



# Church of NOTRE DAME



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**SUNDAY  
MARCH 21  
2021**

## **PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**PUBLIC ENTRY BY  
APPOINTMENT ONLY  
MASS SCHEDULE  
(TEMPORARY)**

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 4 pm & 6 pm

Sunday: 8 am, 10 am & Noon

Weekday Masses

Monday: 7:30 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Wednesday: 7:30 am

Thursday: 9:00 am

Friday: 9:00 am

Saturday: 9:00 am

## **PARISH STAFF**

### Pastor

Fr. Richard Allen

### Director of Religious Education

Mr. Joseph Ranelli

### Director of Adult Education

Mrs. Kathy Higgins

### Liturgy/Music Coordinator

Mrs. Gretchen Wagner

### Secretary

Mrs. Carrie Hannah

### Religious Education Secretary

Mrs. Mary Lou Hornyak

### Business Manager

Mrs. Ann Miller

FIFTH SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



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# WEEKLY PRAYER

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

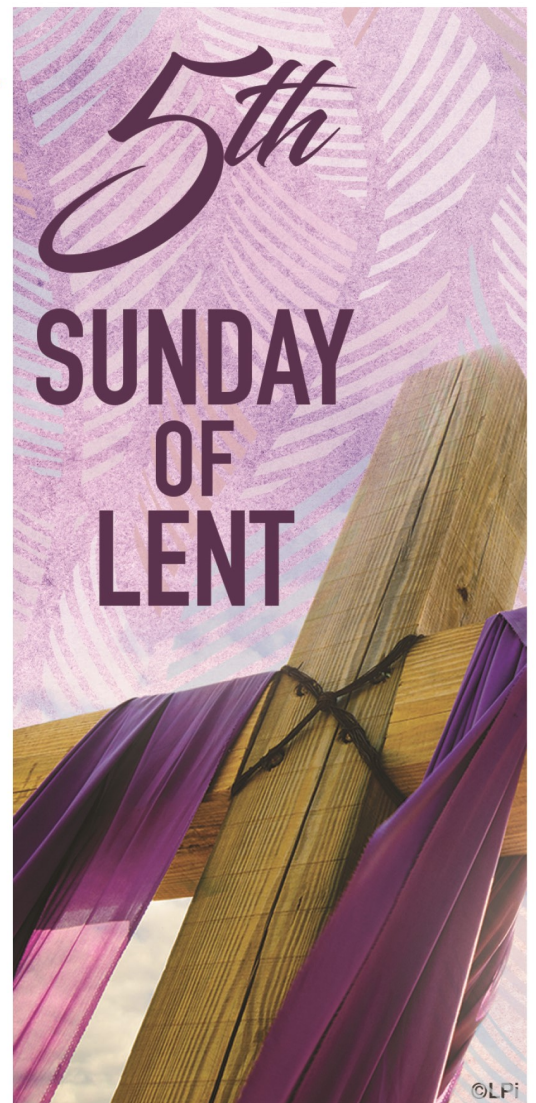
<b>SUN 3/21</b>	Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
<b>MON 3/22</b>	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
<b>TUE 3/23</b>	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
<b>WED 3/24</b>	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
<b>THR 3/25</b>	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
<b>FRI 3/26</b>	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
<b>SAT 3/27</b>	Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56
<b>SUN 3/28</b>	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

<b>Sunday:</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent
<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
<b>Thursday:</b>	The Annunciation of the Lord
<b>Sunday:</b>	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

## LIVE THE LITURGY Inspiration for the week

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.



*"Bloom  
where you  
are planted."*

— ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



# WORSHIP & MEDITATION



## FIRST READING

All, from least to greatest, shall know me,  
says the LORD,  
for I will forgive their evildoing and remember  
their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)



## PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51)



## SECOND READING

Son though he was, he learned obedience  
from what he suffered; (Heb 5:8)



## GOSPEL

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 20:24)

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## GOSPEL MEDITATION

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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.



MON 3/22 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Derek Hoffman [Sara McCauley & Annette Dougherty]
TUES 3/23 9AM	Suffering Souls in Purgatory
TUES 3/23 5 <sup>30</sup> PM	Michael Masello [Pat Rinda]
WED 3/24 7 <sup>30</sup> AM	Mary Rose Szugye [Bob & Toni Edwards & Family]
THU 3/25 9AM	Earl & Marguerite Feigert [Skip & Becky Feigert]
FRI 3/26 9AM	Vi Sferra [The Money Counters]
FRI 3/26 7PM	Stations of the Cross
SAT 3/27 9AM	William & Mary Jane Chavara [Family]
SAT 3/27 4PM	Jean Teaberry [Virginia Careghini]
SAT 3/27 6PM	Dick Stigliano [Judy Moroco]
SUN 3/28 8AM	Mass for the People
SUN 3/28 10AM	Ed & Alice Donnelly
SUN 3/28 12PM	John Ford



	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 3/27 4PM	T. Bain	J. Miller or P. Thornburg
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SAT 3/27 6PM	J. Feeney	NOT FILLED
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/28 8AM	B. Lackey	P. Clark or J. Wolinsky
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/28 10AM	K. Higgins	A. Orndorff or S. Puhl
	Lector	Eucharistic Min.
SUN 3/28 12PM	R. McGoff	NOT FILLED

**\*ATTN VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE CHECK-IN WITH FR. ALLEN PRIOR TO MASS**

## \*MINISTRY SCHEDULER\*

The next scheduling period will be from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. Please remember to inform us of any dates you will not be available to serve in this period. Please use the following link to update your availability.

