

## March 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Stewardship is a Way of Life. Tithing is God's Plan for Giving:

Tithing income for the week of March 17, 2021 and  
March 14, 2021: Not available

Mass Attendance for March 13, 2021 28  
Mass Attendance for March 14, 2020 84

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY  
READINGS

**HIS WORD TODAY** by Rev. William J. Reilly  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 21, 2021



“So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, ‘Father I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.’ And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, ‘Lazarus come out.’”

The bond of Jesus and the family of Martha, Mary and Lazarus was special. The sisters offered the gift of friendship, hospitality, with an eagerness to listen to Jesus. The death of their brother prompted Jesus' visit and tears. Jesus restored his friend's life.

The same miracle of Jesus takes place when we seek His forgiveness, express our own sorrow and are willing to forgive others. Forgiveness is a great power we all possess, but sometimes are slow or hesitate to use it. As with Lazarus, forgiveness produces new life in us and for others. As we continue our Lenten journey may I ask for forgiveness and be ready to forgive someone else.

#### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

#### **Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9**

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

#### **Gospel: John 12:20-33**

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

### LITURGICAL NOTES

Mass Intentions  for the Week  
And Weekly Readings



#### **Saturday, March 20: Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 11:18-20; Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; John 7:40-53

5:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, March 21: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

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

9:15 AM Bill Nash from Ralph and Jill Perez

#### **Monday, March 22: Lenten Weekday**

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Tuesday, March 23: Lenten Weekday**

Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Wednesday, March 24: Lenten Weekday**

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42

9:00 PM People of the Parish

#### **Thursday, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord (Solemnity)**

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38

9:00 AM People of the Parish

#### **Friday, March 26: Lenten Weekday**

Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42

9:00 AM People of the Parish.

#### **Saturday, March 27: Lenten Weekday**

Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56

5:30 PM People of the Parish

#### **Sunday, March 28: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

9:15 Linda Bossert from Dan Ames

### LITURGICAL WORSHIP AIDS

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue, me, for you, O God, are my strength.

#### **Penitential Act**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Create a clean heart, a clean heart in me, O God.

### **Profession of Faith (Nicene Creed)**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (bow) *and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.* For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen

### **(For those who are watching from home)**

#### ***A Prayer of Spiritual Communion***

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

#### ***Communion Antiphon***

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

#### ***Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel***

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

**Per directives from the Diocese of Harrisburg, Holy Communion will now be celebrated at Sunday Masses at the usual time.**

If anybody is homebound and wishes to receive Confession or Holy Communion at home, please call the parish office at 717-242-2781 and arrangements will be made for a communion visit at home.



### **Father Jay Time Away**

Fr. Jay is taking his entire 4-week vacation time this year by spending that time as a priest-in-residence at St. Jude Thaddeus, Mifflintown, where he will live, offering a 9 AM daily Mass for anyone who wishes to attend. He will spend a majority of his time in prayer and contemplation. The dates for this arrangement will be Mon., April 12th through Fri., April 23rd.

### **Holy Week and Easter Services**



*Come Worship With Us!*

#### **LENTEN SCHEDULE:**

**Stations of the Cross: each Friday 7:00 PM**

**Also via FaceBook**

**Holy Thursday: April 1, 2021 7:00 PM Mass**

**Good Friday: April 2, 2021 7:00 PM Mass**

**Holy Saturday: April 3, 2021 8:00 PM Mass**

**Easter Sunday: April 4, 2021 9:15 AM Mass**

**Saint Vincent DePaul:** The Board of Directors would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Jude Thaddeus for their generous donations for beds for our clients. Your support is exactly what we need in order to serve the many less fortunate families in our community. With the Pandemic, our client numbers have almost doubled from last year at this time. With your help and the help of our volunteers, we can continue to help those in need. Our program relies on friends like you to carry on our good works. Thank so much for your kindness and generosity. If you need to reach us, you can call us at (717) 363-3812 or email us at [stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com](mailto:stvincentdepaullewistown@gmail.com).

**Virtual Conference for Men:** Calling all Men! Please don't forget to register for the Diocesan Men's Conference being held virtually this year. It features great speakers. Registration deadline is March 18<sup>th</sup>. Cost is just \$10.00 per man. See the Diocese of Harrisburg's website for more details.

**The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** invites all women of the Diocese to participate in our Free virtual 95<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, Saturday, April 17, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The theme is "Rejoice and Be Thankful". Bishop Gainer will celebrate Mass. Keynote speaker, Sarah Christmyer, is author of *Becoming Women of the World. "How to Answer God's Call with Purpose and Joy."* And founding editor of *"The Great Adventure Catholic Bible Study Program"*. There are three workshops: A.) Finding Forgiveness on the El Camino De Santiago de Compostela, Donna Giberti; B) Active Listening Basics – How to be a Better Listener, Kelly Gollick; C) Shine – Faith Based Exercise Program, Tina Kowalski. There will be a closing prayer service.

See details of the day at the registration form at <https://hdccw.webs.com>. Registration is requested by April 9, 2021.

