

## 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]*.

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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 19</b> † Milton and † Anita Styles and Family † Roy and † Sally Hansen and Family
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 20</b> † Maria Rebagliati
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>March 21</b> Communal Service † Anthony "Tony" Martinez † Robert Malibago † Francis Cook † Anthony Agius
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>March 22</b> † Gio Batta Garibaldi † Ruth Garibaldi-Lembi
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am 7:00 pm	<b>March 23</b> † Giovanni Rebagliati Stations of the Cross Multi lingual
<b>Saturday</b> 8:00 am 4:30 pm	<b>March 24</b> † Maria Dolores Oropeza Palm Sunday Vigil
<b>Sunday</b> 7:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am	<b>March 24</b> Palm Sunday Palm Sunday Palm Sunday

† Denotes deceased – (L) Living

### Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

<b>Weekly Need:</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$ 3,004.00</b>
<b>Over/Under</b>	<b>\$ 1,996.00</b>
<b>Archdiocesan Appeal</b>	<b>\$ 644.00</b>

If you make your offertory donation by check, without using parishioner envelopes, it would be most helpful if you placed your envelope # in the "memo" section of the check. This helps us input your donation to the offertory data system. **We will not be responsible for donations not credited due to missing envelope numbers (or not having a Sunday collection envelope.)**

## Easter Schedule



### Holy Thursday – March 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Morning Prayer and Meditation  
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper  
Adoration at the Altar of Repose Until 11:00 pm

### Good Friday- March 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 a.m. Individual Meditation  
12:00 noon-3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross, Seven Last Words,  
Lord's Passion, Communion and Veneration of the Cross

### Holy Saturday – March 31<sup>st</sup>

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Reflection.  
Confession 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunday – April 1<sup>st</sup>

Masses:  
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

**The Parish office will be closed on Good Friday and will be closed on Monday April 2<sup>nd</sup> for the Easter Holiday.**

### Good Friday Parking

Please note that parking **WILL NOT** be available on Good Friday in Alta Vista Schoolyard.

### Bring your Bells

You are invited to bring bells to the liturgies on Holy Thursday and the Easter Vigil. It is a Catholic tradition to ring the bells as we sing the Gloria at both of these liturgies.

### Palms

Please return last year's holy palms to the church. (There will be a box at the entrance of church.) The collected palms will be burned and the ashes used for the Ash Wednesday service the following year. Since the palms have been blessed and therefore holy objects they should not be thrown away.

### Chrism Mass:

Thursday, March 22, 2018, 5:30 PM  
Location: [St. Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street @Geary, San Francisco 94109](#)

Please join Archbishop Cordelione, the clergy and the laity of the Archdiocese for the Chrism Mass. Included in this annual rite, unique to a cathedral and only done once a year, is the blessing of the Oil of the Sick and Oil of Catechumens, as well as the Consecration of the Holy Chrism, all three of which are used in Sacraments and blessings in the parishes of the Archdiocese in the coming year. Also included in the full Mass is the Renewal of Priestly Promises by our presbyters. All are welcome.



As we prepare for the solemnity of the Passion we look forward to the joy of the Resurrection. We hope to express our joy by decorating our altar with a generous display of Easter flowers. We are asking parishioners to donate Easter Lilies for Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Please bring the flowers to the rectory or the Church (when open) beginning March 26<sup>th</sup>.



*Pray for our Beloved Deceased  
In your prayers this week, please remember  
the repose of the souls of our deceased  
parishioners, especially:*

*Eva Castro  
Zenorina Leyva*

*"Eternal Rest Grant unto them O Lord..."*