

March 21, 2021

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

We welcome newcomers to our church! If you would like to become a member of our parish family, please complete one of the blue registration forms, which you will find on the table near the front door of the church. You can bring the form to the office during business hours or put it into the collection basket.

Mass Intentions

3/21/21 For the People of the Parish  
3/24/21 Rt. Rev'd Milton J. Richardson  
3/25/21 David Swenson  
3/27/21 Rev. Fr. John E. McManus, C.S.B.

Week of March 14 - 20, 2021

Income \$4,724.00  
CCD \$80.00  
Second Collection \$447.00  
Easter Flowers \$50.00  
Expenses \$3,059.97

Birthday List

Norah Lewis 3/21  
Billy Spikes 3/21  
Jude Gilfillian 3/22  
Tim Romere 3/22  
Lindsay Brake 3/23  
Herman Blanchard 3/24  
Julian Brake 3/24

Stations of the Cross: every Friday in Lent at 6:00 pm

Holy Week Schedule

Holy Tuesday Mass at 8:30am (no evening Mass)  
Holy Wednesday Mass at 6pm  
Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm (no morning Mass)  
Good Friday Stations of the Cross at 12 Noon  
Good Friday Liturgy of the Passion at 6pm  
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm

This Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as Passion Sunday until the reform of the Roman Calendar in 1969. Passion Sunday has been combined with Palm Sunday since then. Nevertheless, a relic of the former Passiontide endures in the practice of veiling crucifixes and images this Sunday.



March 25 is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. "At the announcement that she would give birth to 'the Son of the Most High' without knowing man, by the power of the Holy Spirit, Mary responded with the obedience of faith, certain that 'with God nothing will be impossible': 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be [done] to me according to your word.'" (Lk.1:28-38) Thus, giving her consent to God's word, Mary becomes the mother of Jesus. Espousing the divine will for salvation wholeheartedly, without a single sin to restrain her, she gave herself entirely to the person and to the work of her Son; she did so in order to serve the mystery of redemption with him and dependent on him, by God's grace." - from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, #494

Today's mighty Gospel (John 12:20-33) strikes the upbeat for the Passion. Gentiles wish to see Jesus: his mission, which extends beyond Israel to include all "nations," is completed only in death; only from the Cross will he draw all men to himself, as the conclusion of the passage proclaims. That is why the grain of wheat must die, for there is no other way for it to bear rich fruit. Jesus says this of himself, but he also says it with great emphasis for all who "serve" him and wish to follow him. Facing this death (freighted as it is with the sins of the world) he is troubled by fear. In the anxiety of the Mount of Olives he asks whether he dare ask the Father to spare him; yet he knows that the entire Incarnation is meaningful only if he endures the "hour" and drinks the cup. Thus he says, "Father, glorify your name." (Jn.12:28a) The Father's voice confirms that the entire plan of salvation, all the way to the Cross and Resurrection, is a single "glorifying" of divine, merciful love that has triumphed over evil (the "prince of this world"). Each word of this Gospel reading is so inseparably woven into all the others that the entirety of God's salvific work comes into view in the light of the approaching Cross. - from Light of the Word, by Hans Urs von Balthasar



Ofc. William McKeon, Lequita Baldwin, Barbara Allen, JoAnne & Travis Harris, Martin Brantley, Wanda Brantley, Nancy Huckabee, Kimberly Huckabee, Daniel Begnaud, Alice Loftin, Fred Blanchette, Castro Family, Vivian Lopez, Maylee Converse, Cody Warner, Denise Tremonte, Phyllis Rhodes, Linda Brown, Sue Dickey, Sandra Dugan, Jim Kaiser, Woodrow Guidry, Dora Robinson, Annie Marino, Kelcey Converse, Jo Frances Manuel, Mary Rogan-Reeder, Joseph Reeder, Steve Morris, Karon Preiss, Roy Harmon, Ann Crain, Edward Waggoner, Donia Brown, Cece Cobb, Patsy Bobo, Aprille McLaughlin, Norman Lytle, Sami Thibodeaux, Mrs. Martha, Melanie Pickering, Janet Swearingen, Larry Britain, Angela Grisham, The Men and Women of the USS Makin Island, Sara Spikes, Leah & Natalie Spikes-King, Abril Spikes, Mathew Mull, Stan Davis, David Ready, Martha Waggoner