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FIFTH SUNDAY OF

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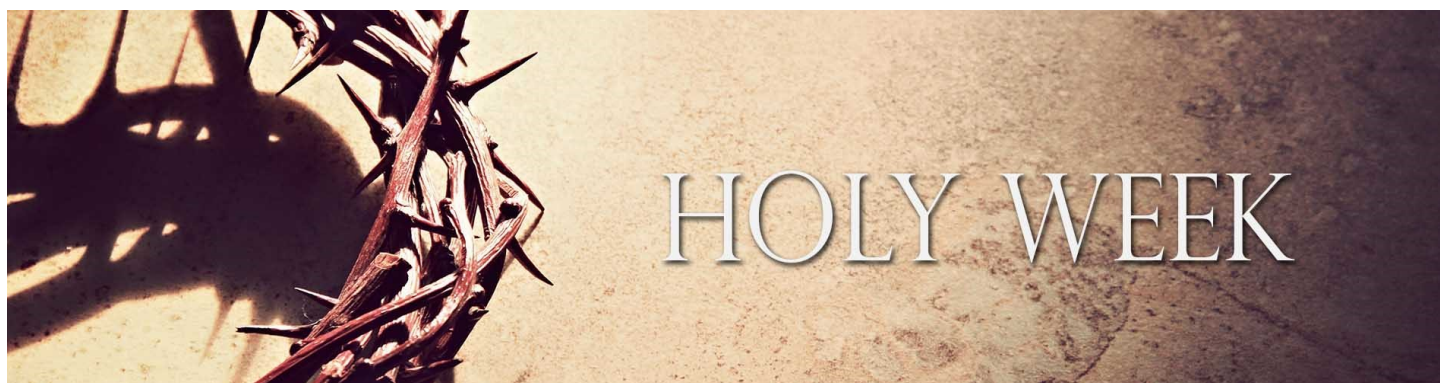


Throughout Lent on Fridays – Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM in the upper Church.
This will coincide with regularly scheduled confessions.

After the Stations of the Cross, Adoration till 8:00 PM.

No Stations on and Good Friday.

To sign-up for the Stations of the Cross please use the Adoration link on our homepage.



The Liturgical Order for Holy Week:

Palm Sunday	March 27 & 28, Saturday Mass 4:30pm, Sunday Masses 8:00am & 10:30am
Holy Thursday	April 1, Morning Prayer Service 8:00am & Mass 7:00pm
Good Friday	April 2, Morning Prayer 8:00am Good Friday Service 3:00pm
Holy Saturday	April 3, Morning Prayer 8:00am, Blessing of the Easter Baskets 1:00pm (upper church)
Easter Vigil	April 3, Easter Vigil Mass 7:00pm
Easter Sunday	April 4, Easter Mass 8:00am & 10:30am

CONTINUING THE EASTER TRADITION

Easter this year will be extra special for us. We encourage you to share in the preparation for our celebration of the holiest days of our faith. You can assist by donations towards the Easter flowers that will decorate our beautiful sanctuary and/or towards the glorious Easter music to praise our Risen Savior. The person(s) names that have been remembered will be in a framed placed near the Resurrection Altar

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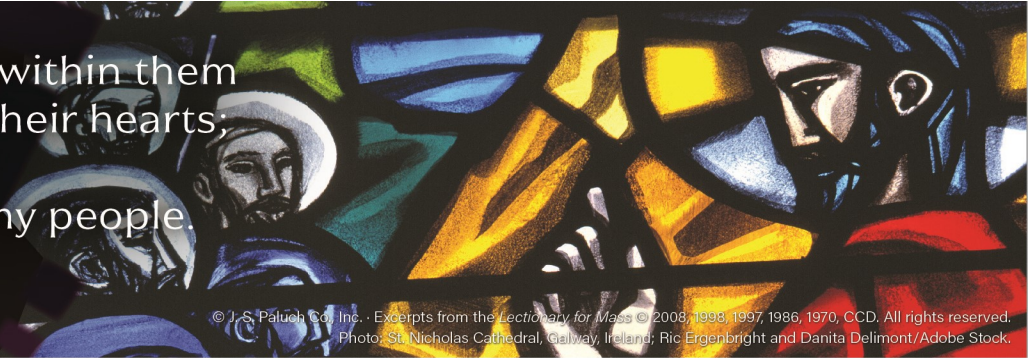
Fifth Sunday of Lent Father, Forgive Them

