



Fifth Sunday of Lent 2024-B

Saint John had a clear purpose in mind when he wrote his gospel: “That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name” (John 20:31). He seeks to strengthen the faith of those early Christians in the young churches (congregations) of Asia Minor, who are threatened by the latent danger of going astray and even falling into doctrinal error about who Jesus Christ is and what is the true story of His life. Saint John goes straight to the point: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God made man. Our reading today occurs during that first Holy Week – Jesus has come to Jerusalem for His passion, death and resurrection. The verses immediately preceding this reading describe Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem; He has ridden into town like a king with the waving of palm branches and cries of joy.

Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. These are Gentiles, non-Jews. They came to Philip, The name “Philip” means “lover of horses.” Both Philip and Andrew have Greek names and may have understood Greek. It would be natural for the Greeks to seek out someone who would understand their culture and language to act as an intermediary. who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, 5 Bethsaida means “house of fishing.” Technically, it is in Gaulanitis which adjoins Galilee, but the Jews of Bethsaida were considered Galileans. and asked him, “Sir, we would like to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; The name “Andrew” means “manly.” It may be that they consulted with each other because there is no precedent for Jesus dealing with Gentiles. then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, The “them” is Philip and Andrew. There is no indication that the Gentiles were with them but it would make these Gentiles the first fruits of the spread of the Christian faith in the Greek speaking world. “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Now that the week of His passion has started, Jesus again begins to explain what is to happen to Him.

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. If it is thought to be strange that He must die in order to bring life, remember that this paradox already exists in nature. The grain of wheat left to itself produces nothing – only when it appears to have died and has been buried does it bring forth life, in far greater abundance.

Whoever loves his life loses it, Selfishness, man’s false love for himself that will not permit him to sacrifice himself, ends in destroying him. Only by treating his life as worthless from a this-worldly view does man gain the only life that really counts. and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. In Semitic usage, “hates” means “loves less.” Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. Service is a sacrifice of self. The principle of sacrifice is the explanation of Christ’s life and if you wish to be His follower, you must walk in His footsteps and sacrifice self. If you serve, you minister to another (“as you did it to the least of your brethren...”). The imitation of Christ is the Christian standard of perfection. “I am troubled now. In the face of an imminent and cruel death, Jesus can and does feel anguish. Yet what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Jesus asks the question and immediately answers it by submitting to the will of His Father. The value of the sacrifice is in the readiness to offer it.

Father, glorify your name.” This is Jesus’ final answer to this crisis of spirit – it is wholehearted acceptance of the Father’s will. Recall that in Semitic usage, “name” is synonymous to “person.” Faith is not simply acceptance of a proposition, but a commitment to a person. Then a voice came from heaven, This observation is unique to John’s gospel. It brings to mind Jesus’ baptism (Mark 1:11) and His transfiguration (Mark 9:7). “I have glorified it and will glorify it again.” This is not a reference to any single event, but to the entire life work and teaching of Jesus, all of which have been “signs” of the glorification that is to come. The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Like the Israelites at Mount Sinai, if they were not attuned to the Word of God, they didn’t understand it. Jesus answered and said, “This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Jesus’ private agony is a public manifestation of His obedient service.

Now is the time of judgment on this world; The time has come for Christ’s exaltation, it is time for that judgment of which He has continually spoken (John 3:17-19; 5:22-30). now the ruler of this world will be driven out. This is the paradox of Christ’s exaltation. It will appear that He has been defeated by this world, but in reality the power of Satan will be broken. John doesn’t say that Satan will be destroyed, but that he will no longer be the ruler of the world except to the extent that man’s evil dispositions permit. Satan has no power except that which we give him.

And when I am lifted up from the earth, The crowd understands rightly that this refers to His death, but they do not understand that it also refers to His glorification. I will draw everyone to myself.” He said this indicating the kind of death he would die. The death of Christ makes possible the exercise of His will of universal salvation. .

