

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

MARCH 21, 2021



The Fifth Sunday of Lent

/ YEAR B

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: PS 43 (42):1

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

READING I: JER 31:31-34

This is the only place in the Hebrew Bible where the phrase “new covenant” occurs. It is “new” because it will be written on human hearts. .

PSALM RESPONSE: PSALM 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15

(R) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

READING II: HEB 5:7-9

This reading suggests that Jesus’ prayer to God was heard not because Jesus was the Son of God but because his prayer was wholeheartedly faithful. Because he gave himself completely to God, he became the “source of eternal salvation” for all who follow his way.

GOSPEL: JN 12:20-33

The Gospel of John describes Jesus’ suffering, death, and resurrection as the “hour” of his glorification. In this text,

Jesus affirms that this “hour” has come after some “Greeks” (probably Greek-speaking Jews or converts to Judaism) ask to see him. His response to their request is the analogy of the grain of wheat. His acceptance of his “hour” leads to an act of divine theophany—God affirms Jesus’ decision.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: JN 12:24

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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OPENING THE WORD: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

Many of us fear death. It brings sadness and an unknown. We may have experienced the grief of losing a loved one, and we may be angry that God allows death. But today's Gospel lends itself to hope. Jesus tells us that we must die in order to have new life. What a strange command. Let's pause a minute though to reflect on the nature around us. We must experience a death of things in our lives that hold us back from blooming into the creation God has called us to be. We must allow these parts of ourselves to be put to death so that we may bloom in full color as we become fully alive, the man or woman God created us to be. **Listen** to Jim Beckman as he provides prayers and insights for today's Gospel.

JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: THE STORY OF THE MAN CLOSEST TO CHRIST

The first feature **FILM** on the story of St. Joseph, who was a carpenter, the husband of Mary, and the foster father of Jesus Christ. Scripture tells us that St. Joseph was a "just man" and that God gave him the most daunting task ever asked of a man—to be the husband of the woman who would give birth to the Messiah and the father and protector of this Holy Family. He would be the man closest to Christ. We are shown the human, noble, and deeply spiritual aspects of Joseph the carpenter, son of David, servant of God, and loving husband of Mary. As Joseph is informed by God's messengers about trusting and following his plan for Christ, the dangerous flight into Egypt to save his child, and finally returning to Nazareth to raise Jesus, this lovely **film** presents powerful scenes in the life of the young Christ and the Holy Family that are authentic and inspiring.

LENT WITH BROTHER FRANCIS (FOR KIDS)

Learn and pray with Brother Francis this Lent. This **4-part series** will help children learn more about what Lent is all about and why it is so important.

1. Registering for FORMED is **FREE** to St. Jane de Chantal parishioners; go to: **formed.org**
2. Click “Sign Up”
3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
4. Find “St Jane Frances de Chantal” by parish name, address, or zip code (20814)
5. Enter your email address, and you are in!
Use your email address to sign in each time.

LENT IN OUR PARISH

FASTING & ABSTINENCE

All Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday, are days of abstinence for those age 14 and above. On weekdays during Lent, there is no obligation to fast, however, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday is March 28th. We will follow our regular Mass schedule; however, the 10:00 a.m. Mass will begin at 9:50 a.m. in the Mary Garden (the garden across from the main doors of the church, in the front yard of the Rectory) with the solemn blessing of palms and procession into the church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us each Friday of Lent (except Good Friday) for Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. For Good Friday, April 2, stations will be at 12:00 pm & at 3:00 pm.

CONFESSIONS & ADORATION

Confessions will be heard at 2:00 pm every Tuesdays and Thursdays of Lent (except Holy Thursday). Also at this time, St. Jane offers the opportunity for adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament of penance, have been away for some time, or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. Confessions are also heard at St. Jane each Saturday, 3:45-4:45 pm.

LENTEN ROMAN PILGRIMAGE

We invite you to join us, all Sundays of Lent from 4:00 to 4:45 pm, for a Vespers service using parishioner George Weigel's book, "Roman Pilgrimage – the Station Churches." While having a copy of "Roman Pilgrimage" is not essential for participating in the Sunday Vespers, a copy of the book will enhance your Lenten journey. The book may be obtained from Amazon as either a text or an e-book. You may purchase a copy of the book through Amazon. Don't forget to support our school by using our [Amazon Smile Link](#). Click [HERE](#) to view the Vespers Services playlist on our parish YouTube page.

