

**March 21, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
*Jeremiah 31: 31-34*  
*Psalms 51*  
*Hebrews 5: 7-9*  
*John 12: 20-33*

**Let the Intimacy of God's Love for You Guide You to Eternal Life**

"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be." (Jn. 12)

To be with Jesus Christ "Where he is" is not only a matter of geography. It is a matter of desire, attitude and conviction based on a God, who in His love is intimate to His people. As it is said in our first reading, the Prophet Jeremiah, "I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts." God very much desires to be a part of our lives.

Having an open mind and heart to God permits Him to become a part of the fabric of our lives. The Lord can become so integral to the life of each one of us that we do not even have to think about the relationship. Life in the Lord becomes first nature.

So, what is life in the Lord? It is when you enjoy knowing God's love. You sense a certain Peace, an awareness of fulfillment, of being on the right road. Achieving this is aided by following the guidance given in the Scriptures, Tradition and Magisterium of the Church. There is more.

As you mature through life you do well to become familiar with your talents. Having done so you may examine how to use your gifts in ways that match with the Lord's teachings and wishes for His community of faith. If you use them in ways that promote and support the expansion of Peace throughout the community then you most likely are on course within God's overall plan. Further, you must be willing to act morally.

You must be willing to give up your own notion of what is to be if it does not measure up to God's plan. Personally, when I was in my youth, I had a notion, if not desire, to do a great many things in my lifetime. Upon prudent reflection it was difficult to see how I would ever achieve all my personal ambitions. I needed guidance.

Overtime, discerning in the manner mentioned earlier I came to realize God's suggestions for me. I came to see I may accomplish much by surrendering to His will for me. His will for me was to become a priest of His Church. In so doing just about everything I thought of doing earlier in life came true. Yes, there are some things that did not fit into God's plan, but I am certainly fulfilled none-the-less.

The Letter to the Hebrews reflects what it means to follow God's direction. It is a matter of being obedient to God's call once you discern it. Christ Himself "learned obedience from what He suffered." As such He became the example for all of creation. Christ, for all the sacrifice He made was lifted up to Glory.

So, follow the Lord. Let God's law be in your heart. Let the intimacy of His love for you guide you to eternal life.

<u>Stewardship</u>	
Attendance last week:	242
Tithes Collected:	\$5,502.00
Online Giving:	\$345.00
Total:	\$5,847.00
Thank you!	

**Next weeks' second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.**

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS**  
**Is50: 4-7; Phil2: 6-11; Mk14:1-15:47**

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
April 1<sup>st</sup>: Holy Thursday 7:00 PM  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>: Good Friday 7:00 PM  
April 3<sup>rd</sup>: Holy Saturday -Easter Vigil **8:00 PM**  
April 4<sup>th</sup> : Easter Sunday 9:00 AM & 10:45 AM  
  
There is no Easter Egg Hunt this year.

**Tithes (Donations) for Easter**  
**Please plan for making an extraordinary tithe for Easter! It is much needed to support the mission of the parish. We want to be here to welcome all who seek wholeness in the Lord.**

**Thank you!**

## Vaccinations, Clarification

Archbishop Wenski has made the issue clear and easy to understand regarding using any of the vaccines now available. He points to the official statement from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith.

"[D]ue to the situation of the ongoing pandemic, 'all vaccinations recognized as clinically safe and effective can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with the abortion from which the cells used in production of the vaccines derive.'"

Archbishop Wenski also refers to Fr. Cioffi's helpful and erudite discussion on the matter found on the Archdiocese's website. Father Cioffi teaches at St. Thomas University and is a Medical Morals professor.

So, the Archbishop makes clear our parishes may be used as sites to distribute any of the vaccines. You may receive any of the three vaccinations now available.

Brothers and sisters, the principle here is the common good. We have an obligation to protect each other from this deadly virus. That is the common good.

