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SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

Fifth Sunday of the Lent

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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." - Jn 12:23-24

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the parish community at Our Lady of the Assumption Church is to proclaim the Word of God more fully, to gain a more intimate knowledge of God through our Catholic traditions, and to serve the people of God, especially in our efforts to meet the needs of the poor in our community, and when possible around the world. We strive to build a sense of community among our parishioners, with the wider Diocesan community, and with the entire family of God.



WE WELCOME YOU HOME

Thank you for joining us today! We welcome you to our faith family and look forward to growing in faith and friendship with you. If you are interested in formally joining our parish community and/or the Catholic Faith, you can do so on-line or by coming in to the parish office. If you are returning to an active Catholic life, we are happy to facilitate a smooth and joy filled transition. May you find fellowship, peace and serenity in our community. Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Eduino, Pastor.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20

5:00PM †Lilian Hoffman
by MaryLee Johnson

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

9:00AM †Zaida Ronan
by Linda Lozon
11:00PM †Silvia Powers
by The Hoppe Family
07:30PM †Noelle Malone
by OLA Families

MONDAY, MARCH 22

8:00AM Fr. Brendan McKeefry (SP)
His Birthday

TUESDAY, MARCH 23

St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

8:00AM †Justin Hall
by The Sweeney Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM Liliana Gorry (SP)
Her Birthday
by Florez Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

The Annunciation of the Lord

8:00AM †Jim Sweeney
by The Sweeney Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 27

5:00PM †Lizz Baca
by Carmy Baca



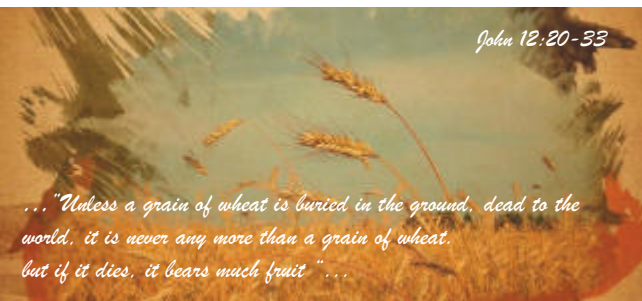
STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

Stewards are God's People

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.



READING OF THE WEEK



Sunday March 21: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/

Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday March 22: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday March 23: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/ Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday March 24: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday March 25: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Friday March 26: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday March 27: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56



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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.

* Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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OUR PARISH

INDOOR MASS TIMES



Masses and other services can now be held inside of the church at up to 25% capacity.

8:00 am daily Masses

(Monday-Friday and first Saturday)

The Saturday 5:00 pm Vigil Mass,

Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am, and 7:30 pm

Masses will be livestreamed with limited indoor seating available.

Face masks and social distancing required.

The Masses will also be available to view on our website, YouTube channel, and Facebook page.

We will distribute Holy Communion for approximately 15 minutes after each weekend Mass. Please arrive at the church as soon as possible after the Mass concludes, which is about 45 minutes after the Mass start time



Please join us for our **2021 Virtual Event Take Out dinner**, celebrating Sacramento Family Promise of 16 years. 16

years in Sacramento helping homeless families become self-sufficient and getting into homes of their own.

The program will be start at 7 P.M. on April 24th, an online event. A link will be sent to your email prior to the event.

With the support of our community friends, Family Promise will continue their mission of helping homeless families use our partnership program to overcome the difficult and painful experience of homelessness and helping secure self-sufficiency and regain a home of their own.

For more information email

Marsha@sacfamilypromise.org

916 443-3107.



OLA LIVE

In an effort to bring us safely back together for prayer and community, the parish will be hosting weekly virtual events. The events will be either live-streamed or on Zoom so you can watch and participate from the safety of your home. More events will be added, so please check the schedule each week for updates.

Tuesday, March 23 - 7:00 pm Penance Service

Thursday, March 25 - 7:00 Live Stream Lectio Divina and Taize Prayer

Friday, March 26 - 7:00 pm Live Stream Stations of the Cross

Tuesday, March 30 - 7:00 Zoom Rosary Sorrowful Mysteries

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Sierra Pregnancy & Health Dinner Event: May 7th.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

March 25th





Shred Day 2021

St. Vincent de Paul Fund Raiser
"Help Us Help The Poor"

5057 Cottage Way, at the Walnut Avenue Parking Lot

April 24, - 8:00 a.m. - Noon

On-site Shred Truck ♦ You Can Watch!!

