

**CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY
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**Fifth Sunday of
Lent
21-22 March 2015**

Dear Catholic Community:

This is the Sunday before Palm Sunday. As we listen to the gospel today, we're reminded that we're drawing closer to Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. The stage is being set. The Lord's words today remind us of the sacrifice that Jesus will make and the sacrifices he calls us to make. Jesus will make the ultimate sacrifice out of obedience and love. His one sacrifice will complete all bloody sacrifices by the giving of his life for our sins. Very soon we will be entering into Holy Week with the celebration next weekend of Palm Sunday. I'll say more about this next week. I challenge us this to make this a more prayerful time. Most of you received the Little Black Book. Take the time each day to reflect on what we believe and what it means in each of our lives.

Blessings,

Fr. Fred

Lenten Thursdays: Daily Mass is at 1100. **Lenten Concert** series is at 1130 inside Memorial Chapel followed by lunch and devotional in Fellowship Hall.

Additional confessions: Wednesday 25 March Saturday 28 March

Friday, **27 March:** **Stations of the Cross** at 1800 followed by Penitential Supper in Fellowship Hall at 1830. This Friday is being sponsored by the Pastoral Council. You do not need to contribute a food to join us for supper. If you like to, though, here are some food suggestions: meatless soup (no chicken or beef broth/stock), salads, breads, desserts

The next **Designated Offering** is the weekend of **28-29 March** for the Archdiocese of the Military Services.

Easter Lilies: In the Easter Season, we celebrate resurrection and new life. It is a special time to remember our friends and loved ones who have died. As we place lilies in the chapel, we invite you to list those who would like remembered. We welcome you to increase your donation in the regular collection this weekend to help defray the cost of lilies. Please see an usher for a form.

Military District Washington's Sgt Audie Murphy Club (MDW SAMC) is hosting its first annual **Springtime Fun Day and Easter Egg Hunt** on Saturday, **28 March** from 1300 to 1500 on the Child Development Center field across from the PX. This event is open to children three to 12 years old. For questions or event details, please call (703) 696-3642.

Couples Wanted Volunteers are being sought to help couples prepare for the sacrament of matrimony. This is a very special opportunity, especially for our active duty married couples. Anyone interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Fr. Fred for further details.

Offering for 14-15 March

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| 1700 Vigil Mass: | \$1,389.41 |
| 0900 Sunday Mass: | \$2,545.00 |
| Total: | \$3,934.41 |

ATTENDANCE: 428

Please make checks payable to "CTOF"

LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER--for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Military Chaplaincy; for our deployed troops and their families; for our parishioners who are ill; and for our deceased:

Deployed: FC2 Joseph Reed, USN; Carol Yannarella, USAF; CPT Mike Mobbs, USA; Ginny Ortiz, Peace Corps; Kevin Voelker, USA

Deceased: Mike Farrell (brother of Peg Bowen)

Healing: Buddy Craven, Bob Daknis, Jimmy Daknis, Joseph Toth, Jeanmarie Jonston, Jim Campbell, Betsy Hendrix, Alfred Prados, Jim Egan, Len Trahan, Bob Bowen, Kevin Tighe, Bob Schaaf, Alexis Coffey, Frank Bernardo, Bonnie Benne, Richard Wicks, Richard Brysacz (father of Margaret Asten), Morris McGregor, John Bikus, Suzie Kumashiro, Bill Hubbard, Sue Higgins, Hamlin Ortiz (father of Ham Ortiz)

~Please contact Pam to remove names from the Deployed and Healing prayer lists. ~

Introduction to Today's Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader for the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

Announcement of the 2015 AMS Chrism Mass

Each year Archbishop Broglio concelebrates with his priests the Chrism Mass, during which the priests renew their commitment and the oils intended for sacramental use on military installations and VA medical centers served by the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA are blessed and consecrated. These oils will be used for baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, and ordinations during the upcoming year.

Archbishop Timothy P. Broglio, with the clergy serving the Archdiocese for the Military Services, will celebrate the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, March 24 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Crypt Church of the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC (400 Michigan Ave., NE). The Chrism Mass is open to the public, and the faithful of the Archdiocese are encouraged to participate.

Catholic Community Contact Information

Pastor: Fr. Fred Wendel 703-696-5688 or alfred.w.wendel2.mil@mail.mil

Mass: 5PM Saturday Vigil, 9AM Sunday, Noon M-F. All at Memorial Chapel

Reconciliation: 11:30-11:45AM Tuesday-Friday in Room 112 of Memorial Chapel

Emergency Contact: Marshall Desk SGT 703-696-3525

Catholic Coordinator: Pam Ortiz pamortiz85@gmail.com

Parish Registration: Forms may be obtained from an usher or printed from the website.

Advance E-bulletin: Available on website; e-mailed each Thursday

Sacraments and Sponsor Letters: Requires registration. Fr. Fred has pastoral jurisdiction only for active duty military and their family members.

Registration Card/Contact Information Updates: Notify Pam of any changes to contact information or if moving from the area.