

REFLECTION:

In this Sunday’s Gospel, Jesus compares his life and ours with a grain of wheat. If the grain falls into the earth and dies, it then rises as a stalk of wheat that gives life by feeding others. Like the grain of wheat, we must be willing to lose our lives in order to gain eternal life. Jesus knows that the hour of his death when he will be lifted up on the cross is coming soon. But he also knows that when he is lifted up, he will draw everyone, all the world’s people, to himself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS:

In this gospel story, to lose your life means to lay down your attachments to anything or anyone that prevents you from following Jesus. For people your age in today’s world, what might some of those things and persons be? Who or what helps you to be a faithful follower of Jesus, not only during Lent but on a daily basis?



Holy Father’s Prayer Intention for March

Sacrament of reconciliation

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

Safeguard The Children 3/21/21

DID YOU KNOW?

Identifying risky behaviors online
As virtual learning continues, children are spending most of their days online. With their own jobs and responsibilities, parents likely cannot stand behind them and supervise their every move. So, it is more important than ever to assess your child’s online activities periodically. Make sure you know which sites they are visiting, and who they are talking to on social media sites. Discuss risky behaviors with your children, like posting personal information (full name, age, location, school information, and more) using inappropriate language, or accessing sites with questionable content. For more information, get a copy of the VIRTUS article “Risky Online Behaviors and Young People” from <https://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/>.

Everyday, as long as this “today” lasts, keep encouraging one another. — Heb. 3:13

THIS WEEK AT ST. EUGENE

Today: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

Fri: Stations of the Cross - 7pm (Conf. # below)

Sat: No Morning Mass

Sun: PALM SUNDAY

Masses – 8:00 a.m. (Bilingual)
10:00 a.m. (Eng) & 12 Noon (Igbo)

All Masses are in the Parking Lot

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Last Sunday Collection - \$1863.00

For online offering please visit parish website:

steugeneparish.org

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

EASTER PROGRAM 2021

Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion

March 28 2021: Masses 8am, 10am, 12 Noon

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper,

April 1, 2021 Mass: 5pm

Good Friday of the Lord’s Passion,

April 2, 2021 Passion of the Lord: 5pm

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil,

April 3, 2021— Easter Vigil Service: 5pm

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of Our Lord,

April 4, 2021 Masses: 8am, 10am, 12 Noon

Mass requests to be printed in Sunday’s Bulletin must be submitted to church office no later than Tuesday before 12 Noon. You can also request mass intentions in writing by submitting request in Sunday’s collection basket the week prior to the requested date of the Mass Intention in order for the intention to be printed in the bulletin.

Pray for our parishioners:

Winston Burns, Jacquelyn Cathcart, Lillie Celestine, Eldora Dixon, Theresa Ezeokoye, Ngozi Obika, Frances Johnson, Michele Johnson, daughter of Michael & Dorothy Johnson, Arlene Miller, Rita Palacio, Michael & Mark Smith, sons of Mary Hudson, James Spann, Barbara St. Julien, Travis Lewis Sr.

Bulletin Announcements:

Request for bulletin announcements must be submitted to church office no later than Mondays for Fr. Jude’s approval to go into the following Sunday’s Bulletin.

UKA NKE ISE N’OGE NCHETA AHUHU

KRISTI, AFO NKE ABUO

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

EKPERE MMEGHE:

Dinwenu Chineke anyi, Nwa Gi huru uwa n’anya nke ukwu nke na O weere onwe Ya nye n’onwu iji gbaputa uwa. Biko, nyere anyi aka ka anyi were udi ihunanya ahu na -aga njem anyi n’uwa a. Site n’Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.

IHE OGUGU NKE MBU:

Jeremaya 31:31-34

Ihe Ogugu e wetara

n’Akwukwo Onye Amuma Jeremaya

Onyenweanyi na-ekwu si: Lee, oge na-abia mgbe M na ezi na ulo Izrel na ezi na ulo Juda ga-agba ndu ohuru. Ma o gaghi adikwa ka ogbugba ndu ahu Mu na nna nna ha gbara, mgbe M seere ha n’aka, doputa ha n’ala Ijpt. Ha mebiru ogbugba ndu M ahu, M wee gosikwanu ha na M ka ha ike. O bu Onyenweanyi na-ekwu ihe ndi a. Ma nke a bu ogbugba ndu nke M na ezi na ulo Izrel ga-agba mgbe oge ahu ruru; o bu Onyenweanyi na-ekwu. Aga M akunye iwu M n’ime ha, biakwa dee ya edee n’obi ha. Mgbe ahu, aga M abu Chineke ha, ha abiakwa buru ndi nke M. O gaghi adikwa mkpa ozo na mmadu ga-akuziri ibe ya, ma o bu nwanne isi nwanne ya: “Muta maka Onyenweanyi”, n’ihi na ha dum ga-ama onye M bu, ma onye ukwu, ma onye nta. O bu Onyenweanyi na-ekwu: n’ihi na aga M agbaghara ha njo ha nile biakwa chefuo ajo omume ha nile kpam kpam.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu

ABUOMA NA AZIZA YA: 50:3-4, 12-15, Az.12

Aziza: Chineke m, kenye m obi di ocha.

