

# The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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**Mission Statement:**



*"Seeking to grow in prayer, forgiveness and mutual support to bring the love of God to fellow parishioners and neighbors"*

**Please remember in your prayers** all those who are sick or suffering, especially those homebound or in nursing homes.

*Refresh them Lord, with your healing grace.*

Dan Fox, Tom Sturgis, Dottie Trant, Pat Galbraith, Mary Reinhard, Fr. Ron Aubry, Don Deibel, Eddie Linser, Mark Rogers, Heather Breedlove, Gene, & Tom Sheridan, Deacon Paul Deshaies, Ben Nye, Ralph Tallarico.

*"How do I make a return to the Lord for all he has done for me." (Ps. 116:12)*

**March 10-11**

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| Envelopes            | \$917.00   |
| Loose                | \$1,692.00 |
| Children's envelopes | \$7.00     |
| Catholic Relief      | \$103.00   |

**Thank you!!**

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Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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**March 18, 2018**

**BI-MONTHLY MASS OF HEALING MARCH 19, 6:30 PM, SAINT JOSEPH CATHEDRAL.** On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph our bi-monthly Mass of Healing and Healing Service will take place. Following the Mass, the Healing Service will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Veneration of relics of the True Cross. Each person then will then have an opportunity to speak individually with one of several priests present to discuss their particular situation and receive a prayer of healing; the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be available.

The Healing Service will conclude with Benediction. All persons who seek Christ's healing are invited – especially those who suffer with physical illness and infirmities (e.g. cancer and other debilitating diseases and conditions), in addition to those who seek emotional and spiritual healing. All caregivers, family members, and members of the medical community are invited as well. Bi-monthly Healing Masses take place at the Cathedral on the third Monday of the month; during the remainder of 2018 Masses are scheduled for: May 21, July 16, September 17, and November 19. Secured parking is available off East Gay Street; handicap elevator access to the Cathedral is located off the Broad Street Courtyard. Saint Joseph Cathedral is located at 212 East Broad Street; for more information call (614) 224-1295.

**Please consider joining our young people for the Good Friday "Walking Stations of the Cross".** Many facets of faith and justice will be the focus of the annual Walking Stations of the Cross. The walk begins with opening prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus, at 8 a.m., Friday, March 30.

**Activities at St. Agnes this week**

**SATURDAY, March 17, Vigil**

11:00 a.m. St. Joseph Alumni Mass  
**4:30 p.m. Eleanor Gualtieri †**  
 by Rocco Gualtieri

**SUNDAY, March 18, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 5:7-9; Jn. 12:20-33  
**10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes †**  
 by parish

**MONDAY, March 19, St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**No Mass At. St Agnes**

**TUESDAY, March 20,**

**7:00 p.m. For Missionary Vocations**  
 by parish

**WEDNESDAY, March 21,**

**9:00 a.m. Bea Schaefer (living)**  
 by Ralph & Fran Tallarico  
**6:00 p.m. PREP Hi Bible Study**  
 6:30 p.m. N D Asumni Board mtng.  
 7:00 p.m. PPC

**THURSDAY, March 22,**

**12 Noon Mary Gerardi †**  
 by Joanna Policaro  
**Scripture Study**  
 6:00 p.m. ESL  
 6:30 p.m. PREP @ SMM

**FRIDAY, March 23, St. Turibius**

**9:00 a.m. Dan Schaefer (living)**  
 by Ralph & Fran Tallarico  
**5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross**  
**6:00 p.m. Soup Supper**  
**7:00 p.m. Estaciones de la Cruz**  
 Grupo de Oración



**SATURDAY, March 24, Vigil**

**4:30 p.m. Judy Gerardi †**  
 by John & Jenny Gerardi

**SUNDAY, March 25, Palm Sunday**

Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 5:7-9; Jn. 12:20-33  
**10:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Agnes †**  
 by parish

**Liturgical Ministers for March 24-25**

|                               | <b>Altar Servers</b>  | <b>Lectors</b>              | <b>EMHC</b>               | <b>Greeter/Usher</b>                          |
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| <b>March 24<br/>4:30 p.m.</b> | † D. Fox<br>J. Fox  | B. Greenwood,<br>L. Higgins | C. Marcum<br>D. Fox       | @ T. Villa, P. Higgins,<br>A. Fox, L. Higgins |
| <b>March 25<br/>10:00</b>     | † R. Lopez,<br>E. Cabrera, A. Concha-Perez, A. Lopez, M. Santos | J. Szabo<br>R. Rivera       | T. Ferguson,<br>A. Rivera | @ E. & J. Saldivar,<br>S. Baker, M.J. Fowler  |

**Collection Counters: 3/18:** C. Marcum, C. Hinkle  
**Church linens: 3/18:** B. Greenwood; **3/25:** I. Montano

**3/25:** B. Greenwood, A. Concha  
**Pray for our men and women in uniform.**