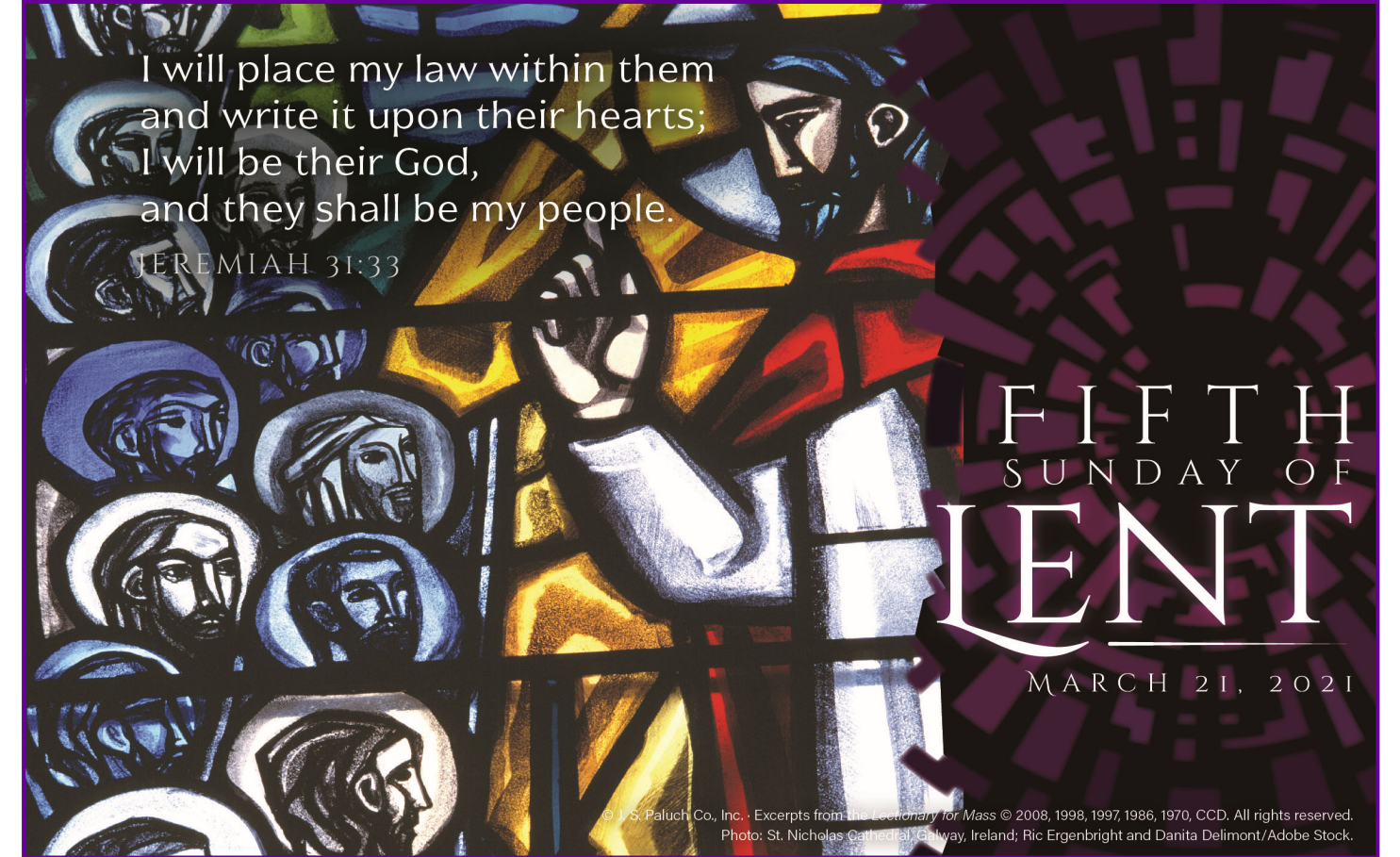




I will place my law within them
and write it upon their hearts;
I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

JEREMIAH 31:33

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2021

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Weekend Masses

- Saturday, 4:30 PM (Holy Family)
- Sunday, 8:00 AM (Saint Joseph)
- Sunday, 10:00 AM (Holy Family)

Confessions

Holy Family: Saturday, 3:30-4:20 PM, 15 minutes before weekday Mass, or by appointment
Saint Joseph: Sunday, 7:30-7:50 AM & by appointment

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office to schedule. Parents & Godparents must have completed a baptismal preparation class within 3 years prior to the baptism. Classes are scheduled the 1st Tuesday of January, April, July, and September.

Marriage

See the parish website for Wedding Guidelines and contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to desired date.

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Sponsored by the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. Visit emmauscounselingcenter.com or call (361) 212-0839 for more information or to book an appointment.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday - Closed
Tuesday thru Friday
8:00 am - noon

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



MARCH 21, 2021

*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.*

John 12:24

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words

indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be that close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:31–34; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15;
 Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

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LENT runs from Ash
 Wednesday, Feb. 17,
 until the Mass of the
 Lord's Supper
 exclusive on Holy
 Thursday, April 1.

