

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON
THE SUNDAY READINGS
HIS WORD TODAY *by Rev. William J. Reilly*

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 18, 2018



"Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip who was from Bethsaida in Galilee and asked him 'Sir we would like to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew, then Philip and Andrew went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them 'the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat, but if it dies, it produces much fruit.'"

It is not rare for someone to use another to get help to get a job, admission to school, or even just to meet someone of importance. In the political field we call them lobbyists. Today we find some Gentiles using Philip, and he another apostle to gain access to Jesus. The same Andrew is the one who told Peter he had met Jesus and we know how important that meeting was.

How many other persons are seeking Jesus, today without knowing it or Him. They have need for access to the Lord. Our restless world turns, but people do not know to whom to turn. Each one of us can assume the role of Philip or Andrew, to bring them to Jesus or Jesus to them. The grain of wheat will then produce much fruit.

**FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS &
SPECIAL INTENTIONS**

Saturday, March 17 *Saint Patrick, Bishop,*
Jer 11:18-20, Jn 7:40-53 (249)

12:10 p.m. Prestie Cicerona (Living)

5:30 p.m. Dominic & Angela Conetta

Sunday, March 18

Jer 31:31-34, Heb 5:7-9, Jn 12:20-33 (35) or, for Year A,
Ez 37:12-14, Rom 8:8-11, Jn 11:1-45 or

11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-5 (34)

9:00 a.m. People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. Carmel Ryan

6:00 p.m. Bruce Kiernan Sr.

Monday, March 19 *Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed*
Virigin Mary

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 (543)

12:10 a.m. Yolando Fonseca

Tuesday, March 20 *Nm 21:4-9, Jn 8:21-30 (252)*

12:10 p.m. Carl & Angelo Conetta

Wednesday, March 21 *Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95,*
Jn 8:31-42 (253)

12:10 p.m. Anne Darrow (Living)

Thursday, March 22 *Gn 17:3-9, Jn 8:51-59 (254)*

12:10 p.m. Collen Carney

Friday, March 23 *Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo,*
Bishop, Jer 20:10-13, Jn 10:31-42 (255)

12:10 p.m. Marilyn Hunt

Saturday, March 24 *Blessed Oscar Romero,*
Bishop and Martyr, Ez 37:21-28, Jn 11:45-56 (256)

12:10 p.m. Alexander Norton (Living)

5:30 p.m. Salvante Ante

**PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 25TH @ 10A.M.
UNDER THE ARCH!!**

Come join an ecumenical celebration of Palm Sunday by the Washington Square Arch, complete with bagpipes in a gathering that Father McGuire started a number of years ago.

Parishes and priests from local churches will congregate for a brief reading of the day's lessons and prayers. It's a great way to bond with others in the neighborhood, and join forces as we tread the way toward Easter.

Do hope you'll be there!

**CHORAL MUSIC FOR LENT AT
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 11:30AM MASS**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18—FIFTH SUNDAY OF
LENT**

(Kyrie) Missa brevis by Andrea Gabrieli Schaffe
in mir,

Gott, ein rein Herz (Create in me, O God, a pure
heart) by Johannes Brahms

The true glory by Peter Aston

Miserere mei Deus (Have mercy upon me,
O God) by Antonio Lotti

SUNDAY, MARCH 25—PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna Filio David (Hosanna to the Son of
David) by Tomás Luis de Victori

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ According
to Luke (Gregorian Chant)

My God, my God, look upon me by Malcom
Archer

O vos omnes (O you people) by Pablo Casals
Christus factus est (Christ became obedient) by
Anton Bruckner

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Organist

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Lord comforted his people, who were exiled to Babylon, by telling them of the new covenant he planned to make with them. The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and that he would forgive their evil and forget the sins they had committed in the past.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

Though God could have heeded his Son's prayers and spared him suffering, Jesus accepted his Father's will. Through his suffering, he learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation for all people.

Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus was afraid of the suffering he knew he must face. Yet he explained just as a grain of wheat must die to be harvested, he had to face his hour of suffering to glorify his Father's name. Jesus explained that once he was lifted from earth, he could draw all people to himself, lifting them to eternal life.

OUR COLLECTION

**Collection for
March 10th and 11th, 2018**

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$743

9:00 am: \$2,417

11:30 am: \$2,344

6:00 pm: \$1,335

Sunday Masses Total: \$6,839

Second Collection: \$1,930

WeShare: \$1,088

Faith Street: \$5,641

Grand Total: \$15,498

CELEBRATING SAINT JOSEPH!!

Saturday, April 14th @ 5:30pm

We invite you to join us in the celebration of St. Joseph. Bring your family, friends and neighbors to this joyful celebration that will begin with our **5:30pm Vigil Mass**. Followed by a **Community Dinner** next door at the Academy of St. Joseph auditorium.

Our Community Dinner promises to be a night filled with food, music and fellowship!

Dinner will be an authentic Italian meal provided by our fellow parishioner's restaurant Montes.

Music for our enjoyment will be provided by a Brazilian Samba Band.

Throughout the evening we will have a slideshow of parishioner's photos honoring all who make St. Joseph's Church so wonderful! There will be entertainment for both old and young.

Before we depart for home a Raffle will take place—so hold onto your ticket stub!!

This will be an evening for all. A perfect time to come out and fellowship with old friends and the perfect time to make new acquaintances!

To make our slideshow a success we are asking that you e-mail your photos to us at photos@stjosephgv.nyc or you can bring your photos to the church office to be scanned.

We will need all photos no later than April 7th.

The suggested donation for the celebration is:

10.00 per person / \$20.00 per family

The tickets will be available after each Mass on March 17/18, 24/25 & April 7/8

Tickets will also be available in the church office Monday—Friday, 10am—4pm

LECTIO DIVINA

Looking for a way to draw closer to the Lord during this Lenten Season? Consider the practice of *Lectio Divina*, or "Holy Reading." This traditional practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer, and contemplation is intended to promote communion with God and to increase the knowledge of Sacred Scripture, the Living Word of God that gives life to all His people. A group will meet for *Lectio Divina* each **Tuesday evening during Lent at 7:00pm in the Parish House**. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. For additional information, please contact the parish office.

50TH ANNIVERSARY GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS



Sunday, June 3rd at 2:15 p.m.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with **Cardinal Dolan at Saint Patrick's Cathedral**.

Pre-registration is required.

Please contact your parish to register.

The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14, 2018.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday

9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Mass
6:00pm	Mass

Reconciliation Monday

3:00pm-9:00pm	Confessions
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Holy Thursday

8:00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
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Good Friday

11:00am-12:00pm	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Confessions
12:00pm	Stations of the Cross
3:00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death

Holy Saturday

9:30-11:00am	
1:00pm-2:00pm	Confessions
8:00pm	Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

9:00am	Mass
11:30am	Mass
6:00pm	Mass

*** Morning Prayer: Monday-Saturday at 9:00am ***