LENTEN ONLINE SCRIPTURE STUDY

In addition to the Sunday Vesper service based on "Roman Pilgrimage" by George Weigel, there will be an opportunity to meet as small groups online for discussion. Meeting options are Sundays, 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Thursdays 9:30 - 11:00 am. To register, or obtain more information, click [HERE](#).

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Food insecurity continues to stymie many children and families in our community. St. Jane De Chantal Parish, in collaboration with Bethesda Help, the De Chantal SOME Ministry, and St. Martin's Cloak, is hosting a Lenten food drive **this Saturday, March 27, 2021, from 9:30 to 11:30 am**, in the lower parking lot of St. Jane De Chantal Church. The food will benefit Bethesda Help, which serves neighbors in and around our parish; Catholic Charities of Mont. County; and The Father McKenna Center, where food shortages are particularly acute. All three locations are in need of the following items for their pantries: grains (instant



THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Poor nutrition can lead to devastating longterm 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. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more!

Pick up your family's rice bowl from our church gathering space, now through Easter Sunday.

oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta), canned protein (tuna, chicken, salmon), canned fruit (peaches, pineapples, mandarin oranges), canned vegetables (beans, corn, mixed), other (canned spaghetti sauce—no glass jars—peanut butter, jelly). We are also collecting food for special dietary needs including: quinoa, rice, beans, Jello, and organic cereals labeled as Gluten Free. For those who wish to contribute financially, please make a check payable to St. Martin's Cloak (a large portion will go towards food purchases). Please note, we are not asking that you make a special trip to the store for these items, just that you add some items for us when you are at the grocery store or when you place an order. We don't want to expose anyone to additional risk! Your food donations will be collected in a socially distanced manner: you may remain in your car, as someone with the proper protective clothing will collect your donation. For any questions, please contact Paul Eder, 301 -956-6273. Thank you for your continued generosity!

STATIONS FOR LIFE ON GOOD FRIDAY

Stations of the Cross will be prayed outside the LeRoy Carhart's late-term abortion clinic at the Wildwood Medical Center (10401 Old Georgetown Road) on Good Friday, April 2, 2021 from 12:00 pm– 3:00 pm. In particular, St. Jane parishioners will be praying here from 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm. Please come and pray for the many pre-born babies killed at this location and throughout the world. For further information, please call Lisa Tennant at 301 897 5412. For directions and parking information, visit <http://prayforbethesda.com/>.

IN OUR PARISH

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

St. Jane de Chantal Parish welcomes those who have recently registered in our parish.

Ms. Tracey Mahoney

Mr. Martin J. Thomas

If you attend Mass at St. Jane Frances de Chantal regularly, we encourage you to register as a member. Please complete a registration form, which can be found at www.stjanedechantal.org, scan it, and email it to parish.office@stjanedechantal.org.

PARISH OFFICE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Occasionally, the Parish Office needs a few hours of weekday help in covering the front desk: answering the phone, sorting the mail, and greeting visitors. If you have some free time and are interested, please contact Jeanmarie at the Parish Office, at 301-530-1550. Training and reference materials will be provided.

USED CLOTHING SHED

During the calendar year of 2020, a total of 10.54 tons of clothing/textiles were collected from our St. Jane de Chantal community shed. Thank you to all those who had dropped off donations. Our used clothing drop-off shed remains open and continues to accept donations of all clothing, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, sheets, pillowcases, drapes, and stuffed toy. After each pick-up, our parish receives a stipend; and the full amount is distributed to the Msgr. Christopher Scholarship Fund.

ANNIVERSARY COUPLE CELEBRATION

The Regina Coeli Unit of Sodality has coordinated the Anniversary Brunch for married couples celebrating special anniversaries: 25th, 30th, 40th and 50th or longer. Last year due to the pandemic, we were not able to host this brunch, and postponed until this spring. Unfortunately, we also cannot host an in person brunch at this time. Despite these limitations, we do plan to CELEBRATE all those couples who marked these special anniversaries in 2020 and those who have or will do so in 2021. Please contact us so that we can include your names at the celebratory Mass scheduled for 10:00 am on Sunday, April 18th. Please email Maureen at m.wilkerson@wap.org or call her at 240 432 5752. Additionally, if you know of another couple who would be interested and may not be seeing this online bulletin, please pass this information along to them.