The promise made by the LORD in the first reading is very bold. He says that all people shall know him, without having to be taught by others. He doesn't restrict the promise to only the holiest people: He says that the way people will know Him is through forgiveness of their sins. Remember, he is speaking to the Israelites, who had so many laws and commandments, they needed scribes and Pharisees to keep track of them. When they broke a commandment or law, they were isolated from the community. So the promise that God would place his law in their hearts meant they would be free to do God's will because they want to, not because they were feared punishment or rejection. Jesus says something similar in today's gospel. He tells the disciples that his crucifixion would draw everyone to him. Now, Jesus' death showed that he took on the punishment for sins in place of us, who deserve it. In Luke's gospel he even prays for those who crucified him, asking God's forgiveness. (Lk 23:34) By dying on the cross, Jesus shows how much God loves us. By rising from the dead, he shows that we can rise from sin to a new life of faith and love.

Getting back to the first reading, we experience that promise when we bring our sins to God. When we forgive people who have hurt us, we also help them to experience that love. After all, if I can forgive someone, surely God will forgive them. We also help others to know God when we share or experience of being forgiven. Still not sure if God has forgiven you? The sacrament of Reconciliation gives us the assurance of God's forgiveness, as well as the experience. Along with the other sacraments, it helps us keep God's love in our hearts.

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



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THROUGH SUFFERING

The prophet Jeremiah, in today's first reading, is looking beyond the often-messy history of Israel and Judah to a time when the people will no longer be disobedient to God, because God's law will be "written on their hearts"—that is, their natural inclinations and desires will be oriented toward God's will. The psalmist gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." According to Saint Paul, the earthly Jesus, "son though he was," like his ethnic ancestors, he "learned obedience from what he suffered." The Gospel reading is part of Jesus' discourses not long before the Last Supper. Instead of a social encounter with Philip's friends who had come to see him, Jesus is grappling with his approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world.

JEREMIAH: LOOKING BEYOND EXILE AND SUFFERING

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

Jeremiah 31:31–34
Psalm 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15
Hebrews 5:7–9
John 12:20–33

FIFTH
SUNDAY OF
MARCH 21, 2021

Guide to Holy Week



Palm Sunday

Sunday before Easter. Celebration of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Observed with palm branches, parades, and celebration.



Maunder Thursday

Thursday before Easter. Commemorates the Last Supper. Often observed with foot washing, stripping of the altar, and overnight prayer vigil to keep watch with Jesus in the garden.



Good Friday

Friday before Easter. Most solemn day of the church year. Observes the day Jesus was crucified. Observed by praying the Stations of the Cross and three hours of silent prayer while Jesus was on the cross.



Holy Saturday

Saturday before Easter. Observes the day Jesus was in the tomb. This is a day of somber reflection, reflecting on what we'd miss in a world without Jesus.



Easter Sunday

Hallelujah! Christ has risen! This day we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Sing hallelujahs and celebrate with great joy.

This is the 5th Sunday of Lent. During the week we remember St. Turibius of Mogrovejo and the Annunciation of the Lord.

REP has an in-person class on March 24th at 6 p.m. Please continue studies with your children at home when we are not in class.



Please continue to fast, repent and renew as Lent is nearly over. Take the time to do good, forgive and start anew.

It is my hope that families will come to services for Holy Week. It is a special time and we will be offering opportunities to be together in church. Please look at the Banner for details and you must register to attend the services as well as Easter.

REP will meet in April on the 14th and 21st. Please make sure you mark your calendars. Our last class will be on May 5th at 6 p.m. We will not hold registration for the 2021-22 year due to our closing. Letters will be sent home explaining the next steps to parents.

First Communion practice is April 27th at 7 p.m. in the upper church. All students and at least one parent must register for the practice. Please call the REP office to register. Also, please pray for our 2021 First Communion class.

