

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

"Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God." - Jn. 3:21

### March 14, 2021

#### Parish Mission Statement

**A welcoming and joyful community committed to making disciples, by igniting and strengthening faith in Christ, and the celebration of Gods grace.**

### March

#### DAILY MASS

Monday - Friday 7:30 am  
 Confession before Daily Mass 7:00 am - 7:30 am

#### WEEKEND MASS

Saturday - Attend/Livestream 4:00 pm  
 Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00,am ,11:00 am

Attend And Livestream @ the 11am

#### RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:00 am  
 Lenten Fridays 4:00 pm  
 Saturday -Church 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm

#### RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Friday 7:00 am

#### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm  
 Fridays 8:30 pm - 12:00 pm

#### PASTORAL STAFF

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR, Fr. Bing Colasito  
 DEACON, John Mezydlo

#### PARISH STAFF

Office Administrator, Alicia Gonzales	Ext. 104
Accountant, Nancy Edgell	Ext. 107
Pastors Assistant, Cheyanne Bosn	Ext. 100
Discipleship Coor., Dcn John Mezydlo	Ext. 101
RE Assistant, Rita Quihuis	Ext. 102
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#### WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

#### RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

#### ADORATION

Thursday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

**Readings for the week of  
March 14, 2021**

**Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Mass Intentions**



**Sunday, March 14, 2021**

- 7:00 am All Parishioners
- 9:00 am The Kuhle Family-Thanksgiving
- 9:00 am Alexandra Placencia-Kim –Healing-GSM
- 11:00 am Don & Joan Chludzinski-Thanksgiving

**Monday, March 15, 2021**

- 7:30 am +Brad Tobias

**Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

- 7:30 am +Deceased members of Iovanelle Family

**Wednesday, March 17, 2021**

- 7:30 am +Helen Grady

**Thursday, March 18, 2021**

- 7:30 am +Jose Guadalupe Fernandez

**Friday, March 19, 2021**

- 7:30 am +Edward and Jenny Kennedy

**Saturday, March 20, 2021**

- 4:00 pm +Barb McLeod

**February 20th and February 21st**

**ST. ROSE: \$14,691.00**  
(includes online giving of \$9,276.00)

**GOOD SHEPHERD: \$1,278.00**  
(includes online giving of 442.00)

**TOTAL PARISH GIVING: \$15,969.00**  
(includes online giving of \$9,718.00)

**Mortgage Retirement Contributions: \$4,307.00**  
(includes online giving of \$1,372.00)



# Pastors Corner

## 5th Sunday of Lent: **The Grain of Wheat** [Jn 12:20-33](#)

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel reveals to us the things that will happen to Jesus. It does not give us all the details, but Jesus nears the fulfillment of His mission. He speaks about the whole Paschal Mystery in the image of the “grain of wheat that dies to produce much fruit.” Jesus introduces this image after some Greeks approach His disciples searching to deepen their spiritual life.

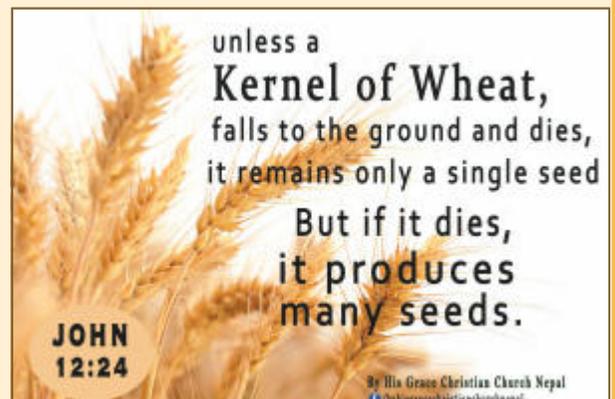
The expression *would like to see Jesus*, is not just being curious about the Lord. They want to meet Him, get to know Him, and hopefully follow Him to be His disciples. The Greeks are expressing a deep longing that is in every heart of those who have known Him. All of us want to see the face of Jesus and get to know Him more intimately. Like the experience of Peter, James, and John at Mt. Tabor, we want to stay with Him as long as possible. We want to know the fullness of life through Him, with Him, and in Him.

Jesus in the Gospel shows us the way. He is the Way. The cost of discipleship is not cheap, but costly demands total commitment of life. He uses the *grain of wheat* analogy to refer to His sacrifice, that He needs to die so that many will have life in Him. A way of dying, this sacrifice for new life applies not only to Himself but to all who wish to be His disciples. He continues with this thought with this paradoxical statement: *The man who loves his life loses it, while the man who hates his life in this world preserves it to life eternal*. Jesus invites all His disciples to a decision: to choose life in Christ above everything else. And producing much fruit by making this decision means the eternal life that Jesus promises.

Sowing is an act of faith and hope. It takes time for the seed to germinate, sprout, and eventually grow. It is just like following the Lord. Disciples do not go from being a seed to fruit immediately. Often, there is a period where we do not see any growth at all, but it doesn't mean that it is not growing. Everything happens in God's own time and in His way. Jesus, on several occasions, speaks about His “hour.” The hour is the time the plan of God is fulfilled in Jesus at the appointed time. God the Father is in control, those who wish to be His disciple should learn how to live according to His timing, in His own time. Just like in the Liturgical Calendar, Advent the expectant waiting for the birth of the Messiah. Lent is the forty days of preparation and purification for the great Paschal Mystery, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Jeremiah gives us a light of the Paschal Mystery in the promise of the New Covenant. Most Covenant Laws construed as coming from outside, even the Law of Love, people accept it as a burden rather than a gift. That is why God plants the new Law in man's heart. God promises that the New Law will not be a burden like the previous one. The New Law is not carved in stone or written in parchment, but placed within us: *I will place My Law within them, and write it upon their hearts*.

