

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

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday - Friday: 9AM
Saturday Vigil Mass: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10AM, 12 Noon Spanish

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday and Thursday: 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday: *after 9AM Mass, Benediction at Noon*

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Please Note: *For Baptisms or Weddings, you must be a practicing Catholic and a member of the parish.*

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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: V Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thursday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence



UNLESS
THE GRAIN
OF WHEAT ...
DIES,
IT REMAINS
A GRAIN
OF WHEAT.

SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading - *I will make a new covenant; I will write my law upon their hearts (Jeremiah 31:31-34)*
Psalm - *Create a clean heart in me, O God (Psalm 51)*
Second Reading - *Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation (Hebrews 5:7-9)*
Gospel - *If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33)*

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Mass Intentions

MARCH 20 - 28, 2021

SATURDAY, March 20, 2021

5:00 PM + Joseph Solak
+ Furtonata Tingzon

SUNDAY, March 21, 2021

8:00 AM Vicky Go
10:00 AM + Dennis Carvajal
+ Bp Francis A. Quinn (*death anniv*)
+ Federico Q. Burgos (*death anniv*)
Elizabeth B. Pasol (*BDay*)

12:00 Noon + Haydee Munoz Castro
MONDAY, March 22, 2021

NO MASS

TUESDAY, March 23, 2021

9:00 AM + Patricia Vaughan
+ Federico Nethercott
Mikael Grados Ayala (*health*)

WEDNESDAY, March 24, 2021

9:00 AM
THURSDAY, March 25, 2021

9:00 AM + Freddy Arenas & ++ Irma & Ricky Palos
Thelma Castillo (*BDay*)
+ Gloria Tingzon

FRIDAY, March 26, 2021

9:00 AM + Bonifacio Amolo (*death anniv*)

SATURDAY, March 27, 2021

5:00 PM Thelma Castillo (*health*)

SUNDAY, March 28, 2021

8:00 AM + Demetrio Murillo (Family Members)
Marie Malveaux
10:00 AM + Henriette Paulina Durant
+ Gladys Lew (*1st death anniv*)

12:00 Noon

*For Mass intentions please come to the office
or call (415) 648-5751 on Tuesday or Thursday
between 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM*

**2nd collection of this Sunday:
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Others - \$ 140

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THE NEW COVENANT

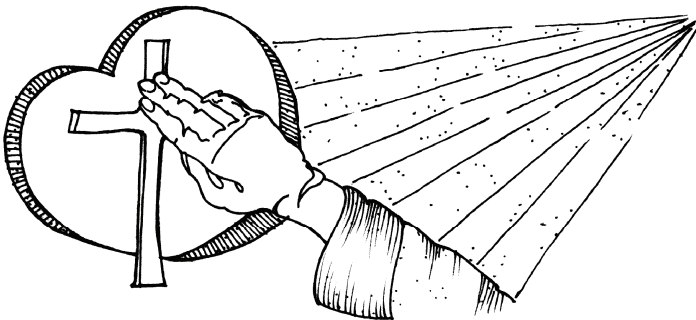
Today's first reading is an enormously important passage, not only in the history of the Jewish people, but also for us as disciples of Jesus, who see in it a foreshadowing of the Christian dispensation. The prophet announces that God has chosen to forgive the people, and that as a sign of divine forgiveness a new covenant will be established. Contrasting the new covenant with the one made with Moses on Mount Sinai, Jeremiah says that the new covenant will be written on the people's hearts rather than on tablets of stone. No longer will the community's tradition be the sole bearer of the covenant; henceforth, God will speak directly and personally to each individual, forgiving sin and calling for a return to God in faithfulness. No longer will mere outward compliance with the dictates of the Law suffice; henceforth, God asks for an obedience that springs from the depths of one's heart.

Precisely that kind of obedience is highlighted in today's second reading, where the author of the Letter to the Hebrews describes Jesus as the mediator of the new covenant whose obedience has made him the source of salvation for all who, in turn, obey him.

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LENT 2021

*Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross after 9AM
Mass following with the recitation of the Holy Rosary.
Station of the Cross in Spanish at 6 PM.*



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LORD HEAR OUR PRAYERS

*For those who are ill, and those in need of our prayers...
Please pray for: Lilian Henriquez, Sylvia Porillo, Marie
Malveaux, Agapito Geronimo, Ron Alfonso, Nicholas Policar,
Javier Parrales, Thelma Castillo, Theresa Posadas, Anita
Provost*

May God bless, comfort them and give them health.

Let us pray for
ALL INTENTIONS in our **PRAYER BOOK**

Pray also for all who have died...

*Raquel Gutierrez, James Wardell, Edwin Abergas, Charmaine
Raymond, Romeo H. Davo, Laura Rodriguez, Conchita
Villasoto, Catalina Velasco, Anna Belle Johanson, Bob
Hammill, Tony Galam, Jose Oscar Rico, Consejo Niego*

The prophet Jeremiah, in today's first reading, is looking beyond the often-messy history of Israel and Judah to a time when the people will no longer be disobedient to God, because God's law will be "written on their hearts"—that is, their natural inclinations and desires will be oriented toward God's will. The psalmist gives voice to the sorrow that Israel and Judah experienced in their separation from God "Have mercy on me, O God . . . A clean heart create for me." According to Saint Paul, the earthly Jesus, "son though he was," like his ethnic ancestors, he "learned obedience from what he suffered." The Gospel reading is part of Jesus' discourses not long before the Last Supper. Instead of a social encounter with Philip's friends who had come to see him, Jesus is grappling with his approaching death and its ultimate meaning for the world.

JEREMIAH: 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.

LOOKING FOR JESUS, FINDING THE CROSS

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.

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EL NUEVO PACTO

La primera lectura de hoy es un paso muy importante, en la historia del pueblo judío y también para nosotros como discípulos de Jesús que ven en ella un anuncio de la dispensación cristiana. El profeta anuncia que Dios ha escogido perdonar al pueblo, y que como un signo del perdón divino se establecerá una nueva alianza. Contrastando la nueva alianza con la que Dios hizo con Moisés en el Monte Sinaí, Jeremías dice que el nuevo pacto será inscrito en el corazón del pueblo y no en tablas de piedra. Ya no será la tradición de la comunidad la única portadora de la alianza; a partir de ahora, Dios hablará directa y personalmente a cada individuo, perdonando el pecado y pidiendo un retorno a Él en fidelidad. Ya no bastará el mero cumplimiento de los dictados externos de la ley; a partir de ahora, Dios pide una obediencia que brota de lo más profundo de nuestro corazón.

Precisamente ese tipo de obediencia se destaca en la segunda lectura de hoy, donde el autor de la Carta a los Hebreos describe a Jesús como el mediador del nuevo pacto, cuya obediencia ha hecho de él la fuente de salvación para todos los que, a su vez, le obedecen.

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LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura - El Señor hará una nueva alianza con la casa de Israel. (Jeremías 31:31-34) *o* Ezequiel 37:12-14.

Salmo - Oh Dios, crea en mí un corazón puro (Salmo 51 (50)) *o* Salmo 130 (129).

Segunda lectura - Cristo aprendió obediencia, y los que ahora le obedecen encuentran en él la salvación eterna (Hebreos 5:7-9) *o* Romanos 8:8-11.

Evangelio - Si el grano de trigo cae en tierra y muere, da mucho fruto (Juan 12:20-33) *o* Juan 11:1-45

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