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Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ March 21, 2021

**"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."**

John 12:33

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SAINT ANNE MASSES

In-door Daily Masses: 8:45am Mon.—Sat.

**In-door Sunday Masses: Sat. Vigil at 5pm
and Sunday at 8am, 10am, and Noon (Chinese)**

All Masses Livestreamed except Sunday 8am

**Confessions: 4-5pm Sat. and half-hour
before Sunday Masses and by appointment**

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Christ Offers All for Us

Today as we celebrate the 5th Sunday of Lent, we are drawing close to our destination and to the most important moments in our journey this season. This fact is reflected in all the readings of this Sunday. Christ is ready to offer everything for our salvation. So, we too must be willing to offer all for him and for others. The first reading of this Sunday is an assurance of God's continuous presence with us. It also reminds us of the new thing that God is about to do in our midst: "I will make a new covenant and never call their sin to mind...then, I will be their God and they will be my people." God is ready to set aside a relationship that was destroyed by infidelity. He wishes to restore a broken relationship.

On our own part, we must be ready to accept this new covenant with God. This new covenant offers us salvation and life. So, as we continue our walk this Lent, let us know that God is willing to fulfill his promise, and nothing can stop him. All he demands from us is to be ready to accept this new covenant made in Christ Jesus.

The second reading of this Sunday reminds us of the Gethsemane experience of Jesus. It reminds of the great sacrifice of Christ. First, this was to fulfill the promise of his father. Second, it was to save us. "...He learnt to obey through suffering...he became for all who obey him the source of eternal life." Christ is willing to pay this price this season in order to get us going in life. He will achieve it through his prayer and suffering for humanity. He will do all these in humility and obedience, which are especially important virtues we need in order to excel in life. Without these Christ would not be able to achieve the new covenant for our salvation.

Today, as we see Christ carrying out his priestly and intercessory role, we must find new courage to press on amid trials, persecution, and even doubts. Also, we must learn from His experience, that suffering is necessary, and inevitable in life. This is because, just like Christ, we will be made perfect through it.

The gospel of this Sunday draws us closer to our destination. Christ himself tells us: "Now the hour has

come for the son of man to be glorified." What glory is there in suffering? He is about to be arrested, punished, and killed, yet he talks about his glory. Jesus saw beyond the clouds of pains and difficulties in order to behold success and eternal life. He knew that his suffering and death would restore life to many. So, rather than be discouraged by the temporary situation of suffering, he was encouraged and motivated by the honest reward of eternal life. Hence, Christ offered his suffering and life in order to restore a broken covenant and eternal life for all who believe in him. Hence, he says: "Unless a grain of wheat dies it remains a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest."

Unfortunately, many of us do not like or want to follow this path. Jesus invites us to be strong along the path of life. He wants us to be where he is. So, we must be ready to endure as he did. We must be ready to die as a grain dies in order for us to regenerate. Practically speaking, we die every day when we stand up for justice, when we stand for the truth, and when we say no to sin, corruption, and immorality. These "daily deaths" exhaust us physically, but they strengthen us spiritually. Therefore, as we continue our walk with Christ this season, the thought of his own suffering and death must strengthen us daily.

—Fr. Celestine



**Catholic Charities
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Loaves & Fishes
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Celebration
Thursday, April 8, 2021
Pre-Show 5:45 PM;
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Join us for a virtual evening of celebration, inspiration and hope in support of Catholic Charities and our most vulnerable neighbors in San Francisco, San Mateo, and Marin counties. Catholic Charities is serving 60,000 people during this year of the pandemic – double the number we normally serve annually. Our programs need your help! Imagine a time when everyone has a place to call home and enough food to eat.

We will honor Reverend Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., President, University of San Francisco, and Stephen Revetria, President, Giants Enterprises.

Performances by Grammy-winning songwriter/producer Narada Michael Walden, the 9/11 singing policeman, Daniel Rodriguez, and the USF Marching Band, among others.

