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17 MARCH 2024  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Monday, Wednesday, Thursday: 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Friday: 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.

## **Mass Schedule**

**Mon-Sat** - 8:00 a.m. (Daily)  
In Chapel on Mon,Tues, Wed - Main Church on Thur, Fri, Sat.  
**Saturday** - 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
(Rosary at 4:30 p.m. before Vigil Mass)  
**Sunday** - 8:00 a.m.  
10:45 a.m. (Youth | Contemporary)  
1:00 p.m. (Spanish)

## **Adoration**

Mon: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Tues: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Wed: 6:00 p.m. to Midnight  
Thurs: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Fri: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (except 1<sup>st</sup> Friday)  
1<sup>st</sup> Fri: 6:00 p.m. to Sat. 8 a.m.

## **Confession Times**

1<sup>st</sup> FRIDAY: 8:30 a.m. following 8 am Mass.  
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## **Mass Intentions**

SAT	5:00	Roger Boucher	Rest in Peace
SUN	8:00	Gene Matus	Rest in Peace
SUN	10:45	Jordon & Breanna Packard	Marriage Intentions
MON	8:00	Zachary Jenkins	Rest in Peace
TUES	8:00	Claire Supanick Workman	Birthday
WED	8:00	Michael Olea	Birthday
THUR	8:00	Catechumens in RCIA	Encounter with Christ
FRI	8:00	SJV Catechists & Volunteers	Spiritual Growth
SAT	8:00	SJV Staff	Health/Intentions



## Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or  
13:41c-62; Jn 8:1-11

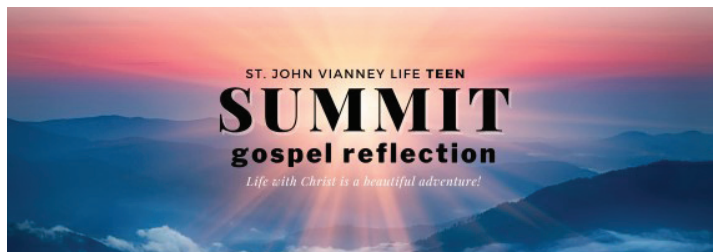
**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;  
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

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

**Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday:** Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56



Our world often emphasizes the importance of success and validation, making it easy to forget about our spiritual fulfillment. Navigating a culture that encourages us to prioritize ourselves and hide our vulnerabilities can be challenging. However, the readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent offer guidance and hope for our faith journey.

Let's start with the reading from Jeremiah. It speaks of a divine promise that God will give us a heart transplant, not in the physical sense, but in the spiritual realm. God promises to inscribe His law upon our hearts, transforming us from within. This means that our relationship with God is not just superficial but deeply personal, requiring openness and surrender on our part. How cool is that?

The Responsorial Psalm echoes the theme of penitence, calling us to humility and repentance before the Almighty. In a world that often celebrates self-promotion and masks vulnerability, the Psalmist's plea for mercy is a poignant reminder of the transformative power of contrition. Recognizing and acknowledging our faults and seeking forgiveness draw us closer to God's boundless mercy and grace.

Next up, the letter to the Hebrews presents us with the example of Jesus as the ultimate servant-leader. We live in a world that often equates success with power and dominance. Still, Jesus shows us the profound significance of humility and obedience. His willingness to embrace suffering and sacrifice challenges us to reevaluate our priorities and consider how we can serve others with love and humility.

Lastly, the Gospel of John unveils the mystery of Christ's glorification through His crucifixion and resurrection. In a world that often equates glory with fame and success, Jesus reveals that true glory lies in selfless love and obedience to the Father's will. Through His sacrifice, salvation is offered to all. In the sacrament of the Eucharist, we experience the tangible presence of Christ, where heaven meets Earth in a profound and intimate encounter.

As we reflect on these readings, let us consider their relevance to us today. We live in a society obsessed with external appearances and material pursuits; these passages remind us that true intimacy with God begins in the heart, not in the pursuit of fleeting pleasures or accolades. By embracing our brokenness and seeking divine transformation, we discover the depth of God's love for us.

Furthermore, as we navigate the complexities of adolescence, let us heed the call to servanthood and selflessness. In a world plagued by division and self-interest, Jesus' example as a humble servant challenges us to rethink our priorities and consider how we can use our talents and gifts to make a positive impact in the lives of others.

In conclusion, let's embrace these readings as a roadmap for our faith journey. It's a journey marked by divine transformation, penitence, servanthood, and, ultimately, the glory of salvation. May we open our hearts to

## Parish Sick

Paquito Ababa	Zynae Green	Donald Mower
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Ellen Frier	Rose Migliaccio	Bart Williams
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Bryce Forringer	Sawyer Mills	Bruce Wood
Norma Garcia	Elias Molina	Vanessa Wright
	Louis "Bunny" Morgan, Sr.	Ursula Yeatman

God's transformative love, allowing His law to be written upon our hearts, and boldly shine as rebel saints in a world hungry for truth and authenticity. Remember, as Catholic teenagers, you have the power to make a difference in this world by living out your faith with love and humility.

God bless you!  
Praying for you!!!

Nicole Olea  
Director of Youth Ministry

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**LENTEN CHALLENGE  
WEEK 5**

Experience the  
transformative power of  
confession; embrace  
healing and renewal in the  
sacrament.



**MARY'S  
WAY OF THE  
Cross**

NOON ON GOOD FRIDAY IN THE CEMETERY




The **Racial Justice Book Club** will meet on Monday, March 18th at 7pm to discuss [The Personal Librarian](#). For more information please visit: <https://racialjusticesomd.org/bookclub.html>

The **Maryland Legislature** is in session now until April 8. The Legal and Civic Affairs Committee continues to follow proposed legislation. Please see <https://racialjusticesomd.org/2024Legislation.html> for information on proposed bills and how to contact your representatives.

On February 17, the SJV Racial Justice Ministry organized a presentation on **The History of African American Catholics in Southern Maryland**, featuring recollections by our friends and neighbors, including Charles and Nancy Smallwood, Cheryl and Conrad White, Cynthia Thorne Carter, Idella DeLeaver, and Bernice Simpson. You can find the recording of it here:

[https://racialjusticesomd.org/SOMD\\_History](https://racialjusticesomd.org/SOMD_History).





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**Palm Sunday**  
5:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass  
8:00am, 10:45am, 1:00pm (Spanish)

**Holy Thursday**  
7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
followed by Confessions  
12:00pm Marian Stations of the Cross  
3:00pm Good Friday Liturgy

**Holy Saturday**  
9:00am Morning Prayer  
followed by Confessions

**Easter Vigil**  
8:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday**  
8:00am, 10:45am, 1:00pm (Spanish)

There will be no 8am Masses said on Thursday, Friday, or Saturday of Holy Week.  
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[sjvchurch.net/knights-of-columbus](http://sjvchurch.net/knights-of-columbus)



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds". *John 12: 23-24*

## Give us New Life, O Lord.

My plan for Lent, one week at a time...

This week I will pray for \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will give up/do without \_\_\_\_\_

This week I will do this act of love/good deed \_\_\_\_\_

(Sundays optional)

Lent is almost over - next Sunday is Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week.

### SWEET as HONEY



J.D., what does it mean when Jesus talks about a kernel of wheat?



Honey, wheat is a seed, and when it is dried and planted it springs forth new life, and produces many more seeds.

Jesus is the seed of love. By dying and rising to new life, His love will blossom for everyone who serves Him.



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