

# 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2016



## Fr. Steve's Quotes for Consideration:

"Seize the day, and put the least possible trust in tomorrow."

-Horace (65 B.C.- 8 B.C.)

Last week, in my bulletin article, I talked about us reaching the halfway point of our Lenten Season, and the need for us to take stock of how our Lent is going thus far, and what we might need to tweak in order for us to take advantage of the graces that the Lenten Season offers us. This week, I am challenging us, having considered what we need to do, to just do it! The above quote, or at least the first part of it, is probably very familiar to us- "seize the day" has become a rather cliché phrase in our society. It is a quote not from a saint, but rather a pagan Roman poet, renowned for his poetic ability and lyrical cleverness. But just because he was not a Christian (he died eight years before the Birth of Jesus) does not mean that his words are not wise and cannot be applied to the Christian life in some cases.

I would point to the above quote as an example. Why is this quote a source of Christian wisdom for us? Because it reminds us of the importance of taking advantage of the opportunities that God gives us each day to respond to His invitation to closer relationship with Him, and not putting off going deeper in our faith to a later time. There is a constant and vile temptation that often plagues us which says, "Well, I'll learn more about my faith, but I'll do it next month, or next year," or, "Well, I start taking the demands of living the Christian faith more seriously, but I can't really start doing that until later."

The point of the quote is that the fact that we will be around to see tomorrow, or next week, or next month, or next year is NOT a guarantee. I don't mean to be too morbid, but if we are brutally honest with ourselves, we know that tomorrow is not a sure thing. I could die. Or Jesus could come back in His Second Coming. Tomorrow is not assured to come for us.

So what's the point? The point is that Lent, especially these last weeks of Lent before the celebrations of Easter is the perfect time for us to stop putting off to a later date that which we know that we should do now in regards to living our faith in Christ more fully. Because as long as we make excuses and have reasons to put off diving into the daily practice of our faith with both feet, we will probably never just dive in with both feet! Today (and everyday), God is inviting us to a radical step- total surrender of our entire lives to Him. If we have been lackluster in fulfilling our Lenten promises and obligations, then today is the day to say, "Alright, I will fulfill them, starting today." If we have been hesitant to take up some of the challenges that I have proposed to us over the last weeks, then today is the day to start. Today is the day for us to say to ourselves, regarding our growing in our faith, "No more excuses, I just need to do it!" God bless you! *Fr. Steve*

**There will be a Penance Service on Sunday, March 20 at 3:00pm** with individual confessions following. Fr. Steve and Fr. Michael Lyons will both be present to hear confessions. Other additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (besides the normal times on Saturday afternoons and Friday mornings) are as follows: **Tuesday, March 15** from 5:00pm-5:45pm; **Friday, March 18th**, from 5:30-6:45pm; **Tuesday, March 22** from 5:00-6:30pm, and **Holy Thursday, March 24** from 9:00am-10:00 am. As always, you are welcome to schedule an individual appointment with Father Steve for confession if you wish.

## Holy Spirit Church is open for prayer at the following times during Lent:

Mondays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tuesdays: 7:00 am - 6:00 pm	Wednesdays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm
Thursdays: 7:00 am - 5:00 pm	Fridays: 7:00 am - 7:30 pm	Saturdays: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sundays: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm		

**A Wonderful Opportunity!!** There is a new faith formation opportunity called, "Formed" which is access to an online database of Catholic content, videos, meditations, movies, eBooks, and audio talks. A parish which has subscribed to Formed receives the access code, which any parishioner can use at any time. If we share membership with St. Mary's Parish, we can have all-parishioner access for \$700 per year. If you are interested in donating towards this wonderful opportunity, please contact Treasaigh in the office and let us know!

**Easter Flowers:** So that we can purchase flowers to decorate the Church for the Easter Liturgies, we ask that you make an offering to the project. Donations to cover the cost of the flowers would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donation in a clearly marked envelope and drop it in the weekend collection. Thank you in advance for your gift!



Informational flyers are available in the back of the church for the Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign. Pick up a flyer to see what our local Food Shelf is in need of. Please place food donations in the basket provided or if you prefer, monetary donations should be put in a clearly marked envelope and dropped in the weekend collection. Thank you for your generosity.