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March 21 to March 27, 2021

Sunday, March 21		Presider
8:00	Parishioners of Saint Anne Arlene Alvar (D)	Fr. Nascimento
10:00	Phyllis Boyle (D) Lilia, Estela, Avelino, Bienvenido Luna & Family (D) Yong Ho Harris (D)	Bishop Walsh/ Fr. Nascimento
Noon	John Szu (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Monday, March 22		
8:45	thanksgiving, Aida Gomez & Family Arlene Alvar (D) Nicandro & Eufracia Conge (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Tuesday, March 23		
8:45	thanksgiving, Jinnie & Lily Chanda Ellen P. Chung (D) Arlene Alvar (D)	Bishop Walsh/ Fr. Nascimento
Wednesday, March 24		
8:45	thanksgiving, Conrad & Marilyn Gloria Edejer (D) Aimee Devenny (D)	Fr. Nascimento
Thursday, March 25		
8:45	thanksgiving, Mafinina thanksgiving, Aldrey & Annette Bonifacio	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Friday, March 26		
8:45	thanksgiving, Rita Timur Family birthday, Carol & Sherman Bough Alfredo Mendoza (D)	Fr. Zhai, SVD
Saturday, March 27		
8:45	Confraternity of St. Anne	Bishop Walsh/ Fr. Zhai, SVD
5:00pm	healing, Dede Leonard Colm McBride (D)	Fr. Nascimento

Contact Your Representatives re The Equality Act

Everyone deserves to be treated with respect and dignity. The Equality Act, which was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives 224 to 206 on Feb. 25, in many ways does the opposite and needs to be opposed. Instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act would discriminate against people of faith. The Equality Act would: punish faith-based organizations, such as charities and schools who serve everyone in their communities, simply because of their beliefs; force girls and women to compete against boys and men for limited opportunities in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower spaces with biological males who identify as women; risk mandating taxpayers to fund abortions; force people in everyday life, and especially health care workers, to support gender transition; and expand what the government considers a "public" place, forcing even some parish halls to host functions that conflict with Catholic beliefs. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) urges Catholic to take action now: Visit the website below to learn more and to contact your Senators immediately.

votervoice.net/USCCB/Campaigns/80967/Respond

Lenten Reconciliation Service – How can we go to confession safely in these pandemic times? After discussion with the Liturgy Committee, Fr Celestine and I came up with the following for both St Anne and Holy Name parishioners. We'll do the regular Reconciliation Service in the Church (and via Holy Name's facebook page) that will include scripture reading, reflection, and examination of conscience, and in place of individual confession between priest and penitent, we will use the Church's approved General Absolution for exceptional circumstances. We'll invite the penitents gathered to confess directly to God, and the priest will grant all gathered a General Absolution. Those wishing to confess individually can remain and both Fr. Celestine and I will also be available for individual confession.

When: Wed, Mar 24, 2021 @ 7pm




Where: Holy Name Church

Or www.facebook.com/holynamenameofjesussf

—Fr. Dan

2021 Holy Week Schedule

(Join us in person or via Facebook livestream)

Holy Thursday:	7:30pm - Mass w/Adoration in Church until 9:30pm	
Good Friday:	12pm - Last 7 Words of Jesus 1:30pm - Liturgy with Veneration of the Cross 3pm - Divine Mercy Prayer 7pm - Stations of the Cross	
Holy Saturday:	8pm - Easter Vigil Mass	
Easter Sunday:	8am, 10am & 12pm (Mass in Chinese)	
Divine Mercy:	Novena, Daily @ 3pm (starting Fri, 4/2) Sunday 4/11 @ 3pm with Exposition & Benediction	

Last Week's Collection

March 14, 2021—\$2,847.22

Catholic Relief Services— \$325.00

This Week's 2nd Collection :

Property and Insurance Fund

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021

Goal: \$53,983.00

Donations Received: \$1,826.00

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