

GOOD NEWS!

MARCH 21, 2021 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Do I have to die? Who has not asked this question, at least to oneself? It's a valid question, because at the core of every living being is the drive to live. Jesus also must have asked this question. Today's Gospel account implies this in John 12:27. ("I am troubled now.") Despite his passion for living, Jesus was more passionate about the transformation that would take place later. The example of the grain that must die if a harvest of wheat is to be produced is a perfect metaphor to make this point. Just as the grain is insignificant compared with the possible harvest, so—our faith assures us—there is no comparison between this life and the wondrous transformation that awaits us. And yes, in order to move from this life to that splendid future, we will have to die.

Our Lenten meditations will soon focus on the suffering and death of Jesus. However, to concentrate solely on suffering and death is like examining the death of the grain without any thought of its transformation and the bountiful harvest that will come. We must not minimize Jesus' suffering. However, it was precisely by means of his having been lifted up on the cross in suffering and death that he was lifted up in glory and exaltation. This is why we claim that death is not the end of life but the gateway to new life. So, as difficult as it might be to leave the life we love, like Jesus we have to die in order to enter that new life.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Dear Padre

I'm a non-Catholic church secretary who receives questions about a Purgatorial Society. What is it?

"Those who die in God's grace and friendship imperfectly purified, although they are assured of their eternal salvation, undergo a purification after death, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of God" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1054). This process of purification is known as purgatory. Saint Gregory the Great (540–604) wrote "certain offenses can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (see Dialogues 4, 39). This forgiveness of sins granted after death is also suggested in Matthew 12:32 and 2 Timothy 1:18.

Because Catholics believe we're in communion with one another through an active relationship that transcends death, our prayers and sacrifices benefit the deceased (see 2 Maccabees 12:38–46). Thus, a Purgatorial Society is a formal association of Catholics who offer prayers, Masses, and other works of charity to benefit the souls in purgatory. Souls that get to heaven, in turn, offer their prayers to benefit the living. This mutual assistance affirms our belief in an earthly and heavenly Church forming one body in Christ.

Purgatorial societies were especially prevalent from the Middle Ages through the previous century, but they're currently seeing a revival in some church parishes and religious communities. Societies generally maintain a registry to enroll names of the deceased so that Masses are regularly offered for the holy souls in purgatory—especially during the month of November.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Scripture Readings for the week of March 22—28

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17,19-30 33-62 Jn 8:1-11	Nm 21:4-9 Jn 8:21-30	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 Jn 8:31-42	Is 7:10-14,8:10 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38	Jer 20:10-13 Jn 10:31-42	Ez 37:21-28 Jn 11:45-56	Mk 14:1-15:47 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39



HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

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2021 LENTEN SCHEDULE

DAILY MASS

Mondays: 9 am - St. Anne
Tuesdays: 9 am - St. Anne
Wednesdays: 9 am - St. Gabriel
Thursdays: 9 am - St. Catherine

CONFESSIONS

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne
Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine
Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine
Fridays: 5:30-6:30 pm - Following Stations
Saturdays: 3:30 pm - St. Raphael

Communal Penance Service & First Reconciliation: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:30 pm at St. Anne

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please call parish office for home visits

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Tuesdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Anne
Wednesdays: 5-6 pm - St. Catherine
Thursdays: 9:30-10:30 am - St. Catherine
Churches open for prayer during the day

LENTEN REFLECTION

Wednesdays: 6:30 pm - St. Catherine
Can be followed virtually
www.resurrectionacgr.org

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Thursdays at St. Raphael at 4:30 pm
Fridays at 5 pm
Confessions following for an hour
February 19 - St. Anne March 12 - St. Raphael
February 26 - St. Catherine March 19 - St. Anne
March 5 - St. Gabriel March 26 - St. Catherine

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — 21 MARCH 2021

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From the Priest's Desk

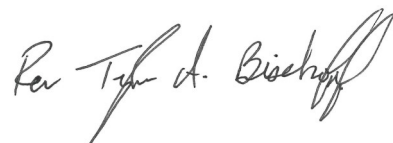
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel this Sunday (if not celebrating the 3rd Scrutiny), we hear Jesus speak about a grain of wheat needing to die before bearing much fruit. At the end of the passage Jesus says, “And when I am lifted from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself” (Jn 12:20-33). Jesus wants to draw us all to Himself. He wants us. He wants His world back.