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<b>Saturday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/12/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Paulette Moreland Chalices: Liz Scheidt & To be assigned Servers: Spencer Ross & to be assigned	
<b>Sunday</b>	5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	<b>03/13/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Stanley Jurkanis</i> Reader: Kaitlyn Underdale Chalices: Joanne Button & Gina Lemke Servers: Ethan Bopp & Anthony Lemke	
<b>Monday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/14/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Rev. Paul Larson</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/15/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Gary Aleff</i>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	WEEKDAY DURING LENT	<b>03/16/16</b>
5:45 p.m.	<b>Choir Practice</b>	
6:45 p.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades 5-11</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	SAINT PATRICK	<b>03/17/16</b>
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Haddo &amp; Bridget Harrison</i>	
8:45 a.m.	<b>Adoration</b>	
6:30 p.m.	<b>Men's Prayer Group</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	SAINT CYRIL OF JERUSALEM	<b>03/18/16</b>
7:30 a.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
8:15 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Wesley Hundle</i>	
9:00 a.m.	<b>Friday Morning Discussion Group</b>	
5:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
5:00 p.m.	<b>Fish Fry</b>	
7:00 p.m.	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	SAINT JOSEPH	<b>03/19/16</b>
3:30 p.m.	<b>Reconciliation</b>	
4:30 p.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for All Parishioners</i> Reader: Barb Haynes Chalices: Liz Scheidt & To be assigned Servers: Luke Johnson & Miles Thomasen	
<b>Sunday</b>	PALM SUNDAY	<b>03/20/16</b>
9:30 a.m.	<b>Religious Education</b> — <b>Grades Pre, K thru 4</b>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Mass</b> — <i>Intention for † Steve Beyering</i> Reader: Shannah Groothausen Chalices: Jeannie Shaw & Nancy Olsen Servers: Livy & Sid Hendren	
3:00 p.m.	<b>Penance Service</b>	



- † **PARISHIONERS:** Please pray for Arthur Barthman, Joe Haynes, Yvonne Highland, Ron Kor and Ron Ostendorf, Joanne Payment.
- † **FRIENDS & RELATIVES:** Please pray for Julie Banks, Bill Carlson, Philomenia Carlson, Patty Harrison-Isakson, Peggy Jurkanis, Spencer Saltzman, and Jenny Schweder.
- † **MILITARY PERSONNEL:** Please pray for Garrett Aho, Nate Berger, Keith Dahl, Jacob Kearin, James Mickle, Ryan Ray, Christopher Uremovich, and Maddison Zavoral.
- † **Sacred Heart Candle:** Tom & Mary Simonsen

Please call the church office if you'd like to submit a prayer request; these requests will run for 3 weeks. If continued prayers are needed after that time, prayer requests can always be renewed by calling the church office 834-4659.

**Youth Happenings**

Check out our Youth Bulletin Board  
"Like" us on Facebook: Holy Spirit Youth Group

Mark your calendars...once again we will be selling cinnamon rolls on Easter Sunday March 27th, before and after Mass. Pre orders will be taken. All proceeds will go to help support Vacation Bible School.  
**Vacation Bible School-** June 27th-July 1st, 6-7:30pm. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Connie or Cheryl.

**Family Mass** will be on Sunday March 13th, hosted by pre-k and 1st grades. Please join us down stairs for fellowship.

**"COMING HOME BASKET":** The basket sitting near the Church entry is a "Coming Home Basket." If you know of someone who has drifted away from their Catholic faith, write their name on one of the sheets provided, fold it, and place it in the basket. As a faith community we are encouraged to pray for the people whose names have been placed in the coming home basket as well as to encourage those we are aware of to return home to the Church.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Holy Thursday:** March 24  
Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm  
Adoration till 11:00 p.m.

**Good Friday:** March 25  
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 pm

**Holy Saturday:** March 26 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm.

**Easter Sunday:** March 27 Easter Mass 11:00 am.



**Last Week's Contributions**

Weekend Collection .....	\$3,515.50
UCA.....	\$542.00
Bldg. Fund .....	\$335.00
C.R.S. ....	\$235.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$20.00



**Friday, March 18th**

**5:00 pm-6:30 pm**  
**Adults-\$8.00, Kids-\$4.00**

- Meal includes**
- Fish
  - Baby Red Potatoes
  - Cole Slaw
  - Homemade Bread
  - Cookies
  - Coffee/Lemonade