

MARCH 22, 2015 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

GOSPEL SUMMARY: John 12:20-33



Here Jesus compares his life and ours with a grain of wheat. If the grain falls into the earth and dies, it then rises as a stalk of wheat that gives life by feeding others. Like the grain of wheat, we must be willing to lose our lives in order to gain eternal life. Jesus knows that the hour of his death when he will be lifted up on the cross is coming soon. But he also knows that when he is lifted up, he will draw everyone, Jews and Greeks and all the world's people, to himself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE GOSPEL: In this gospel story, to lose your life means to lay down your attachments to anything or anyone that prevents you from following Jesus. For people your age in today's world, what might some of those things and persons be? Who or what helps you to be a faithful follower of Jesus, not only during Lent but on a daily basis? How do you think Jesus draws people to himself? How can you help others whose words or actions say "We should like to see Jesus"?

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: What "falling" have you endured in order to "bear fruit" as a disciple?

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION: As we approach Holy Week, the creative juices of the ancient church of Jerusalem begin to shape our journey. In old Jerusalem at this season of the year, the attempt was made to recall the events leading up to Christ's passion. Those attempts were based not only on time, with celebrations of events as close to the day and hour as possible, but also on people's best guesses as to the actual place of these events. Vast numbers of pilgrims flooded the city during the forty days of Lent, many of them catechumens in their last stages of preparation for initiation. The fourth-century Spanish nun Egeria wrote a delightfully detailed diary of her experience of this lively and aerobic liturgy, which involved hearty singing, strong preaching, and nimble processions across vast and arduous terrain. Much of this energy was lost over the centuries, with the procession of palms a noteworthy exception. Northern climates had to reinterpret this Jerusalem liturgy, using forsythia, willow, or olive branches, but to this day the entry into Holy Week by a community on the move accompanied by joyful song hearkens back to a venerable tradition. Egeria's letters were rediscovered a little more than a hundred years ago, but they reveal a pattern of prayer: full, conscious, active participation, to which we have a right and a duty.—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
 Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
 Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
 Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
 Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
 Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
 Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

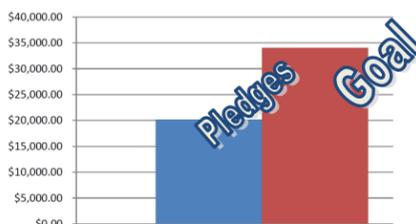


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Lenten Penance Service Schedule:

St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	Mon	3/23	6pm
St. Luke, El Cajon	Tues	3/24	7pm
Our Lady of Grace, El Cajon	Wed	3/25	7pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Lakeside	Mon	3/30	9am
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Guardian Angels, Santee	Tues	3/31	7pm

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Sat	Mar 21	Sunday Vigil/ Fifth Sunday of Lent	5:00PM	For the Parishioners
Sun	Mar 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30AM	(SI) Bedria Ablahad
Sun	Mar 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent	11:00AM	+Greg Barker
Sun	Mar 22	Fifth Sunday of Lent	12:30PM	+Raul Agiss Nuñez
Mon	Mar 23	Lenten Weekday		NO MASS
Tues	Mar 24	Lenten Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Wed	Mar 25	Lenten Weekday/The Annunciation of the Lord	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Thurs	Mar 26	Lenten Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners
Fri	Mar 27	Lenten Weekday	7:30AM	For the Parishioners

- OFFERING REPORT:** Our weekly offering from Mar 15 was \$3930.54 Thank you for your love and support.
- TAX PREPARATION:** By Paul Agpaoa; 45 Years Tax Preparation Experience. Bring all your documents and last year's tax return to Paul in the church office on Sundays between 7:30AM and 12:00PM and have your taxes prepared. 100% of his fee is donated to St. Pius X Catholic Church of Jamul. Agpaoa Tax Services, 1442 Highland, National City, CA 91950 619-474-1547.
- HISPANIC BREAKFAST/LUNCH:** Gather in Keenan Hall for food and fellowship as the Hispanic Community serves up a delicious meal after all the Masses this Sunday Mar 22.

Hispanic Group Breakfast/Lunch in Keenan Hall Sunday After All Masses



Palm Sunday
 "When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen..."
 Luke 19:37

Sunday 03-29-15



Mark your calendars! Plans are being made for the annual Cinco de Mayo Festival at St. Pius X. This year the festivities will take place on Sunday **May, 3.**

Stations of the Cross



From the church's earliest days, followers of Jesus told the story of his passion, death and resurrection. When pilgrims came to Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where Jesus was. Eventually, walking in the footsteps of the Lord along the way of the cross became a part of the pilgrimage visit. The stations of the cross, as we know them today, came about when it was no longer easy to visit the holy sites. In the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating replicas of the way of the cross, with small shrines commemorating the places along the route in Jerusalem. Eventually, these shrines became the set of 14 stations we now know and were placed in almost every Catholic Church in the world. The stations of the cross are a form of prayer. Just go from one station to the next, When "arriving" at a station, begin by looking carefully at the image itself then low then pray and meditate.



Come to Keenan Hall after Stations of the Cross for a delicious fish supper starting at 6:00PM every Friday night during Lent.



In his Lenten message for 2015. . . , Pope Francis asks us to "make our hearts firm" (Jas 5:8) and to be "merciful, attentive and generous." Embrace his call to mercy by reaching out to those in need. Be attentive to the Lenten call to prayer; be generous with your time and treasure. "Through prayer, charity and humility before God, people receive a heart "which is firm and merciful, attentive and generous, a heart which is not closed, indifferent or prey to the globalization of indifference.