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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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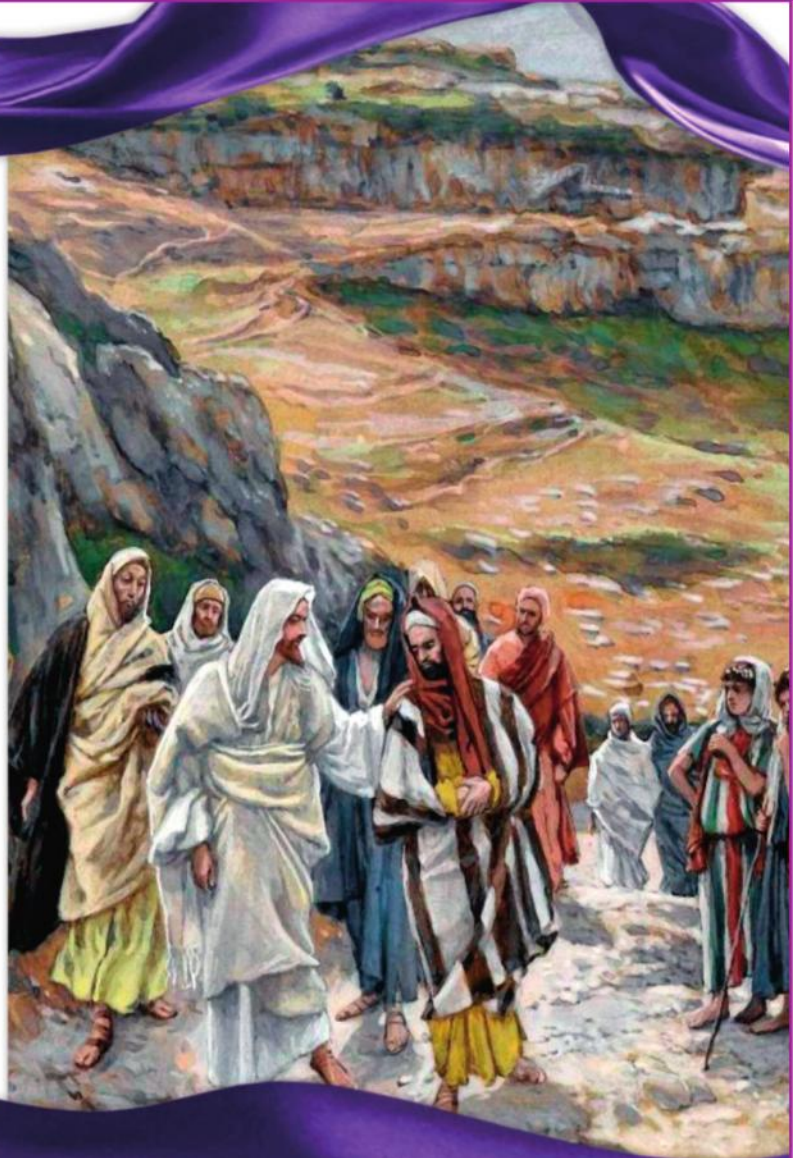
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“The hour has
come for the
Son of Man
to be glorified.
Amen, amen,
I say to you,
unless a grain of
wheat falls to the
ground and dies,
it remains just
a grain of wheat;
but if it dies,
it produces
much fruit.”

John 12: 23,24

Jesus Discourses with His
Disciples by James Tissot
Circa 1886-1894



5TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

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March 17, 2024

Mass Intentions for the week of March 17th to March 24th

St Patrick's Day	Monday	Feast of St Joseph	Wednesday
7:30 AM Emma & Maury Meisner † by their friend	7:00 AM Moose Gerand † by the Gerand family	7:00 AM Jean Ruesewald † by the Eriksen family	7:00 AM Special Intentions for Louis & David Alvarez by the family
9:30 AM Special Intentions for the Sisters of Mercy by the Kenney family	8:30 AM Wendy Marie Lussier † by her parents	8:30 AM Emma Papouschek † by her granddaughter, Margaret	8:30 AM Kristen Goodin † by the family
11:30 AM Special Intention for Peggy Hannon & family by Peggy Hannon	<i>"The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified."</i>		

LITURGY OF THE WORD

**Palm Sunday
Thinking about the Readings**

1. With which person in the passion story do I identify? Jesus? Peter? Pilate? One of the soldiers?
2. Which liturgy during the Holy Week do I find the most challenging? Why?
3. If I were to speak with Jesus after the Last Supper, what would I say to Him?

**Readings for Palm Sunday
March 24, 2024**

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7

My face I did not shield from bullets and spitting knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus emptied himself, and accepted death on a cross.