1. Chineke m, were obi oma Gi meere m ebere. Site na nnukwu obi ebere Gi hichapu mmehie m nile. Sachaa m, sachakwa m ozo, ka m si na mmehie m puta. Ghuchapu ajo omume m. **Aziza.**
2. Onyenweanyi, kenye m obi di ocha. Tinye mmuo kwudosiri ike n’ime m. A chupukwala m n’ihu Gi. A napukwala m mmuo Gi di nso. **Aziza.**
3. Nyeghachie m obi uto nke enyemaka Gi. Were mmuo nke ikwudosi ike guzowe m. Ka m wee kuziere ndi na-agahie agahie uzo Gi; ka ndi njo were laghachikwa n’ebe I no. **Aziza.**

IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO: Hibru 5:7-9

Ihe ogugu e wetara n’Akwukwo Ozi e degaara ndi Hibru



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

OPENING PRAYER:

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.....AMEN.

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah:

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.

The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps. 51:3-4,12-13,14-15
R/. Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. 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. —R.
2. 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. —R.
3. 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. —R.

Mgbe Jesu no n' uwa, o kpere ekpere nye Chineke. Mgbe ufodu n' onodu ekpere ahu, o na-akwa akwa. Mgbe ozo kwa, anya mmiri na -ejuputa ya n' anya. O kpere ekpere ya nye Chineke n' ihi na o maara na Chineke puru izoputa ya site n' onwu. Chineke nukwara ekpere ya, n' ihi na Jesu bu onye nchuaa na-erube isi. Jesu bu Okpara Chineke, ma o huru ahuhu. N' ime ahuhu a nile, o mutara irube isi site n' ihe nile dakwasiri ya. Ma Kristi sitere n' ahuhu ghoo onye zuru oke. O ghoru uzo nzoputa zuru oke, nye mmadu nile bu ndi na -erubere ya isi.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa Ekene diri Chukwu

MBEKU: Jon 12:26
Onyenweanyi kwuru si: "Odibo M o bula ga na-eso M. Ebe M no, ka odibo M ga-anokwa.

OZIOMA: Jon 12:20-33
Ihe ogugu nke a si n' Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere
Ma ufodu n' ime ndi Grik so n' etiti ndi biara Jerusalem ikporo Chineke isi ala n' oge emume hu. Ha wee biakwute Filip, bu onye Betsaida nke Galili, wee rio ya, si: "Nna anyi ukwu, anyi na-acho ihu Jesu". Phillip wee bia gwa Andru. Ha abuo wee soro, jee, gwa Jesu. Jesu wee zaa si ha: "Oge ezuola, ka e wee nye Nwa nke Mmadu otito. N' igwa unu ezi okwu, o buru na mkpuru oka adaghi n' ala, nwuo, nani ya ga-anogide. Ma o buru na o nwuo, o na-amita otutu mkpuru. Onye o bula huru nani ndu ya n' anya, na-atufu ya. Onye o bula nke kporo ndu ya asi n' uwa nke a, ga-edebe ya ruo ndu ebighi ebi. O buru na onye o bula na- ejere M ozi, o ga-esoriri M. Ebe Mu onwe no ka onye ozi M ga-anokwa. O buru na onye o bula na- ejere M ozi, ya ka Nna m ga-asopuru. "Ugbu a ka mkpuruobi na-alo m mmiri. Gini ka M ga-ekwukwa? Nna, zoputa M n' oge elekere nke a. N' ihi na abiaara M n' uwa ka M wee garuo oge elekere ahuhu nke a. Nna, nye aha Gi otito!" Na mgbe ahu, otu olu sitere n' eluigwe daa, si: "Enyelu M ya otito. Aga M enyekwa Ya otito Ya otito ozo!" Igwe mmadu ndi guzo n' ebe ahu nuru olu ahu, wee si: "Egbe elu agbaala!" Ndi ozo wee si: "Mmuo ozi agwala Ya okwu!" Ma Jesu gwara ha, si: "O bughi n' ihi M ka olu a ji daa, kama o bu n' ihi unu. Ugbu a ka a ga-ekpe uwa ikpe! Ugbu a ka ga-achupu onye isi nke uwa a. O buru na e si n' ala welie M elu, aga M adotara onwe M mmadu nile". O kwuru nke a iji gosi udi onwu O gaje inwu. Igwe mmadu ahu, wee zaghachi, si Ya: "Anyi nuru n' iwu anyi na Kristi ga-adi ndu ruo mgbe ebighi ebi. Olee otu I si ekwu na a ghaghi iweli Nwa nke Mmadu elu? Onye bu Nwa nke Mmadu a?"
Ozioma nke Oseburuwa Otito diri Gi, Kristi

EKPERE NHUNYE:
Onyenweanyi, Nna ji ike nile, I nyela anyi amamihe ndi

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews:
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.
The word of the Lord. —R. Thanks be to God.