Fr. Bob Tywoniak

## LITURGY FOR MARCH 21, 2021 5th SUNDAY OF LENT-B

### • SONG #1: 40 DAYS (M. Maher)

1. Forty days to wander, forty days to die to self. Forty days to grow stronger as faith breaks open the gates of hell. The jubilee is over, but grace is far from gone in the hearts of the faithful, broken on the wheels of love.

**'CAUSE IN THE DESERT OF TEMPTATION  
LIES THE STORM OF TRUE CONVERSION,  
WHERE SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER  
DROWN AND REFRESH YOU.  
AND AS THE JORDAN POURS OUT CHANGE,  
YOUR TRUE SELF IS ALL THAT REMAINS,  
WHERE SPRINGS OF LIVING WATER**

## **BIND AND BREAK YOU, BIND AND BREAK YOU.**

2. Forty days to discover his passion calls us to new life. The jubilee is over, but mercy's far from gone in the arms of the father as the wayward child comes home.

### • PSALM 51 (D. Pérez-Cuan) **CREATE A CLEAN HEART IN ME, O GOD**

### • GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: **PRAISE TO YOU, LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY:**

Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be.

### • SONG # 2: GOD OF MERCY (Manalo/Hurd)

**GOD OF MERCY, HOLY MYSTERY, EVER FAITHFUL  
ONE, YOU HAVE PITCHED YOUR TENT AMONG US,  
RECONCILING LOVE. HEART AND MIND OF  
CHRIST, LIVE WITHIN OUR LIVES, FORM US INTO  
PEOPLE OF MERCY AND GRACE.**

1. You have called us each by name in your great compassion, encompassing our failings with mercy. God of mercy, lead us.
2. Slow to anger, rich in love, you bestow forgiveness. May we, in turn, forgive those who harm us.
3. In our midst as one who serves, breaking down divisions, to all in need you send us as neighbor.

### • SONG #3: A GRAIN OF WHEAT (D. Pérez-Cuan)

1. Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground and die, it will remain a grain of wheat, but if it dies it will produce much fruit.
2. The fruits of love shall grow from fertile soil that faith provides. Sow all your seeds with a kind heart and soon you'll see God's miracle arise.
3. **//Open your heart. Let His love flow. Let all the earth cry out with joy. Come celebrate this wondrous gift our Lord has given us to share//**
4. Whoever serves the Lord must follow him without fear. Eternal life, awaits the ones that have embrace the truth the Lord shows us.

• **SONG #4: JESUS, MY EVERYTHING** (M. Maher)

1. I've been looking for a reason, I've been looking for a purpose, I'm losing all my meaning, I've run out of excuses. Lord it's hard to know you, I don't always see your plan. But holiness is calling me so take me as I am.
2. **'Cause you are my ev'rything, you are the song I sing; I'll do anything for you. Teach me how to pray, to live a life of grace; I'll go anywhere with you. Jesus, be my everything.**
3. Lord, I get so tired of the struggle within. I settle in complacency and I'm weighed down in my sin. So lead me past emotions, 'cause they change with the wind. I want to be a true disciple; to daily choose your hand.