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

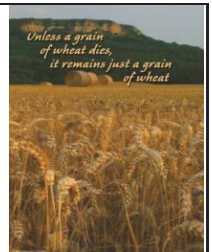
DEVOTIONS

Liturgy of the Hours (Morning Prayer) at 8:10am (before the 8:30 mass), Mon.-Thu. (unless no school on Fri.)
 Recitation of the Rosary: Mon. – Sat., 9am in the Chapel.
 Novena – Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tuesday, after the 8:30am Mass.
 Spanish Adoration & Prayer Group, Thursdays 5:30pm
 Holy Hour 9-10 – Thurs. (except holidays) after the 8:30 Mass, Divine Mercy, Rosary, Silent Prayer, Benediction.
 Holy Days – Same as Sundays (7:30am, 9:30am & 11:30am) Holy Day Vigil – 7:00pm Litanies—After the 8:30am Mass

For Reflection:

He who loves his life loses it," this is a truth stated by Christ at the solemn moment when he was speaking of the purpose of his own painful death.

He died so that we might live, not for sixty or even a hundred years on earth, but forever in heaven



Today's Good News

The **first** reading is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah 31:31-34. In today's extract, the prophet is foretelling the setting up of a New Covenant, to replace the Old Covenant made between God and his Chosen People on Mt. Sinai, a covenant which the Chosen People had not kept. The New Covenant would not be written on tablets of stone but on each individual's heart. It would be a covenant of love rather than one of obligation.

The **second** reading is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Hebrews 5:7-9. The purpose of this letter is to confirm the converts in the Christian faith which they have accepted.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 12:20-33. On the first Palm Sunday, as Christ entered Jerusalem not as a conquering king on a charger but "riding on an ass" to show that he was the humble servant of all men, he clearly foresaw the sufferings and torments that would be his in that city, before the week was out. Among those who waved palm branches to honor him and who sang aloud: "Hosanna to the son of David, Hosanna in the highest," there were perhaps some who, urged on by the leaders, would be shouting the following Friday, "away with him, crucify him," and "we have no king but Caesar." Such was the fickleness of human nature then. Unfortunately it has not changed much, if at all, in the two thousand years that have since elapsed. We are still fickle when it comes to choosing between Christ and the things of this world. Yet he knew all of this, and was still willing to carry the cross for us who are such unworthy mortals!

This very thought should put us all to shame, for what repayment does the very best of us make for the incredible love he has shown for us? We grumble and complain when some small cross is laid on our shoulders; we are full of laments if life is not running smoothly for us; we cannot understand why God should let certain things happen to us, his friends!

Each one of us should look fervently and devoutly on the crucifix today, and try to compare our willingness to suffer those crosses sent to us by God, with the crushing cross and passion our Savior Jesus Christ gladly accepted for us and not for his own sake. Do not let the conclusion you draw stun you into inactivity, but rather let it shock you into a new outlook on life; a new resolve to serve, follow and imitate our loving Christ more closely in future. So may it be for all of us.

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Mass Intentions for the week of March 17th to March 24th

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:00 AM Martha Macdonald † by her daughter	7:00 AM Loretta Bodziak † by the Bodziak & Diesel families	8:30 AM J J Grillion by the Gould family	7:30 AM Special Intention for health of Lukas Mar- kley by his parents
8:30 AM John Kenda † by his wife	8:30 AM Betsy & Mark Zifcak †	5:00 PM Albert Tinnirello † by Patty & Donna	9:30 AM Andrew Vincur † by the Traditional Choir
			11:30 AM Maureen Hogan † by the family

Sanctuary lamp is lit J J Grillion by Nicole

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship Thought: If anyone would serve me," says Jesus in today's Gospel, "let him follow me; where I am, there will my servant be." In what way is Jesus inviting me to follow Him? What service is He asking of me?

Parish Sacrificial Giving (Regular Sunday Offering) In gratitude for the gifts we have received from God, the parishioners and visitors gave \$16,514.00 for the ministries of St. Teresa and \$2,206.00 for International Missions. Thank you for your continued support and generosity. God bless.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK?

Who may feel without hope?
What events rob people of hope?
What or who in the faith community offers hope
and consolation to people?

Our Catholic Appeal

Our Catholic Appeal is an annual opportunity for every member of our faith family to support the life-changing work and ministries of the Diocese of Orlando.

Each Parish in the Diocese is given a goal to achieve. The goal this year for St Teresa Parish is \$ 120,055. A portion of the amount received over that goal stays in the Parish for special needs.

It is **VERY** important that you use the envelope provided by mail or in the church. Money given in the collection basket does not reflect in the percentage our Parish.

We have currently received **\$100,190.00** which is **83.5%** which is **226 gifts** towards our goal. Thank you for your donation. It truly helps many.

Eucharistic Adoration

We will have an all day Eucharistic Adoration **March 21st from 9am to 6:30pm** in the Chapel.