In Closing.....Spring is in the air! Just seeing more sunshine and getting outdoors makes for a better day. We have all been cooped up too long and between Covid and winter we have had enough. We spent my grand-daughter's 4th birthday out on the lawn drinking hot chocolate!

The signs of spring are in the early morning birds that sing, the bunnies that are out hopping around, and the buds that are beginning to appear on trees and bushes! Children are outdoors more, the parks are open and anticipation of warmer days is certainly in the air.

My hope is to get the grotto in shape for the summer, but unfortunately, not knowing the future of the space, we will not take any more orders for bricks. Thank you to everyone who has so generously contributed.

Have a good week looking for the positive in situations, enjoying the moments, and try to always look for something new to do. Television, computers, and games will always be there, but get up, get out, and be adventurous with your family and friends. God is good, so thank Him for the opportunities.

M.B. Frystak
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OUR LADY OF VICTORY - MASS INTENTIONS



SATURDAY - March 20

4:30pm † Jim McNamara *req. by Mary McNamara*

SUNDAY - March 21

8:00am † William Daly Jr. *req. by OLV Parish Family*

10:30am † Ed Schoewe *req. by The Pat Levar Family*

MONDAY - March 22

8:00am † Patrick Ryan *req. by Heinrich Family*

TUESDAY - March 23

8:00am Open Intention

WEDNESDAY - March 24

Open Intention

THURSDAY - March 25

8:00am † Erlinda Villaruz *req. by Family*

FRIDAY - March 26

Open Intention

SATURDAY - March 27

4:30pm Timothy Lynch & Julio Perez *req. by Ann Lynch*

SUNDAY - March 28

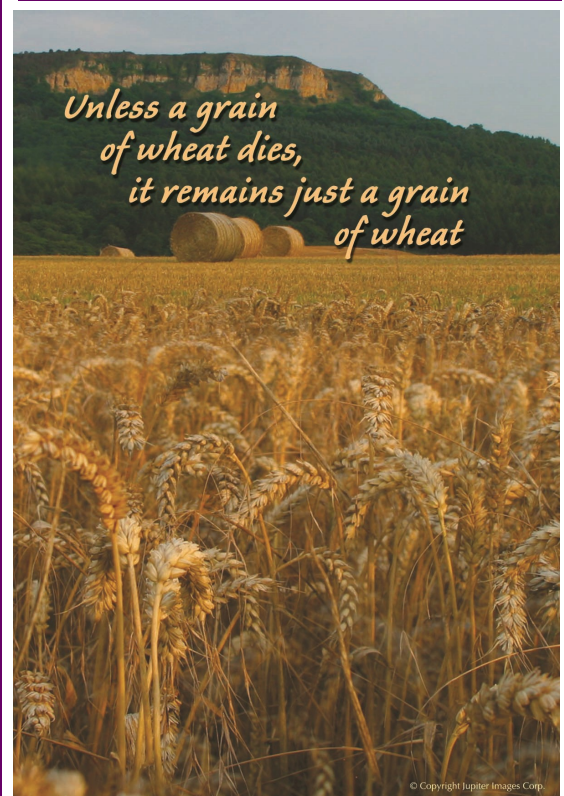
8:00am † Wally Bilyeu *req. by CCW*

10:30am † Helen Jingelski *req. by The Frystak Family*

† Berta Baldocchi *req. by Family*

Mass Time	Lector
March 27 4:30pm	Pat O'Brien
March 28 8:00am	MaryJo Rice
March 28 10:30am	Annette Baase

Offer the gift of Holy Mass
for your loved ones.
Mass intentions can
be requested by calling our office.



Early Bulletin Submissions

Please note that during a holiday time,
our publisher has early bulletins
submissions deadlines.
For April 4th bulletin, the deadline is
on Monday, March 22nd. Thank you.

Our Current Schedule:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

8 AM Mass

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday

7PM - 8PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael without presence of faithful.

Friday

7PM - 8PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Mass celebrated by Fr. Michael without presence of faithful.