Contact Diane Roskos at email: [HDCCAWconvention@gmail.com](mailto:HDCCAWconvention@gmail.com) or 717-991-1605.

### **Announcements for the Bulletin:**

*Please have your announcements for the bulletin to the church office by Wednesday afternoon no later than 1:00 p.m.*

**Good Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, is a day of fast and abstinence**, meaning only 1 full meal for that day, and no meat eaten at all. All the Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Lenten resolutions are optional but highly recommended as sacrifices, promoting spiritual health and generosity. One should ask God in prayer as to what God wants the resolution to be. Lenten resolutions are personal, in consultation with God. Christians fasting and sacrificing should strive to maintain charity and cheerfulness toward all during Lenten resolutions.



**The 23rd Annual SHS Benefit Auction is now scheduled to be held May 22 & 23, 2021.** The auction committee is looking for handmade, new, or like new donated items to be auctioned off. As you continue to practice social distancing now is the time to find a unique item or put your talent to work creating a handmade item. All items are to be submitted by **Friday, April 16, 2021**. Call the Parish Office at 717-242-2781 for additional information.

### **Register NOW for the 2021-22 School Year!**

Registrations are now being taken for any student interested in attending Sacred Heart School next academic year. Kindergarten students need to be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2021. We also have openings in grades 1 – 5. **Scholarships and Financial Aid are available, and applications are currently being accepted until March 1, 2021.** For additional information call the school at 717-28-5351. There is plenty of information about the school, the application process, and financial aid on our website at [www.sacredheartschool.com](http://www.sacredheartschool.com). **All faiths are welcome!**

### **Year of St. Joseph – Seven Sundays Devotion**

Pope Francis recently announced **2021 as the Year of Saint Joseph**. During this unique year of grace, meditation on the Sorrows and Joys on Seven Sundays is a wonderful way to foster a closeness of the faithful to the Spouse of Mary. **We prepare for the feast of St. Joseph by dedicating the seven Sundays before March 19 to St. Joseph**, in memory of his seven sorrow and joys. We encourage you to meditate upon these sets of Sorrow and Joys, and conclude by praying the Litany of St. Joseph.

### **Week 7**

#### **Joseph's Seven Sorrows**

*The loss of the Child Jesus (Luke 2:45)*

#### **Joseph's Seven Joys**

*The finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:46)*

### **Litany of St. Joseph**

Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy - Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy - Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, hear us - Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us - Christ, graciously hear us.



God the Father of Heaven - Have mercy on us.  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world - Have mercy on us.  
God the Holy Spirit - Have mercy on us.  
Holy Trinity, One God - Have mercy on us.  
Holy Mary - pray for us.  
Saint Joseph - pray for us.  
Illustrious son of David - pray for us.  
Light of the patriarchs - pray for us.  
Spouse of the Mother of God - pray for us.  
Chaste guardian of the Virgin - pray for us.  
Foster-father of the Son of God - pray for us.  
Watchful defender of Christ - pray for us.  
Head of the Holy Family - pray for us.  
Joseph most just - pray for us.  
Joseph most chaste - pray for us.  
Joseph most prudent - pray for us.  
Joseph most valiant - pray for us.  
Joseph most obedient - pray for us.  
Joseph most faithful - pray for us.  
Mirror of patience - pray for us.  
Lover of poverty - pray for us.  
Model of workmen - pray for us.  
Glory of domestic life - pray for us.  
Guardian of virgins - pray for us.  
Pillar of families - pray for us.  
Solace of the afflicted - pray for us.  
Hope of the sick - pray for us.  
Patron of the dying - pray for us.  
Terror of demons - pray for us.  
Protector of Holy Church - pray for us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Spare us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Graciously hear us, O Lord.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world - Have mercy on us.

**V.** He made him the lord of His household,

**R.** And prince over all His possessions.

**Let Us Pray.** O God, who in Your ineffable providence were pleased to choose Blessed Joseph to be the spouse of Your Most Holy Mother, grant that as we venerate him as our protector on earth, we may be worthy to have him as our intercessor in Heaven, You Who live and reign forever and ever. Amen

### **Guidelines For Mass**

- ❖ Masks **must** be worn at all times.
- ❖ Remain 6 ft. apart.
- ❖ Ushers will seat you at the beginning of Mass and dismiss you at the end of Mass.
- ❖ Only permitted to fill the church to approx. 1/3 capacity. Space is limited; please come early. Sunday Mass obligation is still suspended. You may want to consider attending a weekly Mass in place of Sunday.
- ❖ Doors are locked during Mass for your safety.
- ❖ The restroom is available but **must be sanitized after each use.** Crying room is closed.
- ❖ Collection basket will not be passed. Place your collection in the basket at the back of the church by the Baptismal font.
- ❖ Votive candles are not accessible at this time.

These guidelines are an act of charity and out of concern for your safety and not an infringement upon your personal rights. Thank you for your continued cooperation. Your diligence in adhering to these guidelines helps to prevent further safety concerns for our parishioners. **These guidelines are not optional.**