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## The Fifth Sunday of Lent

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### Readings for the Week

**Monday:** Lenten Weekday  
Dn 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday:** Lenten Weekday  
Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3,16-21 Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday:** Lenten Weekday  
Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** *Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit*  
Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Lenten Weekday  
Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** *Saint Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*  
Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday: PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**  
Mt 21:1-11 (procession)  
Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24  
Phil 2:6-11 Mt 26:14-27:66



Please remember in your prayers...

*Annette Andrews, Dionna Battle, Jennifer Blake, Bob Brimi, Fr. Bill Brimley, CSP, Avery Browning, Irene Cecere, Tom Chandler, Fr. Joe Ciccone, CSP, Maggie Costigan, Ron Cross, Megan McMurray Dugan, Robert Aldworth Foster, Cherry Gambol, Liz Gann, Maria Gervin, Ruby Gillespie, Richard Guay, Bill Healy, Susan Hiser, Lois Humphrey, Kelle Jolly, Veronica Jolly-Howell, Betty King, Patricia Kling, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Kent Latham, Noria Jeanne Likobo Ekaso, Phyllis Lockwood, Diane Longo, Fritz Massaquoi, Fred McMurray, Anna McNair, Peggy Moore, Ernestine Morigne, Ann Morse, Brook Nickerson, Lily Ostermayr, Peter Ostermayr, Victoria Ostermayr, Louis Rankin, Michael Rankin, Michael & Michele Rhinehart & family, Joel Rivera, Dorothy Romines, Freeda Ryan, Viola Schneider, Linda Schreiner, Meg Coode Shannon, Shirley Sheffield, Sierra Shuck-Sparer, Pat Sohanchak, Patsy Trollinger, Zoila Tellez, Janine Turley, Barbara Vest & family, Rose Vickery, Pat Wade, Anthony Walles, Nicholas Walles, Jean Wedekind, Lorie Weeden, Dani Willard, Grace Willard, Mary Catherine Willard, Sutton Williams-Gurley, & Donald Zengel.*



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## From the Pastor:

Traditionally, this 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent was known as **Passion Sunday**. The Church focuses our attention more and more on the final events of Jesus' earthly life – Jesus' passion, death, and resurrection - and why those events matter for us today. And matter they still do, in spite of the current pandemic and the disruptive consequences it is having – and will likely continue to have – on our public and private lives.

In order to slow the spread of this disease and protect those of us who are most vulnerable, it is necessary to limit our direct physical interactions. That is the reason for shutting down schools, businesses, and other gatherings – and for cancelling all public celebrations of Mass and all other parish and diocesan meetings and activities. This is a sacrifice which we are being called upon to make to reduce the spread of infection, because that is what it means to be a society and to care about the common good. In time, we will have a better sense of what can and cannot prudently be done. Meanwhile, I strongly encourage everyone to pay attention to and follow faithfully the current public health guidelines and minimize being in public places and in groups of any significant size. This is especially important for those of us who are older or who may have an already existing medical condition. I also encourage you to keep informed by checking our parish website and Facebook page and the diocesan website (<https://dioknox.org/>) on a regular basis.

While Masses may not be celebrated in the church, the church will be open, with the Blessed Sacrament exposed, for private personal prayer Monday through Friday this week from 12:00 noon through 1:00 p.m. Please remember, if you come to the church to pray during the week, to sit at some distance from others and to sanitize your hands when you arrive and when you leave. Also, if you go to our diocesan website (<https://dioknox.org/>), you will find listed there several sites where one can watch Mass online. You can also watch a daily livestream of the Holy Father's Mass at Santa Marta on the Holy See's website (<http://w2.vatican.va/content/vatican/en.html>). I encourage all who can to join one another in spirit for Mass in this way.

And thank you to everyone who has made the extra effort to send in your weekly contribution. Probably, the easiest way to keep up your financial support for the parish, as we face an increasingly uncertain future, is to register to give online, which you can do anytime on the parish website.

Finally, I want to encourage everyone, while physically distant, to keep in touch with one another and especially with those who live alone or who may have special needs that require assistance from others. We are all in this together. We may be separated by circumstances, but we are not divided.

*Our Lady, Health of the Sick, pray for us!*

*Ronald A. Lauer, CSP*

## **PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS TO MARY, HEALTH OF THE SICK:**

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.  
At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,  
with steadfast faith.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.  
We are certain that you will provide, so that,  
as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform ourselves to the Father's will  
and to do what Jesus tells us:  
He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.  
We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.  
Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger,  
O glorious and blessed Virgin.



### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults:**

Our regular sessions have been suspended for the time being. Please contact Brigid Johnson at [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com) if you are interested in more information. We have plenty to offer!



### **Religious Education News**

Religious Education materials for home-schooling are available from Pflaum Gospel Weeklies, Loyola Press and others. Contact Brigid at [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com) for more information about Pflaum.

Loyola Press focuses on the Sunday Gospel at: <https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>  
Please stay safe!



**Youth Ministry:** Our Youth Ministry sessions have been cancelled until further notice but their education in the faith doesn't need to stop. Pflaum Gospel

Weeklies is available for further faith formation. Please contact Brigid at [brigidjohnson50@gmail.com](mailto:brigidjohnson50@gmail.com) for more information. Loyola Press offers the Sunday Connection and Franciscan Media shares a Saint of the day each day. Alpha USA ([alphausa.org](http://alphausa.org)) has timely videos for teens that are worth watching and sharing with your teen. Take time to share your faith with your kids.



**Thank you to everyone** who contributed to our recent collections to support those impacted by the Middle-Tennessee tornados.

We received **\$2,461.28** in donations. We appreciate your generosity.

### **Parish Financial News**

#### **Parish Offertory Report\***

<b>March 15 &amp; 22 Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 7,694.00</b>
<b>Online Donations:</b>	<b>\$ 4,428.25</b>
Needed for Budget each week:	\$ 11,779.30
Total Collection YTD:	\$ 404,494.63
Total Budgeted YTD:	\$ 447,613.40
Gain/(Loss) this fiscal year:	\$ (43,118.77)

\*Regular offertory giving only. Does not include income from donations and other collections.

#### **Home Capital Campaign**

Total Pledges/Donations:	\$ 384,520.51
Total Received/Jan. 2020:	\$ <b>312,818.92</b>
Balance Remaining:	\$ 71,701.59
<b>Parish Share/Jan. 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 157,660.55</b>

#### **Together....Our Future Fulfilled St. Joseph School Capital Campaign**

Total Pledged:	\$ 319,672.00
Total Remitted:	\$ <b>247,221.02</b>
Balance Remaining:	\$ 72,450.98

#### **2019 Bishop's Appeal November 2019**

Parish Goal:	\$ 52,200.00
Total Committed:	\$ 50,363.50
Collections to Date:	\$ <b>45,651.50</b>
Collections Needed:	\$ 6,548.50



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