Saturday

3 PM – 4 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation

4:30PM Vigil Mass

Sunday

8 AM Mass

10:30 AM Mass



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**Mass reservation can be done by calling (312) 880-7790
or visiting our webpage at www.ourladyofvictory.info**

2021 Annual Catholic Appeal

Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection.

It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world," was selected because as disciples of Jesus, we follow the Master who both gives us hope and sends us to bring his hope to our world that needs it so much. Each pledge makes a difference! All parishes communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com



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PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Please pray for all the Sick, Shut-ins, and the
Convalescents of the Parish,
our relatives and friends, especially:**

George Alex, Judy Allen, Phil Anselmini, William Avorywoskie, Pamela Banks, Ted Bauer, Cathy Behof, Virginia Bentley, Paul Bilyeu, James Booth, Jessica Butler, Chuck Conn, Sue Crimmins, Patricia Dineen, Dawn Donovan, Charles Farley, Ed Galus, Mark Goldman, Rose Groya, Nancy Hartline, Laura Hartman, Catherine Henehan, Walter Hoendervoogt, Robert Johnson, Tom Johnson, Eleanor Jura, Ann Kaleneasa, Edward Kocal, Eleanor Kost, Patricia Leck, Patrick & Nora Lynch, Paul Masciopinto, Nan Nash, Diane Ockerlund, Judy Ordonez, Roberta Paulson, Elaine Pettersen, Carol Piorek, Louis Rangel, Leonard Rizzo, Elsie Robello, Gertrude Rollinson, Michael Rowland, Carmele Sarno, Barbara Schuler, Gloria Sedlacek, Richard Sieracki, Norb Sliwa, John & Ann Sobun, Rita Stahl, Katherine Snow, Rosetta Taylor, Joe Thomas, Ed Watkowski, Barbara White, Theresa Zavacki.

Please remember in your prayers all the faithful departed family and friends of Our Lady of Victory, especially for Patricia DiPrizio, William Daly Jr., Debbi Schiavo, John Jakubosky, Edward Schoewe, Bill Hackett, Walter Bilyeu, Anna Chodkowska, Katherine Laxner, and Elizabeth Ahern who have recently passed during the time we have been unable to celebrate as in the past, may they rest in peace.



VIGIL LIGHTS

FOR THE LIVING

Michelle Albanese, Leilani Anderson, Ed Belsan, Mary Berens, Nick Buccola, Audrey Butler, Mary Campanolo, Jocelyn V. M. Chan, George S. Domaszek, Mary Ann M. Domaszek, Martha Francico, Elyse Harwick, Michael Hassett, Claudia & Bill Heiberger, Bob Jones, Vicki Kost, Cecelia LaPorta, Josephine Lentino, Patricia Natale, Ostling Family, Gloria Paglini, Richard Palasik, Helen Pobat, Paul E. Posch, Stacy Posch, Ann Marie Posch, Ediwn & Natalie Radwanski, Jake Reed, Janet Santicola, Diane Schick, Michelle Schmidt, Gertrude Skiba, Skowronski Family, Josephine Sproch, Mary Tomczak, Jim Warner, Special Intention, Halina, Andrzej, Victoria.



FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

Marie & Carmen Ambroggio, Adele Anselmini, John & Ann Anselmini, Gloria Austria, Nicholas & Muriel Buccola, Charles & Carmela Buccola, Rose & Placio Buccola, Michael & Robert Buccola, Audrey Butler, Joseph & Anna Catanzaro, Carol Conn, Rosemary Colby, Gerald Crowley, Ellen C. DePouw, Leo Dineen, George P. & Cecelia V. Domaszek, Jaime Figueroa, Bill Hackett, Paul Jassicki, Wanda Jones, Theresa Juda, Gayle Small-Kopera, Herbert Kost, Wayne Larsen, Dolores Levar, Marie & Mikie Lomascolo, Helen Mueller, Gregory Paglini, Alex Pobat, Paul L. & Anne Posch, Lillian Rymko, Skowronski Family, George Sproch, Ron Szatkowski, Martha Todd, Henry & Agnes Tush, Frances & Ignatius Wycislo, Nicolina & Edwin J. Wycislo, Bob Zavacki, Special Intention for the Souls in Purgatory.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

03/15/20 03/14/21

Stewardship (*no info-covid shutdown*).....\$ 6,910
 Loose.....\$ 132
 Total\$ 7,042
 Envelopes Used.....100
 Mass Attendance.....not given
The weekly figures above do not include electronic giving.
 Electronic giving for February 2021\$ 2,922

Thank you for your generosity!