CALLS TO THE LONELY AND ISOLATED

Receiving a friendly call can be a real boost for someone who is elderly, ill, homebound or otherwise alone and separated from family or the community; it is so painfully common during these especially difficult times of social and health concerns. If you know of someone who is elderly, homebound, hospitalized, or otherwise isolated and in need of human contact and encouragement, please let us know about them so we can arrange to have a Parishioner give them a call to say hello and see how they are doing. Call recipients need not be Catholic or affiliated with our Parish; we hope to serve any and all who are in need of comfort and fellowship. We also need Parish volunteers to place the calls. This is a Parish-wide initiative, open to all adult Parishioners who can spare a few minutes a week to bring a bit of comfort and fellowship to those in need. Calls may be one-time, or on a recurring basis, depending upon the needs of the recipient and/or availability of the volunteer-caller. A set of informal guidelines will be provided to the volunteer-caller group to assist them in structuring and conducting the calls. For additional information, or to submit someone for an outreach-call, or to volunteer as an outreach-caller, please contact Dr. Cindy Tracy or Mr. Rob Henry of the Pastoral Council at pc2021outreach@gmail.com with a cc: to the Parish Office at parish.office@stjanedechantal.org. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering support to this most important Ministry.



ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL CHURCH

Live-Stream Mass - Sundays at 10:00 am

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCURFx0PSNBf3HXZA5XmH-MQ>

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

. . . those who are sick, and all those in our nursing homes and hospitals, especially Beth B, Alexie Longoria, Redentor Bautista, Lisa D., Gia Yunker, Michael B. and Colleen Patton.

. . . those who have died, Mary Thorne, Marilyn Flynn, Andrew Duymovic, Mary Ann Fake, William Rooney, Willie S., Mary Lynch Turner, Pat Krisko, John Krisko III, Ruth O'Reilly, Jennie Peternell-Morris, Richard Kolf, Sandra Frattali, Victoria Granville and Joseph A. Reyes.

IN OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Visit the Faith Formation page at <http://stjanedechantal.org/faith-formation/> for information on the various programs, registration forms and calendars.

IN OUR LITURGY & MUSIC MINISTRIES

Visit the Music Ministries page at www.stjanedechantal.org/ministries/music-ministry for information on the many music ensembles at St. Jane.

SACRISTAN NEEDED

We are in need of a sacristan to help with the 12:00 noon Mass on Sundays. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office at 301- 530-1550.

IN OUR BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

Check out the St. Jane de Chantal School website at www.dechantal.org to get information on admissions, see what each classroom is studying, and more

DE CHANTAL'S STUDENTS PRAYERFULLY REFLECT DURING LENT WHILE ALSO CELEBRATING SCIENCE MADNESS MONTH

Students at St. Jane de Chantal school begin each school day with a Lenten Reflection. The 8th grade students researched and found the daily Lenten Reflections, which are shared with the entire school during morning announcements. During Lent the de Chantal First Grade studied and reflected upon the Stations of the Cross. After learning about each station, the students wrote a daily reflection on what Jesus' suffering meant to them. Throughout the winter months, de Chantal students have participated in many longstanding school traditions. The kindergarten students presented their "100 Days of School"



SEEKING CHRIST

"EVERYONE IS LOOKING FOR YOU"
Mark 1:37

Archdiocese of Washington

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

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The 2021 Annual Appeal is off to a fantastic start! We have already received **\$68,535.00** in commitments from generous families throughout our parish community! This year's theme is Seeking Christ to remind us, in this time of hardship and need, that Christ is the source of the healing, unity, and love that we all seek. Through our collective support of the Annual Appeal, we strengthen the Body of Christ that is our local Church, and we sustain her many charitable works that serve the spiritual and other needs of all those within and beyond our parish boundaries. Please consider a commitment to the 2021 Annual Appeal this weekend at home or in-person. Your gift will be credited toward our parish goal of \$203,200.00. Learn more about the Annual Appeal at <https://adw.org/ways-to-give/annual-appeal/>.

(continuation) projects and third graders researched a famous historic person complete with a living presentation for their annual "Wax Museum" program. March is always known as "Science Madness Month" and this year each grade chose to focus on the scientific method. Second grade explored the animal kingdom learning about classification and why animals may become extinct. Fourth grade students began one inquiry with research on Catherine Johnson, the NASA mathematician, and then built a model of the Apollo 11 capsule and re-entry parachute. All middle school science classes took advantage of the recent NASA Mars landing of Perseverance to study the engineering and life science aspects of this endeavor.



Join us for the 2021 Virtual De Chantal Dash 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, April 17th! We are lacing up our sneakers and hitting the pavement to raise money for improvements to our school community. Upgrades to our school will ensure our little ones and dedicated faculty are always protected and out of harm's way! We are also looking for companies, businesses and families to consider sponsoring this popular event. Your business logo or family name can be on the back of over 600 race t-shirts. Registration closes on March 26 and Sponsorships close on March 19.