March 17th, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Office hours: Tuesday-Friday
12:00PM-3:00PM

Welcome new parishioners!
Please register in the parish office
and receive the archdiocesan newspaper

Yuma
Sunday Mass: English 10:30 am Spanish 1:00 pm
Saturday Anticipated Mass: Every Saturday in Wray at 5:00pm
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 5:30 pm Wednesday 8:00 am
Confessions: 2 nd & 4 th Saturday 11:00am-12:00pm Tuesday 4:30-5:00pm or by appointment
Wray
Sunday Mass 8:00 am Every Saturday Mass 5:00pm Weekday Masses: Thursday 5:30 pm Friday 8:00am Confessions: 1 st & 3 rd Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm Thursday 4:30pm

Parish Council Members:
Miembros del Consejo parroquial:
Jeremy Blach, Mark Oestman, Miriam Berry,
Freddy Arvizo, Zach Diaz, Glenda Escobar,
Theresa Imhof, Thomas Holtorf & Conner Blach.

CCD: Beginning in September
Pre-Communion: During CCD time
Pre-Confirmation: During CCD time
Youth Group: 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the
Month at 7:00PM
Knights of Columbus: 1st Sunday of the Month
9:00AM

St. John the Evangelist

The Catholic family of Yuma since 1888
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Horas de Oficina: Martes-Viernes
12:00PM-3:00PM

¡Bienvenidos Nuevos Feligreses!
Favor de registrarse en la oficina
parroquial y recibirán El Pueblo Católico.

Yuma
Misa de Domingo: Inglés 10:30 am Español 1:00 pm
Misa Anticipada de Sábado: Todos los Sábados en Wray a las 5:00pm
Misa Entre Semana: Martes 5:30 pm Miércoles 8:00 am
Confesiones: 2do & 4to sábado 11:00am-12:00pm Martes 4:30-5:00pm o con cita
Wray
Misa de Domingo 8:00 am Todos los Sábados Misa 5:00pm Misas de semana: Jueves 5:30 pm Viernes 8:00 am Confesiones: 1er & 3er Sábado 3:30-4:30 pm Jueves 4:30 pm

Parish Finance Council
Consejo Financiero Parroquial
Ronald Blach, Joe Harper, David Ledet,
Mary Kay Robertson .

Catecismo: Comienza en Septiembre
Pre-Comunión: Durante el tiempo de CCD.
Pre-Confirmación: Durante CCD.
Estudios Bíblicos: Comienza nuevamente en
Septiembre
Grupo de Jóvenes: 1er y 3er Miércoles del mes
7:00PM



We must act only for God,
and put our works into His hands.
– Catechism on Salvation- ST. JOHN VIANNEY~THOUGHTS of the CURÉ D'ARS

Liturgy and Activities Schedule

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Fifth Sunday of Lent

10:30AM ENGLISH MASS FOR +PAT VILLINES BY DAN & MARY KAY ROBERTSON

No CCD / No HABRA CATECISMO

12:15PM MISA (ESPAÑOL) PARA FAM. HERMOSILLO PEREGRINO & FAM. HERMOSILLO DUARTE

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00-9:00AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30PM MASS FOR +LILLIAN BAUCKE

BY ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

8:00AM MASS FOR +GARY NEWTON B

Y GAIL & GREG CRANSTON

8:30-9:30AM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00PM YOUTH GROUP

THURSDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Prayer for vocations: Vocation Ministry

5:30-6:30PM Adoration of the blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Lenten Weekday

Prayer for vocations: Applicants and Prospective Seminarians

6:00PM VIACRUCIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop

Prayer for vocations: 1st and 2nd College Seminarians

5:00PM Anticipated Mass in Wray

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord

10:30AM ENGLISH MASS FOR +CLARA LOUISE NASH BY GAYLE NASH

11:45AM-12:50PM CCD / CATECISMO

12:15PM MISA (ESPAÑOL) PARA +EMILIA SALCIDO POR EVA VÁZQUEZ

Tuesday, 8:00-9:00AM
Wednesday, 8:30-9:30AM
Thursday, 5:30-6:30PM

ADORATION

Martes, 8:00-9:00AM
Miercoles, 8:30-9:30AM
Jueves, 5:30-6:30PM

Readings for the Week of March 17th

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34 / Heb 5:7-9 / Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 / Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92,95 / Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9 / Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13 / Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28 / Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7 /Phil 2:6-11 /Mk 14:1—15:47