• **SONG # 5: LEAD ME LORD (J. BECKER)**

1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.
2. **LEAD ME LORD, LEAD ME LORD BY THE LIGHT OF TRUTH TO SEEK AND TO FIND THE NARROW WAY. BE MY WAY, BE MY TRUTH; BE MY LIFE, MY LORD AND LEAD ME LORD, TODAY.**
3. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.
4. Blest are they who through their lifetimes show the seed of peace, all will call them children of the Lord. Blest are you, though persecuted in your holy life, for in heaven, great is your reward.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Joe Alfaro, Jordan Almendral, JoAnn Anderson, Michael Beard, Karen Becker, Mary Benivegna, Margarita Bogle, Tom Carver, Sean Chin, Robert Clark, Mary Collis, John Cooper, Logan Costante, Gregoria Daen, Sam DeMarco, Ines DeSalle, Roseanne DeSimone, Lisa DeStasio, John Dooney, Nelson Douaihi, Peggy Duff, Susan Fabbri, Lisa Findlay, Megan Forrester, Joshua Freeman, Richard Gossett, Ana Gilajota, Stephen Goch, Keri Greenan, Richard & Cathy Harper, Tyler Harrison, Cindy Hogman, Tiffany Kentosh, Butch Klinger, John LaNeve, Judith Kolo, Tamika Lee, Bernie Ligget, Gail Martin, Sean Martin, Mary McKelvey, Betsy McMahon, Clare McMahon, Frank McNeil, Rylee Mertz, Dan Murphy, Teresita Nazareno, Lauren Nicole, Thomas O'Brien, Barbara Perry, Della Mae Reblin, Lucy Reitano, Coleen Riley, Dee Ripple, Matilda Rivier, Charles Rousseau, Anthony Ruggiero, Theresa Schluter, Brad Schroder, Ellen Seaman, Roger Sherman, Jim Smullen, Vivian Spasiano, Rick Steffan, M. Stoufer, Richard Taylor, Antoinette Teresi, Constantino Thomas, Margarita Verano, Peggy Weiss, Ed Wrisley, Nancy Zakem, Marie & Jeff, Lucas Zaky

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 20

- 4:00 p.m. † Mary & Louis Michel by Anthony & Rosemary  
 † Jean Ingraham by Linda & Peggy

Sunday, March 21

- 9:00 a.m. Blessed Sacrament Parish  
 10:45 a.m. For Vocations by Parish  
 † Ted Moser by Parish

Monday, March 22

- 8:00 a.m. NO MASS

Tuesday, March 23

- 8:00 a.m. † Lorelei Ortiz-Cinco by Family

Wednesday, March 24

- 8:00 a.m. † Bernard & Eileen Flood by Flood Family

Thursday, March 25

- 8:00 a.m. John Cinco by Family

Friday, March 26

- 8:00 a.m. † Andrew Murphy by Doris Emmett

Saturday, March 27

- 4:00 p.m. † Gail Cirelli by Joyce  
 † Jean Ingraham by Linda & Peggy

Sunday, March 28

- 9:00 a.m. For Vocations by Parish  
 10:45 a.m. † Bernard Sharkey by Family  
 † Jennifer Marie Lucas

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### Message from the Archdiocese of Miami Development Office

1. Your Parish depends on your prayers, donations and support to carry on and continue to achieve wonderful things. Support your parish by making your offertory gift online.

<https://give.adomdevelopment.org/pages/universal-parish-offertory->

2. Our children's future is our responsibility. Creating an endowment in your will for Catholic education is a great way to pass on your Catholic Faith and create a long-lasting legacy. To learn how you can start an endowment fund toward Catholic education, contact the Office of Planned Giving today. (305) 762-1112.
3. "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.

### St. Vincent de Paul Society

St. Vincent de Paul Society of Blessed Sacrament parish helped 452 families representing 1399 individuals in the month of February 2021.

One of the primary covenants of St. Vincent de Paul Society is to provide moral and stopgap financial assistance to members of the faith. In accordance with this covenant, the SVDP group here at Blessed Sacrament parish would like to extend an invitation to any ACTIVE PARISH MEMBER to set a confidential appointment to discuss how we might be able to help at 954-254-4821.

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience, VIRTUAL WEEKEND, April 30, May 1 & 2, 2021

If you are spending time together, but feel the distance between you...THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND A WEEKEND IMPROVING YOUR COMMUNICATION IN THE COMFORT OF YOUR OWN HOME. This VIRTUAL Weekend gives couples the chance to sleep in their own beds and check-in on kids or animals during meal times. The weekend starts **Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm and ends **Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>** at about 3:00 pm. You need a good internet connection and computer/laptop/tablet with a camera and microphone. Sign up here: [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) (Used Fort Lauderdale for the location).

Contact Information: For more information contact- Frank & Fran Kulzer, 954-961-5078 or Steve & Kathy Franzone, 754-204-5996

