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**Thank you,  
Msgr. Stan Carson**

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 21, 2021

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**2010 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

**[www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org](http://www.ourladyoffatimaaltoona.org)**

**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

**or call the Cathedral Office at 944-4603.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**

**Parish Secretary**

**Paula Hall**

**Director of Music Ministry**

**Cathy McFee**

***Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:  
Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.***

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open  
Sunday through Saturday: 7:30 AM - 5PM  
for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals will be  
held at Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Preparation for Baptism, and Weddings will be  
held at the Cathedral. 944-4603**

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick  
Parishioners wishing to receive the sacrament of healing may call the Cathedral Parish Office to make arrangements. 814-944-4603**

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH IS A RESULT OF  
THE MERGER BETWEEN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC  
CHURCHES OF SS. PETER & PAUL AND ST. LEO  
THE GREAT IN 1995.**

**Cathedral Church Office: 814-944-4603**

**One Cathedral Square**

**Most Reverend Mark L. Bartchak, Bishop**

**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson, Administrator**

**PH: 814-944-4603**

**Rev. Father Dennis M. Kurdziel, Parochial Vicar**

**Christian Initiation Team: 944-4603**

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**HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

**Web: [www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)**

**Altoona Campus (Pre-K thru Grade 4) - 381-7011**

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**Director of Music Ministry**

**Leslie C. Thayer, MM, CAGO**

**Music Ministry Office - 944-2044**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**

**12:30 PM Saturday**

**Religious Education @ Cathedral: Pre-K through 11**

**Sacramental Formation @ Cathedral: First Reconciliation  
First Communion  
Confirmation**

**Sacramental Formation @ the Cathedral: Baptismal Prep  
Marriage Prep  
Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**8:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**10:00 AM**

**12:00 Noon**

**12:00 Noon**

**5:30 PM**

**Saturday: 8:00 AM**

**5:00 PM**

**12:00 Noon**

**THE FATIMA TOWERS**

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS

### Today, Sunday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tom Byrne (Wife and Children)

### Next Sunday, March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Mim Pufka Billman

### Cathedral Mass Intentions

#### **March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

8:00 AM +Martha Maurer (Dave & Karen Rhoa)

10:00 AM +Patricia Koeck (Mary Ann Hofer)

Noon PM +Bernadine Garcia (Kathi & Ken Civils)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People

#### **March 22, Monday, Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM +Deceased of the Hrubik & Kurdziel Families  
(Rev. Dennis Hrubik)

12:00 PM +Julianne Seidel (Don Sgro)

#### **March 23, Tuesday, Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM +Angeline Mangiacarne, Birth. (Family)

12:00 PM +Jim Doud, Anniv. (Debbie Ball)

#### **March 24, Wednesday Lenten Weekday**

6:45 AM +Janet Tomlinson (Regis & Christine McCloskey)

12:00 PM +Gerry Rose, Anniv. (Kathleen Rose Davies)

#### **March 25, Thursday, The Annunciation of the Lord**

6:45 AM +Orvita Knott (Richard & Connie Steinbeiser)

12:00 PM +Sandy Cuzzolino, Anniv. (Family)

#### **March 26, Friday, Lenten Friday**

6:45 AM +Dan & Marian Burns (Dave & Maureen Hane-Kamp)

12:00 PM +Lori Keirn (Doris Seymour)

#### **March 27, Saturday, Lenten Weekday**

8:00 AM +Alice Winkler (Mary Jane & Les Hildebrand)

12:00 PM +Madeline Vogel (Shelly & John Wolf, Sr.)

#### **Vigil: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

5:00 PM +Edgar L. Johnston, Anniv. (Wife)

#### **March 28, Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

8:00 AM +Anna Marie Jacobs (Kirk Dodson)

10:00 AM +Barry and Brian Elmers (Mom & Dad)

12:00 PM +Dorothy Stephens (Robert Farabaugh)

5:00 PM Pro Popolo/For the People



### SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of March has been donated by the Noel Villadolid Family. Other months are available for \$30.00.

MARCH 21, 2021

*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.*  
John 12:24

## FIFTH LENT SUNDAY OF

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34) *or* Ezekiel 37:12-14.

**Psalm** — Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51) *or* Psalm 130.

**Second Reading** — Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9) *or* Romans 8:8-11.

**Gospel** — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) *or* John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

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### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

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

**Wednesday:** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday:** Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]

### Thank You

Your prayers, volunteerism, and financial support are deeply appreciated. The contributions for Sunday, March 14, were \$1,143.

