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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*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.*

John 12:24

MASSES

SATURDAY VIGIL: 4:00PM

SUNDAY: 8:00AM & 10:30AM

WEEKDAY MASS: CHAPEL

MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:00AM
(ROSARY AFTER)

FIRST SATURDAY 8:00AM
ANNOINTING OF THE SICK &
NOVENA TO MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY: 3:00-3:45 PM

SUNDAY: 7:15 - 7:45AM
9:45-10:15 AM

OTHER TIMES BY APPOINTMENT

ADORATION

TUESDAY: 8:00AM-6:00PM

FRIDAY: 8:30AM-9:30 AM
(DEVOTION TO SACRED HEART)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8:00 AM-12:30 PM

LAURA E. RHODE, SECRETARY

Gospel Reflection

The Greeks mentioned in the Gospel were among the pilgrims who came to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. They have heard a lot about the new prophet Jesus and manifested their desire to meet him to Philip and Andrew because only these two among the twelve, who had Greek names and, perhaps for this reason, they considered them as the most suitable mediators with Jesus.

Jesus uses the occasion to declare that he is the “*Son of Man*” prophesied by Daniel, and that his *time of glorification* is at hand. He tries to clear that he is not a political messiah by stating that he will be glorified by his suffering, death and Resurrection.

Jesus explains to them that it is by his suffering and death that he is going to bring life and liberation to the world, just as a grain of wheat falls in the field ceases to remain itself by germinating and then growing into a plant which produces many new grains of wheat. In the same way, when we “die” to our selfishness, we “rise” to new life in Jesus Christ. To be “buried in the earth” means avoiding sin, accepting suffering and living for others.

But for the world, life is like the Satan’s temptation “Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence and he said to him, “All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me” (Mt 4:8,9). But Jesus knows that only through his death, the Father will reveal to the world His immense love for the people. The confirmation from the sky comes: “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.”

The “hour” Jesus refers to is his time for glorifying his Heavenly Father and of being glorified by his Father. It is also the way by which all people will be drawn into the saving action of God. Jesus’ being “lifted up” on the cross to glorify his Father reminds us that we too can glorify God by wholeheartedly accepting the crosses our loving Heavenly Father permits to enter our lives.

Today’s Readings

First Reading (*Jeremiah 31:31-34(35B)*)

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt;

for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives

how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.

Responsorial Psalm (*Psalms 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15*)

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

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

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

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

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

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

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

Second Reading (*Hebrews 5:7-9*)

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel (*John 12:20-33*)

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me.

“I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.



Retreat Timetable

3/22/2021 - Monday 6 pm-7pm – Talk
 3/23/2021 - Tuesday 6pm-7pm – Talk
 3/24/2021 – Wednesday 6pm-7pm – Confession

Welcome Back to Mass

Bishop Kihneman has lifted the exemption given from participating in the Holy Mass from Sunday, March 28, 2021. Please come back to the church on Sundays and days of obligation. You are also allowed to listen to our broadcasting FM91.1 and receive Holy Communion at the entrance.

Holy Week Timetable

Holy Thursday 7pm Mass
 Good Friday 3pm Stations of the Cross
 7pm Passion of the Lord
 Easter Vigil 7:30pm
 Easter Sunday 8am & 10:30am



To donate Easter flowers to you dear ones.

Please call the office

“ Attention “

Please be sure to be added to the Catholic list when are admitted to the hospitals. The Priest Chaplains will not know if you are in the hospital unless you are on the list.



If you are unable to come in the Church, sit in the parking lot and listen to our Broadcasting on 91.1 Fm.

You can also listen to a Portable radio in Church if you have trouble hearing.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday 8:30am (Chapel)
 Friday 6:00pm (Church)



Catholic Sharing Appeal

In the pandemic year 2020 did you know that the Church provided \$742,000 in housing and utility assistance? Over 2 million pounds of food was distributed to the those in need? Over 200 infants were provided with basic care items? Over 400,000 people in South Mississippi were helped in one form or another through the Church and YOUR generosity of prayer and financial support. Thank you! Please help us continue the work of Jesus by “Witnessing the Eucharist Within Us,” and supporting this year’s Catholic Sharing Appeal.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 20
 4pm - Charles Haas †
 Sunday, March 21
 8:00am—Parishioners
 10:30am – Lottie Malley †
 Monday, March 22
 8:00am – Cherie, Phil, Trey, & Madison Kollar
 Tuesday, March 23
 8:00am – Jean Lee
 Wednesday, March 24
 8:00am - Brady Breaux
 Thursday, March 25
 8:00am- Hope Thomas
 Friday, March 26
 8:00am - Byron Ladner

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| Frances Adams | Willard & Cecile Ladner |
| Michael & Toddy Arceneaux | Patsy Ladner |
| Ralph Baldwin | Verna Mae Ladner |
| Nelsie & Johnny Banks | Larry Lind |
| Emilee Battaglia | Walter Lonnbourg |
| Marge Blaisdell | James Lovett |
| Gene Breazeale | Layla Mallett |
| Ida Brown | Woody Mauffray |
| Claud Burk & Linda Burke | Charles Meador |
| Michael Girdinia | Kathleen Micell |
| Eugene, James, Jerry, Gretchen, Tessa, Jo Ann, Jude, Shirley Cucurullo | Barbara Moran |
| Margaret Cuevas | Mary Louise & Sonny Moran |
| Howard Edwards | Warren Moran |
| Peggy Glynn | Belinda & Kenny Morgan |
| Christine Greenwood | Shirley Morris |
| Merle Haas | Patrick Murphy |
| Verna Haas | Bernadine Necaise |
| Jennie Hoda | Janet Necaise |
| Wayne Hoda | Tyrone & Faye Necaise |
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| Sue Jones | Joy Patin |
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PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:

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| Amir Darwis | US Army National Guard |
| Drew Ladner | US Marine |
| Darrell Little | US Army |
| Devin Nelson | US Army |
| Brandan Witt | USAF |
| Evan Cameron | USAF |
| Dillon Lacoste | US Navy |
| Lance Cuevas | USAF |

Lord, hold our troops in Your Loving Hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need, and bring them home safely. May their sacrifices bring about a lasting and just peace in those lands. We ask this in the Name of Jesus Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Financial News

Insurance	\$42,034.01
Diocesan Support	\$23,058.96
School Supplement	\$23,536.83
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	\$140,879.28
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	\$229,509.08
Amount needed each Week	\$4,413.63
Last Sunday Collection	\$3571.77
Shortfall	\$841.86



Welcome to the Coffee Shop
 Sundays after 8am Mass,
 in the Parish Hall.
 Come by and get Breakfast
 and catch up.

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