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
**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].


**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- **Monday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:18, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-52
- **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:** Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- **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 12:16-17; (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]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- **Sunday:** Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
- **Monday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin
- **Tuesday:** Spring begins
- **Friday:** Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

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**Lectio Divina**

Read: Yahweh declares a new Covenant whereby he would forgive and forget people’s wrongdoings and inscribe His Law of Love in their hearts. Jesus preaches the Grain Theory: how death leads to abundance of life. The letter to the Hebrews speaks about how Jesus practiced this theory.

Reflect: Pope Francis, in his Jubilee Retreat to priests in June 2016, remarked: “True Grace is to forget.” Not amanesis, but amnesia. The scriptural readings of the day confirm it. God promises to forget our sins, forever. Can there be a greater grace? Jesus invites us to forget ourselves—can there be a greater grace either? Jesus is not preaching about doing violence to ourselves (he didn’t say, “kill yourself”); rather, he gives us a “Grain Theory,” talking about a certain spiritual forgetfulness by which we let our lives fall so that we are free to become life for the world. The inability to forget is a sign of sickness and ill health-like our constant obsession with our teeth when we have a toothache. When our teeth are healthy, we forget we have teeth, but use them well. Or, when we have a headache, we obsess about our

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**WEEK OF March 18-24, 2018**

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We pray for the Sick ...that they may experience God’s Love and Healing.

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We pray for those who have Died…that they may be granted a home in heaven.

Kevin Connolly, Michelle Ducuosso (HN’79), Sylvia Burgoa

**Weed text about the Mass Intentions and the Easter Vigil.**

But when we are healthy in head, we forget we have one, but use it well. Similarly, when we are sick in self, we obsess about our self; when we are healthy in self, we simply forget we have one, let it fall and become bread for the world.

**Pray:** Lord, give me the true grace of forgetfulness.

**Act:** Observe nature and see how death naturally leads to life; and how resistance to death leads to ossification of life.

Fr. Paulson Veliyannoor, CMF

Sunday Lectio Divina/Bible Diary 2018

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So dear men, appreciate the women in your lives always, because it is not easy to be a woman. Here what she does for you:
- changes her name.
- changes her home.
- leaves her family.
- moves in with you.
- builds a home with you.
- gets pregnant for you.
- pregnancy changes her body.
- she gets fat.
- almost gives up in the labor room due to the unbearable pain of child birth.
- even the kids she delivers bear your name.
- Till the day she dies, everything she does... cooking, cleaning your house, taking care of your parents, bringing up your children, earning a salary, advising you, ensuring you can be relaxed, maintaining all family relations, everything that benefits you… sometimes at the cost of her own health, hobbies and beauty.
- Being a woman is priceless.
- The man approached the very beautiful woman in the large supermarket and asked, “You know, I’ve lost my wife here in the supermarket. Can you talk to me for a couple of minutes?”
- “Why?”
- “Because every time I talk to a beautiful woman my wife appears out of nowhere.”

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*By Fr. Arnold Zamora*

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If ever you get the chance to travel to Turkey make sure you go to the Roman ruins at Ephesus. The trip is instructive for all sorts of reasons, not least because two thousand years ago Ephesus was a seaport and now you have to drive inland for over an hour to get there. I wonder what our cities will look like in another two thousand years? But Ephesus is worth the trip. The Roman ruins there, especially the library, are extraordinary. For Christians, however, three other places there capture the imagination. It’s the place to which the great letter in the New Testament was addressed. There are the ruins of the hall in which the important Council of Ephesus met, and there are ruins of a monastery built over what is claimed to be the final home of St John, the Beloved Disciple. There is also the much more dubious claim that Mary’s final house, and the site of her Assumption, is on top of the mountain overlooking the ancient city.

There are good reasons to believe that the Gospel of John, from which we have just read, was written in Ephesus, 70 years after Jesus' death. I like to think about the context in which the Scriptures were written, not just because it helps me understand some things in the text, but also to appreciate that our Scriptures were inspired by the experience of a flesh and blood community.

Ephesus was a center of learning, trade, government, and religion in the ancient world. We also know that the early Christians were greatly persecuted and martyred there. The early church was filled with stories of betrayal, torture, death, and heroic witness to the faith. The stakes for believing in Jesus were very high. And it was the heroic witness of these martyrs that eventually led to the conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. It should come as no surprise to us then that John's Gospel should have a special focus on sharing in the sufferings of Jesus and the glory to come.

The words of Jesus in today’s Gospel must have been very important to a community that was awash with the blood of their fellow believers. Our foremothers and forefathers in the faith counted themselves blessed to die as Jesus died, alive in the faith of God's love for the world. Just imagine how that community of martyrs first heard these words, "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."

