



# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday OF LENT

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“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.” - Jn 12:24

March 21, 2021

*We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.*

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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- SUN 3/21** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- MON 3/22** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
- TUE 3/23** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
- WED 3/24** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
- THR 3/25** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- FRI 3/26** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
- SAT 3/27** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
- SUN 3/28** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

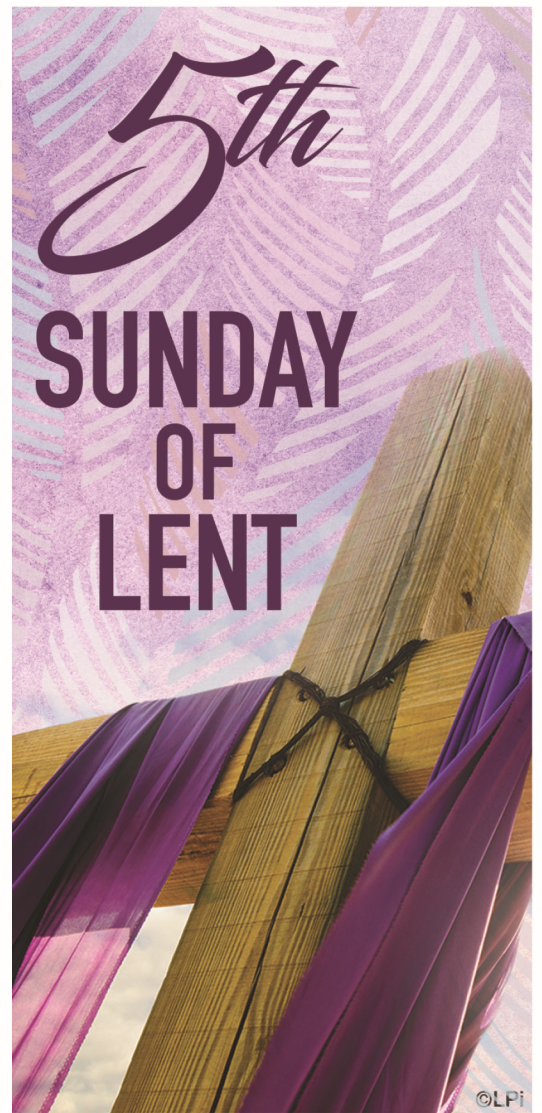
## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

- Sunday:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
- Thursday:** The Annunciation of the Lord
- Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY

### Inspiration for the week

How do we convince people that God's law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God's people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God's deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, "Father, glorify your name." By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.



*"Bloom  
where you  
are planted."*

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



# SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATIONS

## Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. | Convent Chapel

## Sunday Masses

Saturday (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday (Gospel Mass) 10:00 a.m.  
Livestreaming available on our website,  
Facebook and YouTube

Baptisms: 4th Sunday of the month except  
during Lenten Season

Weddings: Contact the rectory six months prior  
to desired wedding date

Confessions: One-half hour before Sunday Mass



*"Somebody prayed for me, had me on their mind..."*

## Saturday, March 20, 2021

For: The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Angel K. Robinson, Elodie Gabriel, Darrell Gabriel  
and Bruce Gabriel

## Sunday, March 21, 2021

For The People of the Parish

In Memory of: Harold J. Sims and Milton "Ray" White, Jr.



Please remember in your prayers: The intentions of the Holy Father and for:

Our Parish Family Sick and Shut In: Patricia Adam, Leonard Anderson, Evangeline Thompson Antoine, Marie Alexander, Joyce Anthony, Diane Austin, Nathaniel Banks, Nancy Barabino, Hazel Barnes, Barbara Blanchard, Lorraine Burke, Barbara Butler, Virginia Butler, Herman Cade, Augustine Cain, Jessie Caston, Sr., Jessie Caston, III, Joyce Coleman, Honora Curry, Lamar Davis, Souleymane Diop, Elaine Ewell, Leo Francisco, Cameron Fritz, Beverly R. Gilmore, Gilda Griffin, Wanda Haydel, Tammi Lynn Howard, Olga Jackson, Hubert Jarrow, Jr., Ruth Jerome, Anna Jones, Evelyn Johnson, Fern Kern, Ruth Kennedy, Shanna Lucien, Felicia Meyers, Arizona Moore, Germaine Nash, Thomas Phillips, Audrey Pierce, Janice Picou, Bernice Pinkney, Albert Poree, Gertrude Powell, Mildred V. Prudeaux, Joyce Randolph, Nakeisha Rhea, Scott Rivera, Kim Roby, Matilda Romero, Janice Sawyer, Lula Mae Schexnayder, Carrie M. Shedd, Scott Schryver, Jane Silva, Angela Simon, Enjoli Sims, Kaila Sims, Kira Sims, Geraldine Small, Alma M. Smith, Bill Starr, Marquerite Stepter, Glenda Stewart, Annie Stoot, Eugene Stoot, Diane Sims Tillman, George Tillman, Mildred Tillman, Perry Tillman, III, Sherman Todd, Betty Williams, Jace Williams, Nedra Wicker and Mandi Young

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Do I believe I have the One who is  
the resurrection and the life within  
me? How does this motivate me to  
live my life in a new way?

## Prayer Line

508.924.5792

Noon Prayer

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Bible Study

Thursdays | 6:00 p.m.

Rosary

First Monday of Month | 6:00 p.m.

# Parish News!

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- **CONFESSION:** Confessions will be heard on last two Wednesdays in Lent - March 17 and 24 from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm.
- **HOLY HOUR:** Wednesday, March 24th, beginning at 5:00 pm, every parish in the Archdiocese will have Holy Hour, which will include Exposition, Adoration and Reconciliation. Because the same Jesus we worship in the Blessed Sacrament is present in the poor, we are connecting this evening to a food drive throughout March to help our neighbors in need. We are partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank to collect your donations throughout the rest of this month. Please bring your non-perishable food items to the church throughout this month and place them in the marked boxes located in the rear of the church or give them to an Usher to reverently display in front of the altar. Come join us for a special evening of worship.
- **CONGRATULATIONS!!!!** Aaliyah Gaines who was selected and honored as Altar Server of the Year from our Parish. She celebrated with other servers throughout the Diocese in a service held last week at St. Rita and celebrated by Archbishop Aymond. Thank you for your service to our Parish and we pray that she continues to grow in service to God's people.
- **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN:** We have been asked to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign, which is sponsored by the Woman's New Life Clinic. You may place coins, cash or checks in the bottle. Please, return all Baby Bottles and your donation to the Church by March 21st. Point of Contact: Johnnie Tillman 504.432.6189
- **ADORATION:** As we celebrate the Year of the Eucharist, please join us in the edifice or on livestream for Adoration on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 beginning this Wednesday, March 10 through November 10.
- **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Join us on each Friday of Lent at 6:00 pm in the edifice or livestream. Mass will follow.
- **NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH:** As we celebrate the Year of St. Joseph, please consider praying the 30 days Novena to St. Joseph. Our faith community will recite the novena during the month of March. Prayer link [2019-30-Days-PrayerPamphlet\\_V4.pdf \(josephites.org\)](#); hardcopy attached to email.



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## Parish Fundraiser

- **DOUBLE GOOD POPCORN FUNDRAISER:** Our Parish Fundraiser has profited \$10,056 to date!!! There's still time to GIVE! Those interested in making a direct donation, without receiving popcorn, may do so online or by dropping/mailling donation to the Rectory. Thanks again to all who supported by selling and purchasing popcorn.

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