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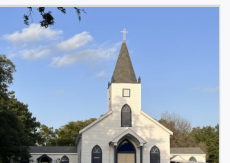
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March 17, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses



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.

- Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
- Sunday: 8am, 10:30am
- Weekday Mass: (Chapel)
 (Monday, Thursday, Friday (8:00am Chapel)
 Wednesday (5:30pm Chapel)
- First Friday :
 (of the Month) Anointing of the Sick
- Fridays: Devotion To Sacred Heart
 Adoration 8:30 - 6pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 pm
 (Before Sunday Masses and by Appointment)

Office Hours
 Mon-Friday: 8:30am - 12:30pm
 Wednesday: 8:30am - 12:00pm

Parish Secretary: Rachel Barnett
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TODAY'S READING'S

Reading I-Jer 31:31-34

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-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.

Reading II Heb 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 Jn 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.

Reflections:

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3-4, 7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13). Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9). Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

Why is the fifth Sunday of Lent Passion Sunday? Passiontide (in the Christian liturgical year) is a name for the last two weeks of Lent, beginning on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, long celebrated as Passion Sunday, and continuing through Lazarus Saturday. It commemorates the suffering of Christ (Latin passio = "suffering").

Holy Week Mass Schedule

Palm Sunday: Saturday, 4pm
Sunday 8 & 10:30am

Holy Thursday: Mass 6pm with
'Washing of the feet'
followed by Adoration.

Good Friday: (No 8am mass)
'Stations of Cross' 3pm
followed by
'Veneration of the Cross' 4pm

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil 7pm

Easter Sunday: 8 & 10:30am

Knights of Columbus
'Baby Bottle' fund drive will be **ending**
next Sunday, March 24th. Please return
the bottles with your loose change.
These donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

Stations of the Cross
Friday's 6:00pm (Church)

5th week: Fr. Mark & CCD group will
be leading the 'Stations of the Cross'

PENANCE SERVICE
WILL BE THIS WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 20TH AT 6 PM IN THE
CHURCH.
(No 5:30pm mass on
Wednesday, March 20th)

Act of Contrition
My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In his name, my God, have mercy.

Please call the office with mass and
special intentions for your loved
ones. Dates are open.



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club is selling
beautiful
Easter flags
and
decorations in
the vestibule.
Check them
out!!**

Lent Fish Fry Friday's
Annunciation Lady's Club will be
having their fish fry for lent, Fri-
day, March 22nd (last one)
5 - 7 pm in the Parish Hall



There will be an
Easter Egg hunt this
Sunday, March 17th
after the 10:30am mass
for the CCD students.



Church Cleaning

Team 4 this week

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	March 16	4pm-	Gene & Wilma Breazeale+
Sunday	March 17	8:00am-	Mark Rhode
		10:30am-	Parishioners of Annunciation
Monday	March 18	8:00am	Anthony Lind
Tuesday	March 19		
Wednesday	March 20	5:30pm-	(No Mass)
Thursday	March 21	8:00am-	Marge Blaisdell +
Friday	March 22	8:00am-	Marge Blaisdell+

COFFEE SHOP
Come by and enjoy Coffee,
Breakfast & fellowship.
After 8am Mass

Financial News

Insurance	To be deter.
Diocesan Support	t-b-d
School Supplement	t-b-d
Salaries, Utilities, & Other Expenses	t-b-d
Total Yearly Financial Obligations	t-b-d
Amount needed each Week	t-b-d
Last Sunday Collection	\$2,818.00
YTD Needed	t-b-d
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