So far, we have studied four of the points of the Kerygma: CREATION, SIN, REDEMPTION, and CONVERSION. The final point we will talk about this Sunday in the homily is IMMERSION. Once we turn around to face Jesus in our lives (we call that conversion) then we must walk with Him. We must immerse our lives in His life. The process of immersion in Christ is the Sacrament of Baptism. Really, Baptism is just the beginning of immersion in the life of Christ. All the Sacraments. All the Scriptures. All the Prayers. Everything we do as Catholic Christians is an immersion in Christ. This final point of the Kerygma is so important because it gives us the “what next”. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles in chapter 8 about an Ethiopian eunuch who after hearing the Kerygma proclaimed by Phillip asks: “What is preventing me from being baptized right now?” They see an oasis of water and Phillip baptizes him and is “snatched up by the Spirit” to another place to preach the Kerygma. See how powerful our God is?

Next Sunday we enter the holiest time of the year. Please consider joining in this celebration: Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil. We do not reenact Our Lord’s Passion, Death and Resurrection. Rather, we enter and participate in that Paschal Mystery made real for us, not only once a year, but EVERY SINGLE TIME we celebrate the sacraments and believe in Jesus Christ.

God bless,



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISHES

SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR FULL DETAILS

Rosary is prayed a half-hour before all Masses.

Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
Lyle Beatty

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
Jim Aube

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Kathy Stone

Monday, March 22,

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Special Intention for Vicki Surface

Tuesday, March 23, St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

9:00 am Mass, St. Anne
For the lonely

9:30 am Adoration & Confession St. Anne

Wednesday, March 24,

9:00 am Mass, St. Gabriel
For all sinners

6:30 pm Communal Penance Service and First
Reconciliation, St. Anne

Thursday, March 25, The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
John Dumont

9:30 am, Adoration & Confession St. Catherine

4:30 pm Stations of the Cross, St. Raphael

Friday, March 26, St. Pius V

NO MASS
5:00 pm Stations of the Cross St. Catherine

Saturday, March 27,

3:30 pm Confession, St. Raphael

Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the
Lord

Rosary is prayed a half-hour before all Masses.

4:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Raphael
Ron Beyer

6:30 pm Mass, (Saturday) St. Catherine
David Bleau

9:00 am Mass, St. Catherine
*Parishioners of St. Anne, St. Catherine,
St. Gabriel & St. Raphael*

11:00 am Mass, St. Anne
Florence Mishler

PARISH STEWARDSHIP



“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (1 Pt 4:10).
Thanks you for all the sacrifices you make as we all labor in God’s vineyard to bring the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our neighbors. 10% of everything received is donated to support charities near and far.

	St. Anne	St. Catherine	St. Gabriel	St. Raphael
Needed each week	\$2,144.23	\$2,593.95	\$555.10	\$740.38
Needed year-to-date	\$79,336.51	\$95,976.15	\$20,538.70	\$27,394.06
Actual year-to-date	\$81,493.07	\$95,604.29	\$18,620.52	\$28,523.56
March 14	\$787.00	\$2,152.00	\$240.00	\$739.80
Other Collections:	\$105.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$172.00

Pray for Our Priests & Religious

Sunday—Rev. James Doherty

Monday—Rev. Charles Donajkowski

Tuesday—Vocations to the priesthood and all
religious life

Wednesday—Rev. Artur Duchnowicz

Thursday—Rev. Wayne Dziekan

Friday—Rev. Peter Eke

Saturday—All Seminarians

Easter Flowers: Please consider making a donation for Easter flowers. To donate in memory or honor of loved ones, please include their names (clearly printed) with your donation. Names received by Friday, March 26, will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

During the Lenten Season, anyone who is home-bound and would like to go to Confession, receive the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion please contact the parish office to set up an appointment. Fr. Tyler will be available most afternoons for home visits.

Face Masks: Remember that it is still a requirement to wear a face mask when entering the church.

Stewardship Reflections “*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.

St. Gabriel Men’s Club will start regular meetings on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall.

Projects at St. Gabriel Church: A video explanation from Fr. Tyler along with detailed information is available on our website. There is a need to replace the windows of the church which are from the 1890s. The biggest issue is the high water level which is causing severe damage to the foundation of the church. We need to dry out the crawlspace in order to save St. Gabriel’s foundation. Donations toward these projects will be greatly appreciated. Be sure to mark the donation envelope or check: St. Gabriel Special Project.



April 1 - Holy Thursday - 6:30 PM

April 2 - Good Friday - 1 PM

April 3 - Easter Vigil - 9 PM

-- All at St. Catherine, Ossineke --

He is Risen!

Alleluia

Easter Sunday Mass - April 4

9 AM - St. Raphael, Mikado

11 AM - St. Anne, Harrisville

Please wear a face mask

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Blessing of Easter Baskets
12 pm - April 3
St. Catherine, Ossineke