There will be the **Spanish Holy Hour and Exposition from 5:30-6:30pm.**

If anyone would like to sign up for an hour, please call Cheryl Kasack at: 321-383-1312 (H) 321-795-1456 (c)

SCHOOL NEWS



Read Across America Week is traditionally celebrated from March 2 to 6 — it begins on the birthday of the beloved author, Dr. Seuss. The entire month of March is dedicated to reading as part of National Reading Day, the largest day of reading in the U.S. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade celebrated this day with a reading on towels/blankets in our school fields



St Teresa Catholic School now has an extensive line of spirit wear available for purchase. Please use this link to order some great items and show off your St. Teresa Pride! <https://1stplace.sale/19851>

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FAITH FORMATION

Religious Education (CCD)
Religious Education Classes (CCD) this
Wednesday, in the school at **6:00 pm**.



RCIC

RCIC will meet this **Wednesday**, in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall after school at **2:10 until 3:15**.

RCIA

RCIA will meet this **Thursday at 6:30pm** in Avila Hall.

"R" Catholic Nugget

A Quote from Pope Francis "God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

Adult Bible Study

Winter Bible Study has completed.

This spring we are offering "Consecration to St. Joseph - The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father"

written by Father Donald H. Calloway, MIC. This is a 33-day program of reading and discussion questions. The class will begin **Wednesday, May 8th, and end on June 12th** and will be held in the Faith Formation room from **9:30 - 11:00 AM**. Class size is limited.

For more information contact the Faith Formation office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org.

High School Seniors!

The Southern Deanery of the Council of Catholic Women is offering a \$500 scholarship to an active Catholic high school student who graduates this year 2024. For an application and criteria please contact, The Faith Formation Office at 321-349-5445 (voice or text) or by email at faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org. To request an email copy of the application, please submit your request to buchnessmary704@gmail.com. All applications are due by **April 5, 2024**

Baptism Preparation Classes

Baptism Preparation Classes can be scheduled through the Church office at 321-268-3441 or the Faith Formation Office 321-349-5445. The class will be held on the date and time you schedule in the Faith Formation Room in Avila Hall.

St. Teresa Youth Group

Calendar of events (6th to 12th Grade)

(Each Sunday we will help with Donuts unless we have a Breakfast Buffet)

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mar 17 th	8:30am - 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet
Apr 21 st	8:30am - 12:45pm	Parish Center	Youth Group Breakfast Buffet

*Advance Sign up required for all events with the Faith Formation Office

Phone: 321-349-5445; email: faithformation@stteresa-titusville.org

**** Minimum of 16-20 required for this event**

Bereavement /Grief Support Group



A Grief, Prayer, Support Group has been organized for anyone that has lost a loved one or is interested in participating. You do not need to be a member of the Parish to participate.

Meetings will be held on **Thursdays from 4:30-6:30PM**.

All are welcome. For additional information, please contact the Parish Office @321-268-3441

Blue Army Rosary



We continue to pray the Chaplet of St. Gertrude every Sunday after the **9:30 am Mass** in the Chapel.

Blue Army Rosary and Chaplets

The St. Teresa Chapter of the Blue Army is hosting, in the Chapel, a **weekly**:

* Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy on **Monday** nights at **6 pm**

* Chaplet of St. Gertrude on **Sunday** immediately following the **9:30 am Mass**. All are welcome.

Choir Rehearsal



Contemporary choir rehearses every **Tuesday at 7pm** in the church.
Traditional choir rehearses every **Wednesday at 7pm** in the church

A Prayer of Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God pilot us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Host of God guard us.
Against the snares of the evil ones.
Against temptations of the world.

May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us, Christ be over all!
May Thy Salvation, Lord, Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and evermore. Amen.



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Happy St Patrick's Day March 17th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

How to Approach Lent

Lent is a time of "upheaval", turning upside down all of the little ways we have grown "comfortable" with our own sin. It is easy to let little things slide – especially little attachments and disordered passions – and it is easy for these things to slide without much awareness on our part. But, as we all know, these little things add up! Lent is like a mirror in which we are shown our true behavior – where, through our practices of prayer and penance, we see exactly how these little things have built up and how they have turned us away from God. This is why the practice of fasting is so beautiful. It helps us to have an awareness of these things and gives us the way in which to turn them around.

One way to approach fasting is to look at what is "off balance." There are things that can affect the memory of God's presence in our lives, things that take over the space that is meant for Him: noise, work, food, clothing, entertainment, etc. In short, our attachments to things and creatures. We determine what these things are and practice abstaining from them. The key to begin the practice of fasting is awareness – and awareness comes from a pure interest in changing, changing for and because of God.



March 19th First Day of Spring

Lenten Giving Project -During the time of Lent, we will collect needed items for The Pregnancy Center, our Food Pantry: Cor Jesu, Life Pointe Ministries and North Brevard Charities.