Please remember our lady of victory in your will.

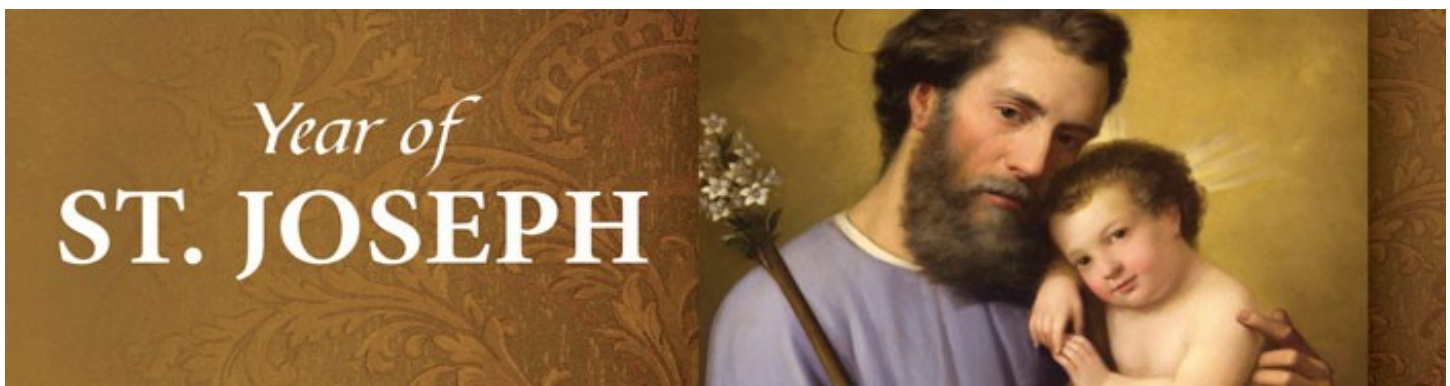




Parish Goal:\$645,000
 Total Pledged:.....\$694,803
 Percent of Goal:.....108%
 Total collected through 02/15\$481,169
 Parish portion collected:.....\$288,702
 Arch. portion collected:.....\$192,467

Pope Francis' Prayer to St. Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
 To you God entrusted his only Son;
 in you Mary placed her trust;
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
 show yourself a father
 and guide us in the path of life.
 Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.



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4:30pm

Sunday Masses

8:00am

10:30am

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Morning Mass

8:00am

Holy Day Masses

As Announced

Eucharistic Adoration:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 8:30am – 9:00am

Wednesday, Friday - 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Rosary

Thursday after the 8:00am Mass

All Fridays in Lent:

Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS*

M -F 9:00am-4:00pm

closed for lunch 12:00-1:00pm

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Friday 7:00pm – 8:00pm, and Saturday 3:00pm – 4:00pm

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Call the Rectory at 773-286-2950 for more information.

Sacrament of Marriage

Contact must be made with one of the priests at least 6 months in advance.

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Ministry of Care

is available to bring Communion to the homebound, to visit and pray for those hospitalized, and to arrange for the Anointing of the Sick.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**R.E.P. Religious Education Program** for grade school children is held on Wednesday 6:00-7:30pm.**R.C.I.A. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** - Religious Instruction and Formation for adults preparing to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.**OLV for Me** is a program for 3-5-year olds. The classes meet in the school during the 10:30am Mass on Sunday mornings from September thru May. Registration forms are available in the rectory and the REP office. For more information on this or any of the other religious education programs, please contact Mary Beth Frystak at 773-283-2229 ext.29.**SPRED** provides faith information and inclusion for children and adults with developmental disabilities or learning problems. For information call the rectory at 773-286-2950.**The Society of St. Vincent DePaul**

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