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FIFTH
SUNDAY OF

LENT

*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

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Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Jn. 12:25

There is an English ballad called *The World Upside Down*. According to American legend, the British army band under Lord Cornwallis played this tune when they surrendered after the Siege of Yorktown in 1781. The Americans had triumphed in their fight for independence from England. One version has these lyrics:

If buttercups buzz'd after the bee,
If boats were on land, churches on sea,
If ponies rode men and if grass ate the cows,
And cats should be chased into holes by the mouse,
If the mamas sold their babies
To the gypsies for half a crown;
If summer were spring and the other way round,
Then all the world would be upside down.

An older version of the ballad was sung in England when the English Parliament, dominated by Puritans, believed that Christmas should be a solemn occasion, and outlawed traditional English Christmas celebrations. The first verse is:

*Listen to me and you shall hear, news hath not been this thousand year:
Since Herod, Caesar, and many more, you never heard the like before.
Holy-dayes are despis'd, new fashions are devis'd.
Old Christmas is kickt out of Town.
Yet let's be content, and the times lament, you see the world turn'd upside down.*

The idea for the title of the ballad seems to be inspired by a verse from an incident recorded in the *Acts of the Apostles* when St. Paul and his followers are accused of creating a disturbance in the city of Thessalonica: “*These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also,*” *Acts 17:6*. The Greek word- *anastatoó* -translated as *upside down*, means raising one part up at the expense of another which results in dislocation and confusion. Things become unsettled and disorderly.

This word-*anastatoó*, describes the way things feel nowadays. It seems like we are living in a world where what is up is down, and what is down is up. Holydays are despised while new fashions are being devised. The question is, “Who is turning the world upside down?” Hearing today’s Gospel, you might think Jesus came to turn the world upside down when he says, “Whoever loves his life loses it.” And then he says, “Now is the time of judgment on this world.” Yet, elsewhere, Scripture says that “God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son,” *Jn 3:16*. Jesus himself says, “I have come to save the world and not to judge it,” *Jn. 12:47*. Why, then, does Jesus say, “Whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it,”? What does he mean when he says, the ruler of this world will be driven out? Who is the ruler of the world? It is Satan, the enemy of our human nature who will use any deception to make us less human and, therefore, less able to welcome God’s love into our hearts. Satan seems to be awfully busy these days creating so much confusion that we no longer know what is up and what is down. “Satan, who is the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don’t believe,” *2Cor.4:4*. Everything we thought we knew is now said to be wrong. What to do? We must put on “the mind of Christ,” cf. *1Cor. 2:16*. Our Lord says, “Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be.” He pledges that God, the Father, will honor whoever serves him.

In *A Man For All Seasons*, St. Thomas More says to his daughter, Meg, “If we lived in a State where virtue was profitable, common sense would make us good, and greed would make us saintly. And we'd live like animals or angels in the happy land that needs no heroes. But since in fact we see that avarice, anger, envy, pride, sloth, lust, and stupidity commonly profit far beyond humility, chastity, fortitude, justice and thought, and have to choose, to be human at all... why then perhaps we must stand fast a little --even at the risk of being heroes.”

We will not be confused by the god of this world for we have the mind of Christ. Yes, let us stand fast in the promises of the Lord, even at the risk of becoming saints.

*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. Jn.12:24.*

~Fr. Stephen Watson, O.C.D.

We are asking for Easter Lily donations to decorate the altar for Easter Sunday. You may bring your donation to the parish. Thank you for your generosity.

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HOLY WEEK

Due to Covid protocols we will not be having a procession on Palm Sunday and we will not be distributing palms. (You can bring your own palms and get them blessed).

Reminder-Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday, March 28th.

Next weeks bulletin will have more information about Holy Week and Easter. See Palm Sunday Schedule bellow.

Confessions

Saturday, 3:30—5:00 pm (English/Español)

Confession in Church Courtyard. You must wear a mask.
Confesión en el patio de la iglesia. Debes usar una mascara.

Weekday Masses Mon-Sat 8:00 a.m. inside church

Palm Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday

3:00 p.m. Mass (English) in the school field

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass inside church

Sunday

6:30 a.m. Mass inside church

10:00 a.m. Mass inside church

12:00 p.m. Live-stream Mass

3:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish) in the school field

6:00 p.m. Mass inside church

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New Parishioners: Always welcome!

Please register by using our forms available in our parish office.

~ Masses ~ Note these are suspended during COVID-19

Sun. 6:30 am, 8 am (Spanish), 10 am, 12 noon, & 6 pm

Mon. - Fri. 6:30 am & 8:00 am Sat. 8 am & 5:30 pm (Vigil)

Confession: Sat. 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Baptisms: 2nd Sunday of the Month (English) / 4° Domingo del Mes (Español)

Matrimony: Please call at least six months in advance.

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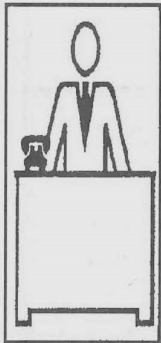
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