LENTEN RICE BOWL COLLECTIONS

- Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl Collection at every weekend Mass, February 21 thru April 4.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

- Fridays, 12:00 PM and 5:00 PM at Holy Family (Mass follows 5:00 p.m. Stations)
- Fridays, 7:00 PM at Saint Joseph Mission

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, AT 6:00 P.M. - HOLY FAMILY

TREE OF LIFE MEMORIALS

Gold Leaf
 In Loving Memory of Ron Stavena

Copper Leaf
 In Loving Memory of Shirley Zahn
 By Arthur, Jr. and Donna Zahn



The Holy Family Altar Society is accepting monetary donations for Easter Flowers through April 5th. Contact the parish office or call Kay at 533-3555 for more information or to donate.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE REMINDER ~ Bring non-perishable foods and hygiene items to church each week through Easter and place in the marked Saint Vincent de Paul donation baskets!
'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Matthew 25:40



Mass Intentions for the Week

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Monday, March 22

12:00 pm, †Greg Chumchal

Tuesday, March 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo

5:30 pm, †Dolores Koenig

Wednesday, March 24

7:30 am, †Deceased Members of
Branecy Family

Thursday, March 25

The Annunciation of The Lord

7:30 am, †Viola Anders

(Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Friday, March 26

7:00 am, †James Ferguson

Noon, Stations of the Cross-HF

5:00 pm, People and Benefactors of Holy
Family Church & St Joseph Mission
(following Stations of the Cross-HF)

7:00 pm, Stations of the Cross-SJ

Saturday, March 27

4:30 pm, †Francis "Bubba" Macha

Sunday, March 28

Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord

8:00 am, (STJ) †Carol & Clarence Rychlik

10:00 am, †Tom Carlson

Masses at Holy Family unless otherwise indicated



BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Tuesday, April 6, at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Family Religious Ed. (CCD) Bldg.

Pre-registration is **REQUIRED**.

Contact Delores Kocian:

979-532-3593 or dkocian@hfwarton.org

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

March 22-28

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn
8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn
3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11;
Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-
42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn
11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
(procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-
9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mk 14:1-15:47 [15:1-39]

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

March 27: L Torres, K Kutach, A Stavena

March 28: M & C Chilek, B Feyen

IMPORTANT DATES

Mar 21: CRS Rice Bowl (Second Collection)

Mar 21: BLOOD DRIVE - Family Life Center

Mar 24: Lenten Confessions at Holy Family - 6:00 p.m.

Mar 26: Stations of the Cross (noon and 5:00 pm -HF/7:00 pm -SJ)

Mar 28: PALM SUNDAY - CRS Rice Bowl (Second Collection)

Apr 1: Holy Thursday (Collection for Education of Seminarians)

Apr 2: Good Friday (Collection for the Holy Land)

Apr 2: Parish Office Closed

Apr 3: Easter Vigil

Apr 4: EASTER SUNDAY (DSA - Second Collection)

Apr 5 - Parish Office Closed

Apr 6 - Baptism Preparation Class

Apr 6 - Fellowship Regular Meeting

Apr 11 - First Holy Communion - Holy Family

Apr 11 - SHARE (Second Collection)

Apr 13 - Knights of Columbus monthly meeting

Apr 14 - Closing Liturgy for Religious Education HF/SJ

Apr 18 - First Holy Communion - Saint Joseph Mission

Apr 18 - Saint Vincent de Paul (Second Collection)

Apr 19 - Catholic Daughters monthly meeting (FLC)

Apr 25 - Holy Family/Saint Joseph - Confirmation Mass at Holy Family

Apr 25 - Catholic Home Missions Appeal (CHMA - Second Collection)

~ LENTEN CONFESSIONS ~

Wednesday, March 24

beginning at 6:00 p.m.



FEBRUARY AVERAGE WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE

Holy Family - 157 Saint Joseph - 47



HOLY FAMILY BLOOD DRIVE TODAY!

Sunday, March 21 - Family Life Center

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome and donors receive
a free COVID antibody test!

St. Philip Catholic School registration for the
2021-22 school year is coming soon - building
individual responsibility, academic excellence, and
spiritual awareness for over 75 years! Now is the time
to inquire about enrollment for PreK3 through
8th grade! Please call 979-543-2901 for details!



OUR GIFTS TO GOD ~ February 2021

HOLY FAMILY		SAINT JOSEPH
\$12,377.00	Regular Collection	\$1,873.00
\$2,629.00	Building Fund	\$305.00
\$132.00	DSA	\$25.00
\$466.00	SHARE/SVdP	\$0.00
\$90.00	CCEE	\$0.00
\$304.00	Ash Wednesday	\$0.00
\$606.00	CRS Rice Bowl	\$153.00
\$16,604.00	TOTAL	\$2,356.00

2021 SENIORS ~ Scholarship Opportunities:

SAINT JOSEPH MISSION (for registered parishioners)

Deadline for submission is **April 2**.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #3262

Deadline for submission is **April 15**.



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, WHARTON
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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

March 27, 2021, 4:30 PM - Holy Family

March 28, 2021, 8:00 AM - Saint Joseph Mission (Boling)

March 28, 2021, 10:00 AM - Holy Family, with Commemoration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem beginning outside the Holy Family Life Center

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

(ALL TRIDUUM SERVICES ARE AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH)

April 1, 2021 - Holy Thursday of the Lord's Supper

- * Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:00 PM (Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament follows in the Day Chapel until 12:00 AM)
- * Following Mass, Holy Family Fellowship will host an Agape Meal in the Family Life Center and all are invited

April 2, 2021 - Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- * Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 2:00 PM (beginning outside with Stations of The Cross)

April 3, 2021 - Holy Saturday

- * The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night - 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

April 4, 2021, 8:00 AM, Mass at Saint Joseph Mission (Boling)

April 4, 2021, 10:00 AM, Mass at Holy Family Church

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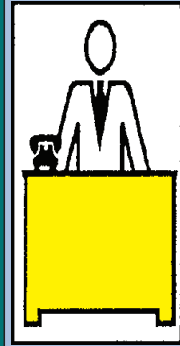
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