet, a traitor kiss upon his cheek; and his pierced heart, now broken in two, love crucified for me and for you.

Eyes that won't see, ears that won't hear, lips that deny the friend once so dear; slowly he turns and captures your eye, then passes on to Calv'ry to die.

Behold the cross of Christ in our midst: all those who bear his wounds in their flesh. Suff'ring for crimes of mercy and peace, signs of the kingdom on Calvary street.

### Communion - Sunday

Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains poured for me the lifeblood from his sacred veins.

Grace and life eternal in that blood I find; blest be his compassion, infinitely kind.

Blest through endless ages be the precious stream which from endless torment did the world redeem.

Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies, but the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.

### **Communion Prayers**

### The Prayer of St. Gertrude

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses said throughout the world today, for all the holy souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen.

According to tradition, Saint Gertrude the Great was told by Our Lord that each time she piously recited the following prayer it would release 1000 souls (or a vast number) from their suffering in Purgatory

#### **Anima Christi**

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever.
Amen.

Anima Christi is a prayer which is usually prayed after receiving the Eucharist, but its depth brings us so close to Christ, that it is prayed often. The depth of this prayer and its ability to pull us to Our Lord lies in its words which, when prayed, become visual.

### The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer us.

Amen.



#### **Spiritual Communion**

If you cannot receive Communion today, here is a Spiritual Communion prayer: My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Amen.

# **O** Salutaris

O Salutaris Hostia Quae caeli pandis ostium. Bella premunt hostilia; Da robur, fer auxilium. Uni trinoque Domino Sit sempiterna gloria: Qui vitam sine termino, Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

#### **Tantum Ergo**

Tantum ergo Sacramentum

Veneremur cernui:

Et antiquum documentum

Novo cedat ritui:

Praestet fides supplementum

Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque

Laus et jubilatio,

Salus, honor, virtus quoque

Sit et benedictio:

Procedenti ab utroque

Compar sit laudatio.

Amen.

#### Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen

## **Adoration**

#### **Benediction**

**Priest/Deacon:** You have given them bread from Heaven

**Response:** Having all sweetness within it

Priest/Deacon: Lord Jesus Christ, You have given us the Eucharist as a memorial of Your suffering and death. May our worship of this Sacrament of Your body and blood, help us to experience the salvation You won for us and the peace of the Kingdom, where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Response: Amen.

#### **The Divine Praises**

Blessed be God.

Blessed be his holy name.

Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.

Blessed be the name of Jesus.

Blessed be his most Sacred Heart.

Blessed be his most Precious Blood.

Blessed be Jesus in the most holy sacrament of the altar.

Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete.

Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.

Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.

Blessed be her glorious Assumption.

Blessed be the name of Mary, virgin and Mother.

Blessed be St. Joseph, her most chaste spouse.

Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints.

Amen.

#### I Love You Lord

I love you, Lord And I lift my voice To worship You Oh, my soul, rejoice! Take joy my King In what You hear Let it be a sweet, sweet sound In Your ear.





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