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OLA COUGAR CLASSIC



The 11th annual OLA Cougar Classic is scheduled for Friday, May 7, 2021 at Lincoln Hills Golf Club in Lincoln, California. The golf tournament committee has been meeting and is excited about this large fundraising opportunity for OLA. Proceeds

from the tournament will be used to help school improvements, resource needs, and other OLA school programs.

The golf tournament committee is meeting on a weekly basis to plan this great event. If you are interested in being an event sponsor, donating a live or silent auction item, or want to play, contact: **Mike Rockenstein at rockusc@gmail.com**.

There are several sponsorship levels still available. Sign up before the event sells out! We also need volunteers to work the day of the event. Thank you to everyone's support and we look forward to a great 2021 golf tournament.

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Robert (Bob) Martin
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PUZZLE

Unscramble words from today's Gospel:

grain	wheat	dies
suffer	glory	voice
give	life	serve

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MISSION

Look for ways to be helpful in your family. Help set the table. Take the trash out. Put away your toys and books without being asked. When your family notices you being so helpful, tell them you are trying to follow Jesus' example.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception in 2020, Pope Francis has released an apostolic letter about Saint Joseph and declared a “Year of St. Joseph” from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021. The letter, *Patris Corde* (“a Father’s heart”) was released on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as patron of the Universal Church. It can be found here: http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-letteraap_20201208_patris-corde.html

The Diocese of Sacramento is observing this Year in many ways.

Journey with Joseph Pilgrimage

We will soon be announcing Saint Joseph pilgrimage sites across the Diocese.

Seven Fridays with Saint Joseph

Everyone is invited to share in a special weekly devotion from the Solemnity of Saint Joseph on Friday, March 19th through the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker on Saturday May 1st (with a pause for Holy Week), with the final Friday being May 7th. The full text of the devotion, called “The Prayers in Honor of the Seven Joys and Sorrows of Saint Joseph”, is available here:

https://www.fdlc.org/sites/default/files/Year_of_Saint_Joseph_Devotions.pdf

A weekly video component with reflections will also be provided.

LIVE THE LITURGY

How do we convince people that God’s law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God’s people.

This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God’s deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, “Father, glorify your name,” By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Theme: Death and New Life

Breaking Open the Word

Suggested text for faith sharing: Today’s Gospel

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart? What image of faith does this reading give you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

Question for Children: Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

Question for Youth: Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

Question for Adults: Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.



OUR SICK BROTHERS & SISTERS

Julie Nelson	Molly Garcia
Nancy Carlson	Richard McClintock
Jonathan Rassmussen	Daniel Armstrong
Stacie Higginbotham	George Peres
Sandi Lanz	Gutierrez Family
Shirley Ward	Kevin Livingston
Mary Silva	Amanda Young
J. Richard Heintz	Margaret Parker

Note: Please call the parish office to add a name or to remove them from this list. Thank you.



IN LOVING MEMORY

Let us pray for those in our community who have passed away.

Sylvia Powers

Gloria Plog

Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

THANK YOU!

Thank you Our Lady of the Assumption Families!

I am always amazed at the great generosity of our families. Even during these difficult times many have continued with their contributions to our parish by WeShare, by mail or by dropping in the mail box by the office. Thank you for your contribution that helps us to pay our bills.

May God continue to bless all our families and help all in this time of pandemic with the abundance of His Love.

Fr. Eduino Silveira



FOR THESE GIFTS WE ARE GRATEFUL!

Weekend Offertory	03/14/21	\$ 11,296.07
E-Giving from	03/08/21 to 03/14/21	\$ 4,660.91
Total		\$ 15,956.98
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(The Catholic Relief Services)	03/14/21	\$ 1,872.00

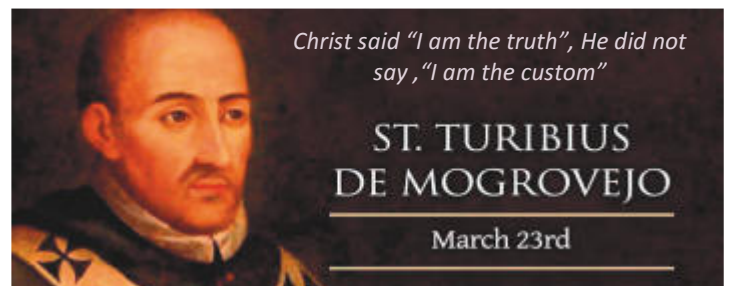
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- Go to <https://olaparish.net>
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Christ said "I am the truth", He did not say, "I am the custom"

**ST. TURIBIUS
DE MOGROVEJO**

March 23rd

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Apr 10-11	Apr 02

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