

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 18, 2018

*I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.  
— Jeremiah 31:33*

### SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — I will place my law within them and write it 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 became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (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].

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,922.00	\$3,104.00
Number of Families contributing	134	107
Total Pledge for 2018	\$166,199.00	\$167,136.00
Pledged to Date (10 Weeks)	\$31,667.00	\$30,898.00
Received to Date	\$27,680.00	\$22,558.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$3,987.00	\$8,340.00

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$269.00	\$1,993.00

Thirty-one ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2018 Parish Goal	\$25,705.00
Amount Received to Date	\$2,375.00
Amount Outstanding	\$23,330.00

Thirteen people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2018
\$0.00	\$1,385.00

No one made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$82.00.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$7.00.

17 **CHILDREN** contributed \$140.00.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES totaled \$125.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 210, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 160 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 190.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Somewhat cynical, but perhaps uncomfortably close to the truth, is the fable related by the Russian novelist, Turgenieff.

According to the story, once upon a time God gave a party to all the virtues, great and small, heroic and humble. All gathered in a large and beautifully appointed hall of heaven, and the guest enjoyed themselves very much, since they were all well acquainted with one another, and some even were closely related.

The conversation between the virtues was sparkling, and God was well pleased. Suddenly, however, God noticed two fair virtues who seemed not to know each other at all, and were somewhat ill at ease in each other's company.

Thereupon God took one of these two fair virtues, and, leading her to the other, made a formal introduction.

"Benevolence," he said, "this is Gratitude."

And the two fair virtues were greatly astonished, for never in their lives had they met face to face before.

*Gratitude is a lively sense of future favors.*

—Sir Robert Walpole

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. the Family of Blockey's Shirley in loving memory of her on her Birthday;
2. Eddie Joe and Family in loving memory of Bubby Ed on the 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death and Ed's Winnie on her Birthday;
3. and a Parish Family Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CHERIAN

*Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> is Fr. Cherman's Birthday.*

*St. Edward Parish Family would like to wish*

*Fr. Cherman a very, very, very*

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY!***

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday:

**Mar. 23: Society of Mary Immaculate**

**Mar.30: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH** will be celebrated this Monday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 NOON Mass. The Youth Group will organize the Feast.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of St. Michael and also to two members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

**TRIDUUM PRAYER TO THE INFANT JESUS** Beginning last Sunday, we began Triduum Prayer to the Infant Jesus. It is being held in the Church on Sunday after the Divine Mercy

Rosary at 3:00 P.M. The Church will be open at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday.

**NO MATTER**

*Hate no one, no matter how much they've wronged you.*

*Live humbly, no matter how wealthy you become.*

*Think positively, no matter how hard life gets.*

*Give much, even if you've been given little.*

*Forgive all, especially yourself.*

*And never stop praying for the best for everyone.*

**EASTER LILIES** It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Mary Rita O'Hara, Bridget Rita or the Church Office.

**NEVER FORGET TWO PEOPLE IN YOUR LIFE**

1. The person who lost just to make you win.  
(Your Father)
2. The person who was with you in every pain.  
(Your Mother)

**IRISH BLESSING**

*May the road rise to meet you,*

*May the wind be always at your back.*

*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*

*The rains fall soft upon your fields,*

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**JOKE OF THE WEEK**

My wife and I have the secret to make a marriage last. Two times a week, we go to a nice restaurant. She goes Tuesdays, I go Fridays.

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

**Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

**Monday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Tuesday:** Spring begins

**Friday:** **Abstinence;** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday:** For the repose of the souls of Maggie Taylor on the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of her death and Pete Man O'Hara on his 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Tuesday:** In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph .

**Wednesday:** For Tommy McGuire on his 15<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

**Thursday:** In thanks for Savvy Riley on her 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday.

**Friday:** For Bryan Jude Gorman on his Birthday.

**REMINDERS OF HIS LOVE**

*City lights outshine the moon,*

*But here in the rural parts,*

*On a clear and cloudless night,*

*You can see the twinkling stars,*

*Arrayed in all their glory,*

*Sprinkled 'cross the midnight sky,*

*Myriads of tiny lights;*

*Makes the mind to wonder why*

*God our Father placed them there,*

*Heavenly jewels above...*

*For to guide the ships at sea,*

*And remind us of His love.*

**READERS**

**Sat. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**  
Skylar & Christie

**Sat. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**  
Carolyn & Mary Melissa

**Sun. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.** Mary Cat & Jimmy Joseph

**Sat. Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Cathy Lisa Butts

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Karen

**Narrator** Mary Rita

**Speaker** Ann T.

**Sat. Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Jay

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Carolyn

**Narrator** Jay

**Speaker** Carolyn

**Sun. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Mary Cat

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Jimmy Joseph

**Narrator** Jimmy Joseph

**Speaker** Mary Cat

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

**Monday** Paige

**Tuesday** Joy

**Wednesday** Cheryl

**Thursday** Allison

**Friday** Kara

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

**Saturday 4:00 P.M.**

Front

Left Cup

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Bridget Ann

Winnie Ann

**Saturday 7:00 P.M.**

Front

Cup

**March 17<sup>th</sup>**

Jay

Johnny Jay's Ann

**Sunday 10:00 A.M.**

**March 18<sup>th</sup>**

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

**March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Pete Man's Nora

Rose Marie

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

**Monday** Mary Cat

**Tuesday** Pete Man's Nora

**Wednesday** Ann T.

**Thursday** Bibbie's Catherine Ann

**Friday** Bridget Ann

**HELP ME THROUGH**

Whenever you do not understand

what's happening in your life,

just close your eyes, take a deep breath and say,  
"God, I know it's your plan, just help me through it."

**PRAYER CORNER**

**PRAYER IN SORROW**

*God of all consolation, in Your unending love and mercy for us, You turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Show compassion to Your people in sorrow. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of this grief to peace and joy in Your presence. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.*