By comparison we have it easy today, but martyrdom comes to all believers in different ways. In the broadest sense a martyr is one who is prepared to pay the price for holding true to Christ. For us now this might mean making serious choices about the company we keep, the business ventures we enter into, the non-violent protests we mount, foregoing luxuries so that others in our world might have necessities, and even remaining faithful to the vows and promises we have made. Christian faith sometimes bites hard, and when it does we know we are sharing in the martyr’s lot.

And what should be our response when our faith in Christ costs us something big? Jesus models it for us in today’s Gospel, “...what should I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour.’ No, it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name.”

May this final week of Lent, then, see this flesh and blood community be like our forebears in Ephesus and actively seek out ways of sharing in the martyr’s lot by letting go of what is not essential and focusing on the One who loved us to the end.

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THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION
Christ is standing at the door of our hearts, knocking, seeking relief from the pain and suffering found around world. He comes to us bearing the disguise of the vulnerable refugee, the immigrant family, and the poor and marginalized, and our faith calls us to respond. Your generosity to The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) helps six Catholic organizations comfort Christ, whom we find in the suffering brothers and sisters in our midst.

With your help, the Parishes Organized to Welcome Refugees (POWR) program has organized thousands of volunteers to help refugees with legal work, medical services, and language skills. The volunteers have offered friendship, warm meals, and jobs and have welcomed the newcomers into local parishes, providing a smooth transition to their new home.

When refugees come to the United States, housing must be secured within a short time frame. In Portland, Oregon, this is a significant challenge, because the city has one of the highest rental occupancy rates in the country. But with your support of the CRSC, Holy Trinity Parish has been able to offer a nine-bedroom home and send volunteers to welcome refugee newcomers, giving space and support during their initial adjustment, while permanent housing is secured and set up. Refugees typically stay in the house no more than three weeks before they move into permanent housing. Now, Holy Trinity Parish is working with other faith-based organizations to replicate this program in other Portland neighborhoods. Support The Catholic Relief Services Collection today, and help Jesus in disguise.

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Next Sunday, members of the Catholic Ladies Aid will be collecting for the needy in the Parish. Boxes will be by the exits.

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2018 Easter Week Schedule
March 24—April 1, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Saturday, March 24, 2018
Mass in Chinese
3:00 PM
Vigil Mass
5:00 PM
Sunday, March 25, 2018
Mass
7:30 AM
Vigil Mass
5:00 PM
Mass
9:30 AM
Mass
11:30 AM

RECONCILIATION SERVICE (CONFESSIONS)
Holy Saturday, March 31, 2018
4:00 PM—5:00 PM

SACRED TRIDUUM
Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018
Mass of the Lord’s Supper
7:30 PM
Good Friday, March 30, 2018
Stations of the Cross
1:00 PM
Meditations of the Seven Last Words
2:00 PM
Good Friday Service
3:00 PM
Easter Vigil, March 31, 2018
Mass
8:00 PM
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018
Mass
7:30 AM
Mass followed by Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 AM
Mass
11:30 AM

REPENTANCE
God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

BE AWARE
We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn’t know we had left open.

—Anonymous
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SCHEDULE OF MASSES
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM (Family Mass), 11:30 AM, 5:30 PM Vigil
Saturday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 3:00 PM (Chinese), 5:00 PM (Vigil)
Weekdays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM
Holy Days 7:30 AM, 9:00AM, and 7:00 PM

Confessions: 15 minutes before 9:30 and 11:30 AM Masses on Sunday & 4:30 - 5:00 PM Saturday or by appointment
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Every Wednesday—9:30 AM—12 Noon
Sacred Heart of Jesus Devotions:
Friday after 9:00 AM Mass

Perpetual Help Devotions:
Saturday after 9:00 AM Mass
First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary begins at 8:30 AM with the Rosary, then Mass & Benediction

Baptisms by appointment
Baptismal Preparation—Every 2nd Saturday of the month in the Pastoral Center - 10:30 AM—You need to register for the class ahead of time.

Baptism Ministry (Sewing Group): Every Monday 1-3 PM in the Pastoral Center Event Room

Marriages:
Contact Pastoral Center 6 months in advance.
Sundays 12:30-2:30 PM, Flanagan Center
R.C.I.A. (Chinese):
Every Saturday—Green Room—1:30 PM
Lectio Divina: Tuesday 10—11 AM (Pastoral Center)
Bible Study Group (Chinese):
Every Wednesday—7:30 PM — Flanagan Center
Parish Pastoral Council: contact Fr. Arnold Zamora
St. Vincent de Paul Society meeting— every Monday at 7:30 PM (Pastoral Center)

Holy Name Ladies Aid: every 1st Wednesday of the Month at 11:45 AM (Pastoral Center)
Senior Club: every Thursday at 10:30 AM (Flanagan Ctr.)
FIL-AM Club: Every 3rd Friday of the month, 7pm in the Flanagan Center.
HOLY NAME Choir Practice: every WEDNESDAY at 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center

The Gabriel Project: Contact Rose Tang (415) 793-0967
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