Your generous offerings at Easter are particularly important to the wellbeing of our parish.

*"Pray the Rosary every day in order to obtain peace for the World."*  
... Our Lady of Fatima  
May 13, 1917

*"There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary."*

... Sister Lucy of Fatima





# LOOKING BEYOND EXILE AND SUFFERING

The readings today remind us how close we are to Easter—only two weeks from now. They also remind us that the path to resurrection and Easter always includes suffering and death. The prophet Jeremiah spent his whole life proclaiming the word of God to kings who would not listen. As an old man, he saw Jerusalem defeated and the inhabitants taken into exile. Jeremiah himself suffered in being left behind, but in today's reading, he is looking beyond those sufferings to a time when the previously disobedient people would be transformed and live in harmony with God's law.

In the Gospel reading, friends of Philip come to him and ask about meeting Jesus. When Philip and Andrew take the request to Jesus, he begins a cryptic discourse on discipleship, transformation, and divine judgment. We never hear whether Philip's friends got to personally meet Jesus. Perhaps they simply blended in with the crowd.

Jesus says, "[W]hen I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." The narrator says that Jesus' words indicate how he will die; the readers already know Jesus will be crucified. Jesus also speaks of divine judgment driving out the world's rulers and of the need to be transformed, like a seed growing into a productive plant. He warns about loving our life and losing it. Unlike Jeremiah's detailed vision, Jesus only hints at what kind of transformed life his death will bring.

What if we, like Philip's friends, want to get close to Jesus? Does that mean that the discourse on death and judgment is addressed to us? If Jesus will draw everyone to himself as he is "lifted up," does being closer to him mean joining him on his cross? (Do we want to be *that* close to Jesus?) Do we want to be transformed? If we say "yes," the liturgy these next two weeks can show us the only way the Church knows to get closer to Jesus: to be willing to be "lifted up" with him in his suffering—and in our own.

Today's Readings: Jer 31:31–34; Ps 51:3–4, 12–13, 14–15; Heb 5:7–9; Jn 12:20–33

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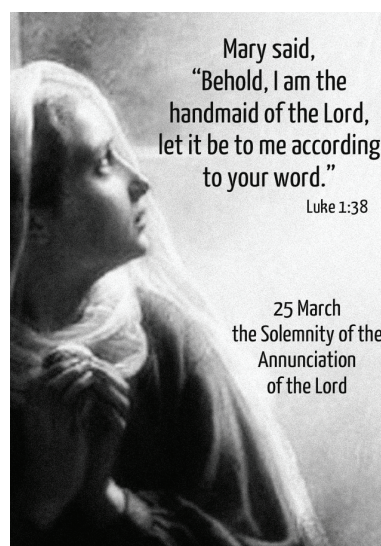
Our Lady of Fatima's Catholic Ministries Drive target for 2021 is \$9,168. The drive presents us with an opportunity to provide a message of hope to the people of our diocese. Please be generous in your support. Thank you.

## The First Reading

Each Sunday, we listen to three scripture readings. The first reading usually comes from the Old Testament. "The New Testament lies hidden in the Old; the Old Testament comes fully to light in the New," we read in the *Introduction to the Lectionary*. "Christ himself is the center and fullness of the whole of Scripture" (5). On Sundays, these readings usually have a close connection to the Gospel. In this season of Lent, for example, the Exodus account of the thirst of the Israelites in the desert is paired with the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus at the well. Ezekiel's vision of the Lord raising people from their graves is paired with the narrative of Christ raising Lazarus from the dead.

The readings are taken from many sources—historical books like Judges, Kings, and the Acts of the Apostles, prophets like Isaiah and Ezekiel, wisdom literature like Proverbs or Ecclesiastes. But no matter its genre, the first reading always ends with the same acclamation: "The word of the Lord." The scriptures are written by human authors who wrote in widely different cultural and historical contexts, but these human authors are also divine instruments through whom God speaks to us. And so we say, "Thanks be to God."

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Him whom the heavens cannot contain, the womb of one woman bore. She ruled our Ruler; she carried Him in whom we are; she gave milk to our Bread.  
— [St. Augustine](#)



## Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross will be prayed publicly at the Cathedral at 5:30 PM on Fridays. You are also encouraged to pray them privately in our church or at the cathedral at other times.

Good Friday (April 2) will be a day of **fast and abstinence**. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. FASTING refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise for the day. ABSTINENCE refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). The ancient practice of fasting and abstaining can occur throughout other days in Lent.