



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

5th

Sunday
of
Lent

March 18, 2018

35B FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospel given for Year A, n. 34, may be used in place of this Gospel.

John 12:20-33 If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

✠ A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.





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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Dear Friends,

Happy St. Patrick's Day to one and all who will be celebrating the famous Irish man this weekend. According to reliable sources, he was originally Welch, kidnapped by the infamous "Niall of the Nine Hostages" and brought to Ireland where he fell in love with the country and its people. Actually, he eventually felt called to convert all the Irish to Christianity, and in the doing, fell in love with them; how else could one preach the Gospel! Have a great Paddy's Day and don't overdo the "green"!

I hope those of you who managed to get away for Spring Break enjoyed your reprieve from the "normal." There is no CCE this Sunday (3/18) because we have students predominantly from two school districts who do not have their Spring Break the same week; don't forget, there is class next Sunday, Palm/Passion Sunday!

We will be wrapping up our Bible study classes this week (March 21 & 22) for the season. Notice of when we will resume will be posted here in the bulletin, and it is always on the calendar on our parish webpage.

Holy Week begins next Sunday (Palm/Passion Sunday) with the proclamation of the Passion according to St. Mark. Then, please take note of the Holy Week/Triduum timetable. The only change is the time of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday (3/29) which will be at the earlier time of 6pm in the hopes more of you can attend

God bless,

HOLY TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	EASTER SUNDAY
March 29, 2018	March 30, 2018	March 31, 2018	April 1, 2018
6 PM Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	3 PM Good Friday of the Lord's Passion <i>(Holy Land Collection)</i>	8 PM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - At the Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter	8:30 AM & 11:15 AM Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord - The Mass of Easter Day

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MOMS' GROUP

Wednesday, March 21st 6-8pm at St. Catherine's.

Mamas of all ages and stages, join us for our monthly fellowship meeting. This month we will be assembling "Blessing Bags" together. Bring a snack or beverage to share with the group.

Childcare is provided for \$5/child.

Email

scsmomsgroup@gmail.com to RSVP for childcare.



CLUB 55+ NEWS

April and May Club 55+ Bus Trips

Please join us for an exciting trip to Gonzales on Thursday, April 26, where a tour guide will discuss historical artifacts at the Gonzales Memorial Museum (including the "Come and Take It Cannon") and the Old Jail Museum.

Following a lunch of comfort food or BBQ at Toni's, we will head to the Spoetzl Brewery for a tour and some fresh Shiner beer. We will leave the church at 7:00 am and return by about 5:00 pm. The cost is \$5 per person not including lunch. On Thursday, May 17 we will head to Sugar Land to take in a Skeeters baseball game at Constellation Field. We will get in the game spirit beforehand during dinner at the nearby Chuy's Mexican restaurant. We will leave the church at 3:45 pm and should return by about 10:00 pm. The cost is \$12 per person not including dinner. Please mail your checks to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot for the trips. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

CLUB 55+ MARCH LUNCHEON

On Monday, March 19, we will be going to Fratelli's Restaurant, on the corner of Wirt & Westview. Arrival time is 1:15 PM. This is usually a wee attended luncheon, so please plan to join us.

CATHOLIC RUGBY CLUB

Arrows RFC, Houston's Catholic Men's Rugby Club, invites you to enjoy an evening of family-friendly Rugby! On Easter Monday, April 2, High School boys from Strake Jesuit, St. Pius X, and St. Thomas will unite as the Arrows Schoolboys to host their brothers from Fordham Prep, a Jesuit school of the Bronx, NY. Join us at Kubiak Stadium (at St. Pius X High School) for this free, fun-filled evening that includes two rugby matches and a Dinner Social to follow! For full details, visit www.arrowsrugby.com/schoolboysmatch.

PARISH CALENDAR

• FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT •

SAT	03/17	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN	03/18	8:30 AM Sunday Mass NO CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass
MON	03/19	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM No Weekday Mass
TUE	03/20	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass
WED	03/21	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 6 - 8 PM Moms' Group 7 - 8:30 PM Bible Study
THU	03/22	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass 10:30 AM - 12 Noon Bible Study
FRI	03/23	Office Hours: 10 AM - 4 PM 12:15 PM Weekday Mass †John Gaffigan

• PALM SUNDAY •

SAT	03/24	5 PM Sunday Vigil Mass
SUN	03/25	8:30 AM Sunday Mass 9:30 - 11 AM CCE 11:15 AM Sunday Mass †Hugo Vrsalovic

2018 EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

If you are making an Easter Flower Donation *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* a loved one, please note:

- ◆ Envelopes are due on or before Sunday, March 18, 2018
- ◆ Please PRINT the name(s) to be published - it is our goal to print your tributes as accurately as possible
- ◆ The Easter Flowers *in Memory of* or *in Honor of* will be published in the Sunday of Divine Mercy bulletin on April 8, 2018.

We appreciate everyone's generosity! If you have questions, please email Marcela Swihart at marcela@stcatherine-houston.org, or stop by the Parish Office weekdays from 10 - 4.



On behalf of the St. Catherine community, we offer our prayers and support to the family and friends of Richard Osterrieder who died last week. May our Lord bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences. and your family during this time of grief. Please accept our sincere condolences.