Disciples long for the Paschal Mystery not because they have to or because they have a deep love for the act of dying. But because the Lord has given them a new heart. This heart moves a disciple to love Him and join Him in the authentic way of love, by way of His cross and resurrection.



**EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -**

Awake, O Sleeper! This morning came a little earlier than I would have liked — Daylight Savings Time always does. Sometimes that morning sunlight seems more intrusive than illuminating. You're still half-lost in sleep, and that sun is demanding of you a lot more than you're ready to give.

I've said it, and I'm sure you've said it, too. "Just five more minutes." You hit the "snooze" button on your iPhone once (maybe twice? Show of hands?) and turn away from the window.

So many kings of the Old Testament were steadfast in their sleepy ways, rejecting the light their God tried to share with them. Likewise, John tells us that, though Light — Christ — was sent into the world, the world preferred darkness.

Sometimes it seems, when reading through Scripture, that all throughout salvation history, God has been trying to pull back the curtains, to rouse us from our defiant slumber. And we resist Him. Time and time again, we resist Him.

Light brings a certain responsibility with it. It seems to compel productivity. Furthermore, there's no hiding in the light. Any photographer worth his salt knows how to manipulate it, highlighting the good and casting some merciful shade on the bad.

As we enter into the fourth week of Lent, we're getting so close to the main event. Can we handle the light that will come on Easter morning, bursting into the tomb as the stone is rolled away? Can we keep ourselves from

hitting the "snooze" button on our souls, and sit up to face the dawn of a new day?



**St. Rose Online Auction**

**We are still in need of items.**

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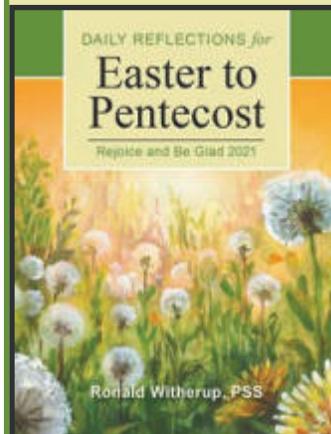


**The Auction will run the entire month of April, 2021**

**Easter Books**

Easter To Pentecost books are now available. They will be offered in the Vestibule after Masses and at Good Shepherd Mission.

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**Why Wear a Roman Collar?**



**Question:**

Why do priests wear a Roman collar?

**Answer:**

The practice of priests wearing the Roman collar developed in the mid-nineteenth century as an alternative to wearing the cassock which in some places was seen as impractical or which was even outlawed by anti-Catholic legislation. Since its introduction, it has taken different forms, and if you visit different countries today, you will see variation in what priests wear.

The Code of Canon Law simply observes that priests wear “suitable ecclesiastical garb” according to the judgments of the national bishops conferences and local custom (no. 284). The US Bishops have instructed that outside of liturgical functions, a “black suit and Roman collar are the usual formal attire for priests. The use of the cassock is at the discretion of the cleric.” Priests who are members of religious communities are to follow the rules of their institute regarding the habit or other approved clothing.

In the end, whether a priest wears the Roman collar, a religious habit, or, as is the case in many European countries, a suit and tie (to distinguish them from Protestant clergy who wear a collar) the goal of their clerical clothing is to serve as a sign of their commitment to guide and to serve, and to also allow them to be truly public figures because they are ordained for the service of all.



**We have Small Christian Communities**, located throughout our parish neighborhoods, that gather for faith sharing and fellowship. **All are welcomed.** If you're not already part of a community, contact the office.

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**Catholic Education will be visiting St. Rose on March 21st. They will be outside after Masses.**

***Easter Flower Memorials***

A beautiful way to remember loved ones in all our Easter Masses.

Names will be inscribed and placed in a basket placed at the foot of the altar, inviting the prayers of our people, and the intercession of the Communion of Saints for those being remembered.

Name(s) of person(s) to be memorialized:

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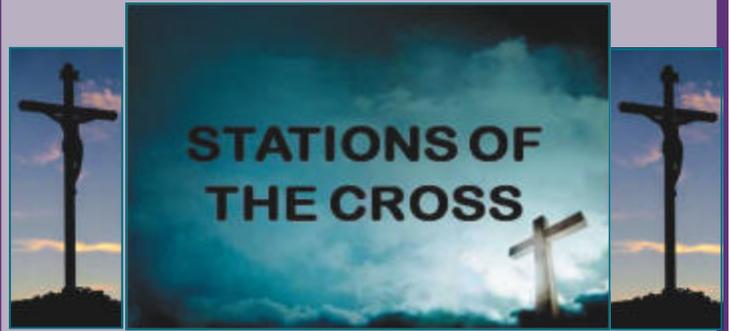
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**STATIONS of the CROSS**  
Friday's at 6:00pm

March 19 – Knights of Columbus  
March 26– Pastoral Council

**Stations of the Cross at GSM**  
Every Friday Feb. 26 - Mar. 26 @ 6pm



**Good Friday Collection**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide to Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, and unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the church in the Holy Land. Please consider to give.

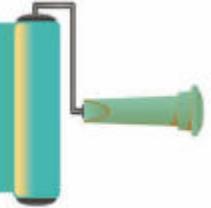


**Easter Tridium**

**Holy Thursday 7:00 pm**  
**Good Friday 7:00 pm**  
**Holy Saturday 7:30 pm**



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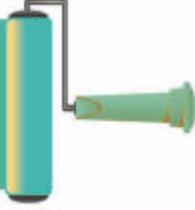
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