There are lists on the board in the Narthex of items they need. For easier sorting, please take lists and attach the list to the bag of items you bring in for each of these charities.

Cor Jesu Food Pantry

Cor Jesu Food Pantry is in need of cookies, brownies and jelly beans.

If you chose to send a check please make out to Cor Jesu. Thank you for your generosity each week

Plan Ahead:

March 19th 1st Day of Spring

St Teresa School Passion Play

March 22nd at 7pm and

March 27th at 12:45pm

March 29th Good Friday

March 31st **Easter Sunday**

St. Teresa Lenten Suppers March 22nd

Time: 4:30 pm to 6:30pm

Location: Avila Hall

Fish Fry: Fish, Fries, Hush
Puppies Soup: Minestrone

Solemnity of St Joseph Spouse of Mary March 19th

Everything we know about the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus comes from Scripture and that has seemed too little for those who made up legends about him.

We know he was a carpenter, a working man, for the skeptical Nazarenes ask about Jesus, "Is this not the carpenter's son?" (Matthew 13:55). He wasn't rich for when he took Jesus to the Temple to be circumcised and Mary to be purified he offered the sacrifice of two turtledoves or a pair of pigeons, allowed only for those who could not afford a lamb (Luke 2:24).

Despite his humble work and means, Joseph came from a royal lineage. Luke and Matthew disagree some about the details of Joseph's genealogy but they both mark his descent from David, the greatest king of Israel. Indeed the angel who first tells Joseph about Jesus greets him as "son of David," a royal title used also for Jesus.

We know Joseph was a compassionate, caring man. When he discovered Mary was pregnant after they had been betrothed, he knew the child was not his but was as yet unaware that she was carrying the Son of God. When an angel came to Joseph in a dream and told him, 20 "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins," he did as the angel told him and took Mary as his wife.

Since Joseph does not appear in Jesus' public life, at his death, or resurrection, many historians believe Joseph probably had died before Jesus entered public ministry.

Joseph is the patron saint of the dying because, assuming he died before Jesus' public life, he died with Jesus and Mary close to him, the way we all would like to leave this earth.

There is much we still wish we could know about Joseph -- exactly where and when he was born, how he spent his days, exactly when and how he died. But Scripture has left us with the most important knowledge: who he was -- "a righteous".





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Jeremiah 31:31-34

Happily Complying

There is obedience. And then there's attitude. Sometimes we do what we're supposed to do. But we don't always like it. Sometimes we obey with anger in our hearts, resentful of our actions, unhappy with subservience.

But other times we happily comply. We obey because we agree with what has to be done. We obey because we look forward to good results. We obey because we love the one who has asked a favor.

When the exiled inhabitants of Jerusalem returned to their holy city, God promised a new covenant through the prophet Jeremiah. The old covenant was good, but people broke it and God had to show them who was their master. This time, God had a better idea. God would write the covenant on their hearts.

Now when people obeyed, they would do so with the right attitude. They would not resist. They would not wander away from the covenant when they had the chance. They would so love God that they would happily comply with what their maker asked.

And God would forgive their sins.

During Lent, God has asked for your obedience. What attitude have you carried? Will you let God write the covenant on your heart? Will you happily comply and come to know the Lord?

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St Patrick's Day

March 17th

St. Patrick of Ireland is one of the world's most popular saints. He was born in Roman Britain and when he was fourteen or so, he was captured by Irish pirates during a raiding party and taken to Ireland as a slave to herd and tend sheep. At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to God and wrote his memoir, *The Confession*. In *The Confession*, he wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

Patrick's captivity lasted until he was twenty, when he escaped after having a dream from God in which he was told to leave Ireland by going to the coast. There he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and was reunited with his family.

A few years after returning home, Patrick saw a vision he described in his memoir:

I saw a man coming, as it were from Ireland. His name was Victorinus, and he carried many letters, and he gave me one of them. I read the heading: 'The Voice of the Irish.' As I began the letter, I imagined in that moment that I heard the voice of those very people who were near the wood of Foclut, which is beside the western sea-and they cried out, as with one voice: 'We appeal to you, holy servant boy, to come and walk among us.'"

The vision prompted his studies for the priesthood. He was ordained by St. Germanus, the Bishop of Auxerre, whom he had studied under for years, and was later ordained a bishop and sent to take the Gospel to Ireland.

He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Patrick preached and converted all of Ireland for 40 years. He worked many miracles and wrote of his love for God in Confessions. After years of living in poverty, traveling and enduring much suffering he died March 17, 461.

He died at Saul, where he had built the first Irish church. He is believed to be buried in Down Cathedral, Downpatrick. His grave was marked in 1990 with a granite stone.



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