

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass intentions
for March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, 5 p.m. —
Thea Bratton
By: Dede Noyes & Joy Strickland

Sunday, 8:30 a.m. —
† Jorge Mitra
By: Ric & Norma Martin

9:30 a.m. —
People of the parish

Wednesday — No Mass

Parish Life

Annunciation Prayer Service — The Knights of Columbus are leading a prayer service with rosary at noon Thursday for the feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord.

Palm Sunday — Next Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

Palms — For parishioners unable to attend Mass next weekend, the Knights will be distributing palms in the church parking lot from 11 a.m. till noon Palm Sunday. Drive in the entrance, receive your palm from a Knight and drive out the exit.

Stations of the Cross — Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6 p.m. Friday.

Lenten Food Drive — The Knights of Columbus are conducting the 40 Cans for Lent food drive. Please, no glass containers and no items past their expiration date. Cash donations may be given to any Knight.

Bereavement — Sheila Robey, mother-in-law of Fran Robey, died this week. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Dispensation

Catholics living in the diocese are not obligated to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. While not required, participating in Mass online is encouraged.



The New Covenant

A Covenant is a personal agreement between two or more people. Unlike a commercial contract, a Covenant is a commitment to share lives. The best human examples are the marriage vows in which a man and a woman agree to share a common life with faithfulness, love and honor. During the past Sundays of Lent we have been looking at the Covenants that God made with his people in the past. Sadly, though God kept his part of the bargain, the people rarely did. The prophet Jeremiah predicted that God would create a new permanent Covenant that God would "engrave" on our hearts. Jesus brought the New Covenant into being by his obedient death and resurrection.

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Weekly readings

Monday
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17,
19-30, 33-62
John 8:1-11

Tuesday
Numbers 21:4-9
John 8:21-30

Wednesday
Daniel 3:14-20,
91-92, 95
John 8:31-42

Thursday
Annunciation
of the Lord
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Friday
Jeremiah 20:10-13
John 10:31-42

Saturday
Ezekiel 37:21-28
John 11:45-56

**Palm Sunday of
the Lord's Passion**
Mark 11:1-10
Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalm 22:8-9,
17-20, 23-24
Philippians 2:6-11
Mark 14:1—15:47

Saintly Wisdom

"Nothing great
is ever achieved
without much
enduring."
St. Catherine
of Siena

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Reading 1 (Jeremiah 31:31-34)
The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more.



Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 51:3-4, 12-15)
R. Create a clean heart in me, O God. Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me. A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me. Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Reading 2 (Hebrews 5:7-9)
In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

Gospel (John 12:20-33)
Some Greeks who had come to worship at the

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Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

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Holy Week Schedule

- **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion**, 5 p.m. next Saturday; 8:20 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. next Sunday, March 28
- **Mass of the Lord's Supper**, 7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday, April 1
- **Adoration**, 8:30 p.m. to midnight Thursday, April 1 (in the church)
- **Stations of the Cross**, 6:15 p.m. Good Friday, April 2
- **Good Friday Service**, 7 p.m. Friday, April 2
- **Easter Vigil Mass**, 8 p.m. Saturday, April 3
- **Easter Sunday Masses**, 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Sunday, April 4