Want to run/walk or sponsor the race?
Please visit our website
www.dechantaldash2021.racewire.com
Questions? Email Kelly Jana at kellyjana22@gmail.com

IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

For more information on vocations, education, family, youth, social concerns, & other events in the Archdiocese of Washington, visit www.adw.org. The website also has a media center, which includes social media tools, a YouTube channel, and apps.

ARCHDIOCESE WEBSITE ANSWERS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES

Throughout the past few weeks, there have been many conversations within the Catholic community about the safety and morality of COVID-19 vaccines. The Archdiocese of Washington supports and affirms the **statement published on March 2, 2021 by the USCCB**. Read the ADW response to any questions you might have about the COVID-19 vaccine and the Catholic moral teaching on this matter by visiting <https://adw.org/coronavirus/faq-on-covid-19-vaccine-development/>. For more information on the vaccines and their development, you can review a Catholic Standard interview with Dr. David Diemert, a medical doctor and scientist who is part of a team researching a potential COVID-19 vaccine **HERE**.

STEWARDSHIP

*"If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be."
In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him?
What service is He asking of me? (See Jn 12:26)*

POOR BOX: MONTGOMERY HOSPICE

The Poor Box this weekend, March 20/21, will benefit Montgomery Hospice, and its team of doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, spiritual counselors, social workers, certified nursing assistants, bereavement counselors, and volunteers who work with patients and their families to provide quality end-of-life care in homes, extended care facilities, and at Casey House, their acute care facility. For more information, visit www.montgomeryhospice.org.

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Sunday, March 21 – Saturday, March 27, 2021
For all upcoming events, visit www.stjanedechantal.org, click on "Complete Parish Calendar."

PARISH CALENDAR

C = Church ♦ CH = Caulfield Hall ♦ CGS = Gathering Space ♦ CLL = Church Lower Lobby
CRH = Christopher Hall ♦ SMR = Scanlan Meeting Room ♦ DCR = De Chantal Room
MR = Music Room ♦ NMR = Nalls Meeting Room ♦ RBR = Rectory Board Room
SCH = School ♦ SC = Seton Center for Religious Education
AF = Athletic Field ♦ PG = Parish Grounds

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 am Mass C
10:00 am Mass C
12:00 pm Mass C
4:00 pm Lenten Vesper Services (A Roman Pilgrimage)..... C
5:00 pm Mass C

MONDAY, MARCH 22

8:30 am Mass C

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 am Mass C
2:00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions C
5:30 pm CCD First Grades 1-8..... SMR/CH

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

8:30 am Mass C

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

8:30 am Mass C
2:00 pm Holy Hour and Confessions C
7:00 pm Boy Scout Troup Weekly Meeting DCR/NMR

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

8:30 am Mass C
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross C

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

8:30 am Mass C
10:00 am Parish Lenten Food Drive PG/CH
3:45 pm Confessions..... C
5:00 pm Vigil Mass C

POPE FRANCIS

"And in order to explain the meaning of his death and Resurrection, Jesus uses an image and says: "unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit" (v. 24). He wants to explain that his extreme fate — that is the Cross, death and Resurrection — is an act of *fruitfulness* — *his wounds have healed us* — a fruitfulness which will bear fruit for many. He thus compares himself to a grain of wheat which, rotting in the earth, generates new life."

ANGELUS
Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 18 March 2018

READINGS Mar. 28

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Reading I
Is 50:4-7

Reading II
Phil 2:6-11

Gospel
Mk 14:1—15:47

INTENTIONS

Sun., March 21 – Sat., March 27

Sunday	8:00 am	Parishioners
	10:00 am	Immaculata Pelle/D
	12:00 pm	Col. James Murphy/D
	5:00 pm	Frances Haggerty/D
Monday	8:30 am	William Rooney/D
Tuesday	8:30 am	Alexander Nagurney/D
Wednesday	8:30 am	Joan McCue/D
Thursday	8:30 am	Nkemdilim Divinia Okolo/D
Friday	8:30 am	William Rooney/D
Saturday	8:30 am	LeLe Luu/L
	5:00 pm	Mary McAdams/D

ALTAR SERVERS

Mon., March 22 – Sun., March 28

Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am
	7:30 pm
Saturday	8:30 am
	5:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am
	10:00 am
	12:00 pm
	5:00 pm

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