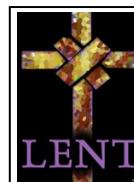
VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: John 12:26
R. Praise to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
—R.
Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. —R.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:
SOME Greeks who had come to worship at the Pass-over 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.
The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord,

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:
Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.....AMEN.

otu Kristi. Biko, chee nti, nuru ekpere anyi bu ndi ezi na ulo Gi ji akpoku Gi. Mee ka aja nke a anyi na-achunyere Gi wetara anyi idi mma n' ihu Gi anyi. Site na Kristi Dinwenu anyi.....AMEN.

EKPERE A NATACHAA ORIRI NSO:
Chineke Nna ji ike nile, I nyela anyi ahu na obara Nwa Gi n' oriri nso. Biko, anyi na-ario, meekwa ka a gunye anyi n' akuku ahu Kristi ahu mgbe nile, site na Kristi Onyenweanyi.....AMEN.



A Reflection on Lenten Fasting— by Rev. Daniel Merz,

L In the early Church and, to lesser extent still today, there were two fasts. There was the "total fast" that preceded all major feasts or sacramental events. The ancient name for this fast was "statio" from the verb "sto, stare" to stand watch, on guard or in vigil. The second fast was a fast of abstinence from certain foods, e.g., meats or fats. This was more an act of self-discipline and self-control. The statio fast was total and a means of watching and waiting... i.e. for something. The fast of abstinence was more general and personal, to help oneself be more disciplined or self-controlled. The total fast is still kept today prior to reception of Holy Communion. Following Holy Communion, the total fast ceases because Jesus had explicitly stated that we don't fast when the bridegroom is here, in other words, what we're keeping vigil for has arrived, the wait is over. On the other hand, the fast of abstinence was allowed on Sundays because the continuity of abstinence can be important for it to be effective. These initial observations, then, teach us that the Eucharist is always the end of a preparation. It is always the fulfillment of an expectation. In the Orthodox Church during Lent, they have Eucharist only on Saturday and Sunday. But because Wednesdays and Fridays are total fast days, those two days are also days for the Communion service (Liturgy of the PreSanctified) which are held in the evening, i.e., after the day of preparation. Fasting is always preparatory. But how did fasting become such an important means of preparing for the Eucharist and of? **Read More:** <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/catholic-reflection-on-lenten-fasting-father-daniel-merz.cfm>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:
We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion, who lives and reigns for ever and ever.....AMEN.

Parish Community Night Prayer:
Join our parish Community night prayer at 9:00 pm (P.T.) every night.
To join: Dial: 339-207-6234

- MASS INTENTIONS**
- 8:00 am Mass**
1. For the Happy repose Dr. A.C. Nwaogugu- By Ebebugem Family.
 2. For the Happy repose of Elizabeth Efobi, Sunday Efobi, Grace Obidike -By Chris Nwafor & Family.
- 12:00 noon Mass.**
1. For the Intentions of Tony and Imma Ikebudu & the family -By the Family
 2. Thanksgiving and petition for protection & personal intentions – By Frank/Louisa Okoye.
 3. Thanksgiving and petition, for all ICMO members and St. Eugene families, for peace & unity on the Solemnity of St. Joseph - by: The ICMO
 4. For the Happy repose of soul of Okechukwu Emechete, 2yrs Memorial—By his wife & children
 5. For the happy repose of soul of Anne Chidebe -Nonyelu—By Okwo & Chidebe Families.
 6. For the happy repose of soul of Ibeanuna Dike Chinyere —By Ugoeze BumBum Anum and Family.
 7. For the happy repose of soul of Theresa Nwosu —By Felix Nwosu & Family
 8. For the Happy repose of soul of Angela Uba Nee Ezech – By Reginard/Ify Ezech & Family
 9. For the Happy repose of soul of Charles Okonkwo -By Augustina Okonkwo & Family.
 10. For the Happy repose of soul of Veronica Mere -By Okey Mere & Family.
 11. For the Happy repose of Agnes Ugoye Onwukeme -By Theresa Onwukeme.
 12. For the Happy repose of Edwin Akunnia Okpalaugo, 2yrs Memorial—By His Children.

Stations of the Cross:
Fridays of Lent at 7pm.
Dial: 339-207-6234