[https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/msp/webterminal/myProfile.php?user=notre\\_dame](https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/msp/webterminal/myProfile.php?user=notre_dame).

You may also notify either the parish office at (724)981-5566 or Frank Hannah by email: [notredame-hermitage@gmail.com](mailto:notredame-hermitage@gmail.com)

**\*ALTAR SERVERS—We will be assigning ALTAR SERVERS beginning APRIL 1. Altar Servers that are no longer serving or not serving during the COVID restrictions, please notify the parish office.**

YOU ARE A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS PARISH AND WE THANK YOU!

## NO MASS / CONFESSION

There will NOT be a 9:00 AM Mass or Confessions Holy Saturday, April 3, 2021.

April 3—Blessing of Food	1:00 PM
April 3—Easter Vigil	8:30 PM

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### SACRAMENTS 2021

#### FIRST PENANCE

Thursday, March 25, 2021 / 7PM / Church

#### CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 11, 2021 / 2PM / Church

#### FIRST EUCHARIST

Sunday, May 2, 2021 / 2PM / Church

### Prayer for Candidates

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of our faithful Confirmation candidates and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.*

*And You shall renew the face of the earth.*

*O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of these faithful candidates, grant that by the same Holy Spirit they may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord. Amen*

## THURSDAY MASS CHANGE

**Beginning April 15, 2021 the 9:00 AM Mass time will be changed to 5:30 PM.**



## MID-WEEK EVENING PRAYER

Join us for this New Virtual Prayer Opportunity!

Looking for a mid-week pick-me-up? Consider joining other Catholic Christians in community prayer.

Please join Frank Hannah and others each Wednesday from 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM for virtual evening prayer.

Virtual prayer via Zoom. Use the following link to join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88954943015>

Who do I contact if I have trouble connecting?

Frank Hannah | 724-977-8655 | [gatorsnpa@gmail.com](mailto:gatorsnpa@gmail.com)

## ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

4:00—7:00 PM Every Friday during Lent

804 Idaho St

Sharon PA 16146

### TAKE OUT ONLY

Fried Fish Dinner or

Baked Cod Fish Dinner

\$10



MASKS REQUIRED

SOCIAL DISTANCING MAINTAINED



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## EASTER BREAD SALE!

Bread purchases and pickup will be available throughout Saturday at the John Paul School Kitchen and also before & after the March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> masses.

Traditional \$7, Raisin \$8 or any 3 for \$20

We can arrange pre-sales,  
for order or pickup you may contact

Rich at 724.991.0116 (Phone or Text) or email at [Ricfl@hotmail.com](mailto:Ricfl@hotmail.com)

Interested in:

- [ ] Easter Bread Volunteer (Baking or Distribute – All are welcome, fun family activity!)
- [ ] Being part of the Knights of Columbus
- [ ] Making donation towards supplies

## GIVING / OFFERTORY REMINDERS



### CSA:

\*Please do not combine your CSA payment with any other offertory.

\*CSA checks should be made payable to Notre Dame Church

### OFFERTORY CHECKS:

\*Please make sure your check has the correct date, made payable to Notre Dame and signed.

\*When issuing one check for multiple envelopes, mark the contribution amount on each envelope and make sure the total of all envelopes equal the amount of the check to ensure proper credit is given.

### ENVELOPES:

\*Please use the envelopes only for what they are intended for. Although we work diligently trying to catch all notes written on the envelopes and record payments as intended, notes are easily overlooked.



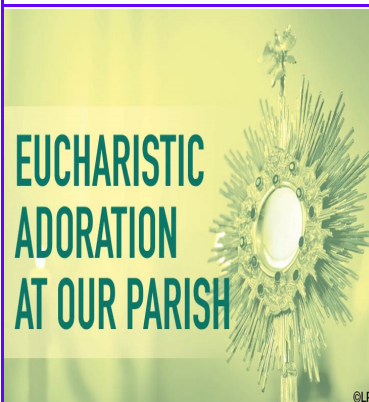
## LENTEN TALKS ON THE SAINTS

During the Lenten season, our pastor, Fr. Richard Allen, is giving a series of talks on the saints.

Those talks are available on the parish website:  
**[notredame-pa.org](http://notredame-pa.org)**

The parish home page displays a red banner on the Lenten talks. Click on the banner link to go to the Saints series, which is posted on YouTube.

A new saint talk will be posted on the website at **NOON** each Wednesday in Lent.



Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
**9:00 AM—11:00 PM**

For more information call:  
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Rosalee Beal 724-981-2645