

5th Sunday of Lent

"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."

(Heb 5: 7)

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Saturday-, 5p.m.-Sunday, 8:30 & 11a.m.

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Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or Upon Request

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

We welcome your contributions to the
bulletin. Deadline is Wednesday, by 12:00 p.m.

The "Hour" Comes

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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 God that 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 didn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offered himself to the Father on the cross - as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave 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.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent **Year B**

First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34: God will make a new covenant with his people, which will be different from the old one. This new covenant will be written on the hearts of the people, enabling them to know God intimately and to obey him from the heart.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 51: A prayer for God's mercy and forgiveness, asking Him to create a clean heart within us and renew our spirits. The psalmist also expresses his desire to teach others God's ways and lead them to repentance.

Second Reading — Hebrews 5:7-9: Jesus is the perfect high priest who offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins and was obedient to God's will, even unto death

Gospel — John 12:20-33: Jesus predicts his death and the need for us to follow and serve him, even if it means giving up our own lives for his sake.



March 17, 2024-5th Sunday of Lent**"I will be their God and they shall be my people."-****Jeremiah 31:33**

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

17 de marzo de 2024-5o Domingo de Cuaresma**"Seré su Dios y ellos serán mi pueblo".****- Jeremías 31:33**

¿Qué significa ser el pueblo de Dios? Significa reconocer que todo lo que tenemos y todo lo que somos le pertenece a Dios. No somos los "dueños" de nada, somos simples "administradores" de los dones que Dios nos ha dado. Significa estar dispuestos a utilizar nuestros dones y nuestras vidas para cuidar de nuestra familia, nuestros vecinos y de las personas que no conocemos, de la misma manera como Dios cuida de cada uno de nosotros.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday 03/17	+Daniel Wise
	+Gertrude Franco
Tuesday 03/19	♥Sister of the Congregation of the Lovers of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 03/20	♥Angela Grovenstein
Thursday 03/21	+Souls in Purgatory
Friday 03/22	♥Margarita Fernandez
Saturday 03/23	+Alice Meyer

**Pray for our Troops**

CW5 Scott Durrer, MSGT Brian Lafond, A1C Aubriana Butchko, SFC Steven Liebl, PVT Dylan Dickerson, SR Christopher Meinert, SSGT Patrick Gleaton, PFC William Bland, PFC, Dalen Baldwin, ENS Sean Garrett, LTJG Riley Garrett, PFC Katelyn Hartman, PFC Enzo Dennis

*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 the least to the greatest, shall know me, says the Lord.

- Jeremiah 31:33-34

Ministry Schedule

March 23 Palm Sunday

5:00p.m.

AS R Liebl, M Folland, C Reynolds & R Burton
EM N McEvoy, K O'Sako & P Liebl
L R Kitchen
U G Hixenbaugh & D Avar

March 24

8:30 a.m.

AS J & P Whatley, A Negron & I Rivera
EM C Cordeiro, A Oliveira & L Ortiz
L P Walters
U R Beckwith & J Richtman

11:00 a.m.

AS G, L & S Wimberly & M Adams
EM T Hood & G Klock
L K Klock-Powell
U R Monteleone & B Roundtree

March 28 Holy Thursday

7:00 pm

AS J & P Whatley, S Limardo & M Stark
EM G Hixenbaugh, G & A Bazemore
L R Smith
U M Vinson & J Richtman

March 29 Good Friday Liturgy

7:00pm

AS B Fogarty, A Negron, R Burton & R Oliveira
EM J Howard, C & R Kitchen
L D Curtis
U R O'Sako & P Galasco

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday	5th Sunday of Lent, St Patrick's Day
Monday	Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday	Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday	Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop



5th Sunday of Lent

When someone is in the service of another, certain qualities are important: dedication, ability, and attentiveness. But most essential is loyalty. If there is a common purpose to achieve, or values to be secured, or friends to be won or enemies to be vanquished, loyalty assures that everyone moves in the same direction, toward the same goal. If not, everyone works for their own purpose and the common goal is lost. Sometimes, the price of loyalty is life itself. Jesus willingly paid that price for our salvation.

Loyalty to faith may not require our life, but it may require something else. Giving witness to faith and being loyal to our beliefs can put us in an awkward position, cause social tension and even cause some people to walk away. When we ask the Lord to create a clean heart in us, we are asking for a new start, the chance to prove our loyalty and love to God. That is not always an easy task.

In these final days of Lent, we are reminded that we are in the service of God and of God's people. Service means being loyal and true to what we claim as our belief. Don't compromise truth or love. Live as God's loyal servant. Your fasting and prayer will prepare you. God's love and grace will do the rest.

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

Reading for the week of March 10

Sunday	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33
Monday	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Weekly Announcements

Faith Formation

March 17 - Faith Formation class

March 24 - Faith Formation class

March 31 - No Faith Formation class/Easter

April 7 - No Faith Formation class/school break

We have a need for white dresses and boys slacks, dress shirts, blazers and dress shoes, sizes 6-12. Contact Sara Folland at dre@sbcatholic.com or 912-754-7473 ext. 24, if you have any items to donate.

Stations of the Cross

Join us on Friday, March 22, 2024 for Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Mass will follow at 7:00 pm with a meatless potluck meal and bible study after.

Grounds Clean-up

The grounds maintenance ministry will have clean up day on Saturday, March 23, from 9 am to 12pm.

We will clean up around the church and education center cleaning up any downed limbs, debris, raking leaves, and trimming bushes as needed. If you are able to help, bring your lawn rakes, gloves, and utility equipment.

Bereavement Group Meeting

St. Boniface Bereavement sharing support group will meet on March 23, 2024 in the Chapel at 10:30 am, everyone is welcome.

Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7pm on Thursday, March 28, 2024 We will have sign up sheets for Adoration of the Holy Eucharist from

Good Friday Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will host the Good Friday fish fry on Friday, March 29 from 5pm-6:00 pm. This is FREE to the parish. Just use the sign up sheet in the back of the church, family name and number of meals needed is all that is required. Carry out or eat in before we begin Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm. Meal will include fish, fries, hushpuppies and a drink. A free will offering would be appreciated to help benefit the cost of the air conditioning units.

Virtus Training Sessions

A VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training has been scheduled on Thursday, March 21, 2024, the Catholic Pastoral Center, Savannah from 9:00am to 12:00 noon. This training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. This training addresses the effects of child sexual abuse, the mindset of predators, and our ability as volunteers and employees to keep both children and vulnerable adults safe in our parishes, schools, and social service agencies.

We are Here to Listen and Take Action: DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE: 888-357-5330. Abuse hotline for bishops only: <https://reportbishopabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562.

Boston Butt Sale

The Knights Of Columbus will be selling tickets for Boston Butts after Mass thru March 23rd. Tickets are \$30, and will be available for pick up on Saturday, April 6th from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Prayer and Play

We would like to invite parents and caregivers to bring their little ones for snacks, prayer and fellowship every other Wednesday in the nursery. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, at 9:30 a.m.

Welcome Newcomers!

The next welcome breakfast for 2024 will be held on April 14, 2024, at 9:30 am in the church hall. All new parishioners who registered at St Boniface after January 2023, are invited to enjoy a light breakfast, and meet with Father Martino, other new parishioners, and some parish leaders. Please RSVP to Dale and Dawn DeRoia at 912-660-4695. Or email at dderoia401@comcast.net. Deadline to RSVP is April 10. We are looking forward to meeting you and your family.

-Dale and Dawn DeRoia



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redeemed thee.
- Isaiah 43:1



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