Sunday, March 24th 10:30AM English Mass

Eucharistic Ministers: Miriam Berry, Karla Blach. David Blach

Greeters& Gift Bearers: Ed & Miriam Berry

Introduction & 1st Reading : Kindra Brandner

2nd Reading & Petitions: Ron Blach

Ushers : Dan Baucke & Mark Oestman

Servers: Charlie Oestman & Gemma Oestman

Altar Linens: Gayle Nash

Money counters: Wed MAR 20th Teresa Imhof, Maureen Ebert,
Kelly Newton, Margarita Montes

Wed MAR 27th Bonnie Ledet, Amy Bohm, Elaine Nieslanik,
Connie Korf

Domingo, 24 de Marzo 12:15PM Misa en Español

Ministros de la Eucaristía: Griselda Hernández, Cecilia Varela,
Ana Corral

Recibidores: Hermelinda Moreno & Maricela Olivas

Introducción & Primera Lectura: Griselda Hernández

Segunda Lectura & Peticiones: Arnulfo Aguinaga

Monaguillos: Jacqueline González & Ayme Escobar



Catechism

CCD Classes will be resume on Sunday March 24th. The Spanish Mass will be celebrated at 1:00PM.



Knights of Columbus are having a Fish Fry on Friday March 22nd from 5:00PM-7:00P.M.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE

"In Jesus we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that He lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding." Ephesians 1:7-8

Service in Yuma, Tuesday March 19th at 6:00PM.

Service in Wray, Thursday March 21st at 6:00PM.

Lent is a time to turn to God.

Let us turn away from sin, and cast ourselves entirely into the arms of His loving mercy.

Lecturas para la Semana del 17 de Marzo

Domingo: Jeremías 31:31-34 / Hebreos 5:7-9 / Juan 12:20-33

Lunes: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 o 13:41c-62 / Juan 8:1-11

Martes: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 / Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 / Mt 1:16, 18-21

Miércoles: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92,95 / Juan 8:31-42

Jueves: Génesis 17:3-9 / Juan 8:51-59

Viernes: Jeremías 20:10-13 / Juan 10:31-42

Sábado: Ezequiel 37:21-28 / Juan 11:45-56

Domingo: Mc 11:1-10 o Jn 12:12-16 /Is 50:4-7 /Phil 2:6-11 /Mc 14:1—15:47

Father Mbala's Announcements~Anuncios del Padre Mbala



SUNDAY BIBLE REFLEXION

The "Hour" Comes

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus - in His death, resurrection, and ascension to the Father's right hand. The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1,3-4,7-8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to himself, not only Israelites, but all men and women. The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father - to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him. In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming crucifixion (see John 3:14-15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13). Troubled in His agony, Jesus didn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offered himself to the Father on the cross - as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gave Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9). Where He has gone we can follow - if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience - confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.



Stations of the Cross:

Come and meditate Jesus' suffering and death during the stations of the cross each Wednesday at

5:30pm (*Viernes 6pm en Espanol*)

Wednesday, March 20th at 5:30pm



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Flocknote



El próximo Domingo 24 de Marzo, la Misa en español será celebrada a las 1:00PM



SERVICIO DE RECONCILIACION

"En Jesús tenemos redención por su sangre, el perdón de los pecados, conforme a las riquezas de la gracia de Dios que Él nos prodigó con toda sabiduría y entendimiento". Efesios 1:7-8

Servicio en Yuma, Martes 19 de Marzo a las 6:00PM. Serivio en Wray, Jueves 21 de Marzo a las 6:00PM.

Cuaresma es el tiempo de regresar a Dios.

Abandonémonos del pecado y arrojémonos enteramente en los brazos de su amorosa misericordia.



The week that changed the world

Holy Thursday

March 28th Mass at 5:30PM in Yuma

Mass at 7:30PM in Wray

Good Friday

March 29th - Service at 3:00PM in Wray
Service at 5:30PM in Yuma

He has risen! ~ Easter Schedule

Easter Vigil - Saturday March 30th at 8:00PM in Wray

Easter Sunday - March 31st Bilingual Mass at 10:30AM in Yuma

Easter Vigil will be at St. Andrew's!

Easter Vigil will be held in Wray. What a great gift to be able to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!