

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. 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 12:23-24

FROM THE PASTOR

5th Sunday of Lent: *The Grain of Wheat* Jn 12:20-33

As we approach Holy Week, the Gospel reveals 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 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 to see Him and listen to His wisdom. - The expression would like to see Jesus, is more than being curious about the Lord. They want to meet, get to know, and hopefully follow Him to be His disciples. The Greeks are expressing a deep longing found 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. And hopefully, 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.

Jesus in the Gospel shows us the way. He is the Way. The cost of discipleship is not cheap but costly and demands total commitment. He uses the *grain of wheat* analogy to refer to His sacrifice. The Son of Man must die so we will have life in Him. A way of dying, a sacrifice to bring new life, applies to Jesus and all who wish to be His disciples. In truth, we all still have a lot of dying to do... He continues 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.* He invites His disciples to a decision: to choose life in Him above everything else.

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-bearing immediately. Often, there is a period where we do not see any growth, but it doesn't mean there is no growth. Everything happens in God's own time and in His way. Jesus, on several occasions, speaks about His "hour." The hour God fulfills His plan in Jesus at the appointed time.

God the Father is in control; those who wish to be His disciples should learn how to live according to His timing, in His own time. Just like in the Liturgical Calendar, Advent is 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.

In the first reading, Jeremiah gives us a light of the Paschal Mystery in the promise of the New Covenant. But people misconstrued their Covenant with God as foreign from the outside, that even His Law of Love became a burden rather than a gift. That is why God plants the new Law in man's heart and promises that the New Law will not be a burden like the previous one. The New Law is not carved in stones or written in parchment but planted within our hearts: *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, the way of His cross and resurrection.

Ultimately, the Lord challenges us to graduate from loving to losing our lives, from being masters to becoming

servants. Aim not to be successful in the eyes of the world; but in the eyes of God. Or work for the eyes of God only, seeking to be a blessing rather than to gain a blessing for ourselves. Help us Lord to graduate from our selfish life to a meaningful and free life.



This Week

Sunday March 17, 2024
YM Easter Candy Sales
KofC Fish Fry Ticket Sales
YM Corned beef Pick up After 4pm Mass

9:00 am RE Grades 1,2,3,4

• 11:00 am RCIA

• 12:00 pm Catholic Daughters Meeting

Monday, March 18, 2024

• 6:00 pm Lenten Penance Service

• 7:00 pm Troop 432

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

8:30 am Adult Bible Study

• 4:30 pm RCIC/T

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

8:30 am SVDP Conference

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet &

OLPH Novena

• 4:00 pm RE Grades 1,2,3,5

• 6:00 pm Womens Book Club

Thursday, March 21, 2024

• 5:00 pm La Pieta Prayer Group

Friday, March 22, 2024

5:30 am Men's Ministry

8:00 am Adoration

• 5:00 pm KOC Fish Fry

• 5:30 pm Mass

• 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross—STR



DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am Monday, Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12:15 pm Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 4:00 pm

Sunday 7:00 am, 9:00 am,

11:00 am, 4:00 pm

RECONCILIATION

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 7:25 am Wednesday 5:15 pm - 5:45 pm Saturday 2:45 pm - 3:45 pm

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Monday - Saturday 7:00 am **Sunday** 6:30 am, 8:30 am, **1**0:30 am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for Lunch 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

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MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

WEEKEND MASS

Sunday 9:00 am

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Sunday 8:30 am

This Week's Worship Aide You can now download Sunday Worship Aides to have on your cell phone. Just scan the Square!



RCIA/C/T Updates

Please join the Catechumen and Candidates in support of the final steps of their journey of initiation into the Catholic faith as we celebrate the Scrutinies consecutively on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent @ the 11:00am mass.

We also invite you to the "Presentation of the Creed" and the "Presentation of the "Our Father" mass on Wed., March 6th and Wed., March 20th @ 6:00pm.

Children's Ministry Upcoming Events

March classes: 3/3 & 6 | 3/17 & 20 | 3/24 & 27

April classes: 4/7 & 10 | 4/14 & 17 | 4/21 & 24

RECONCILIATION RETREAT INFORMATION

Required STUDENT & PARENT Retreat - NO MAKE-UP

Saturday, April 20th @ 9:00am

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION
Saturday, April 4th @ 8:30am

CONFIRMATION/1ST EUCHARIST RETREAT INFORMATION

Required STUDENT & PARENT Retreat - NO MAKE-UP Saturday, April 27th @ 9:00am

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST REHEARSAL

Fri., May 17th @ 5:00pm Sponsor should be present

CONFIRMATION/FIRST EUCHARIST MASS

Sat., May 18th @ 10:00am



Chaplet Divine Mercy Novena

Novena Starts March 29th on **Good Friday**

Begin praying the Novena at home on the First three days

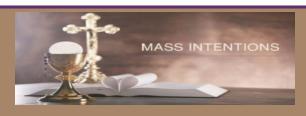
Starting April 1st, the Novena will be said after the Rosarv at the Daily morning Mass

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th Adoration after 11:00 am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer will be held at the Spirituality Center at 2:30 pm







Sunday, March 17th

7:00 am All Parishioners 9:00 am † Mary Serovich 9:00 am G † William E. Waldron 11:00 am Enzo Hunn (Thanksgiving) 4:00 pm † Alicia Hanner

Monday, March 18th

7:30 am † Carol May 12:15 pm † Jim De Donato

Tuesday, March 19th

7:30 am † Hilda B. Williams 12:15 pm † Dennis Davisson

Wednesday, March 20th

7:30 am † Deceased Members Daley Family 6:00 pm † Gloria and Luis Domingo

Thursday, March 21st

7:30 am †Bernard Zapp 12:15 pm †Carol Ryan

Friday, March 22nd

7:30 am † Kathryn Hobbes 5:30 pm † Carol Ryan

Saturday, March 23rd

7:30 am † Lourdes & Benjamin 4:00 pm † Celine Claire Von Raesfeld





Holy Thursday 6:00 pm Good Friday 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) 7:30 pm

EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

EASTER VIGIL 8:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 AM 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION 9:00 AM



Join us for Stations of the cross

Friday's at 6:00pm at St Rose

March 22nd - Youth Ministry

Stations of the Cross at GSM

Every Friday Feb. 16 - Mar. 22 @ 7pm

Thank you for those Ministries that are participating in the Stations this Lenten season.

Lenten Penance Service Monday, March 18, 2024 6:00 pm SEVERAL PRIEST WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HEAR CONFESSIONS

Adoration Chapel at St Rose will close at noon on Thursdays of Lent for church cleaning.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the main altar every Friday of Lent. Please come spend some time with our Lord.

The schedule is as follows:

- 7:30 am Mass
- 8:00 am Adoration
- 5:30 pm Mass
- 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross—STR



Easter Flower Memorials

A beautiful way to remember loved ones in all l 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 I remembered.

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

Name of person requesting the memorial:

Phone:

Donation to Easter Flower Memorial Fund:

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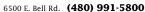
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