

# Our Lady of the Rosary

Embracing God in a Family Friendly Community

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B) Liturgical Colour: Violet

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If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

~ John 12:20-33

## **Readings at Mass**

*1st Reading* Jeremiah 31:31-34

*Psalm* Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-15

> 2nd Reading Hebrews 5:7-9

Gospel John 12:20-33

*Parish Priest* Fr Clement Paul

*Mass Times* Saturday 7am Sunday 9am

*Confession* After Mass or on Request

From today's Gospel reading ...



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."

## **Reflection:**

Jesus and his disciples hadn't preached to these Greeks. They didn't proselytize them, they came of their own free will. What was the attraction? They and we are attracted by the One who, in his hour, is a completely faithful servant to God; who shows total generosity, willing to give up everything for us, without holding back anything in reserve;

So, we ask ourselves:

- ✤ How have we benefited from the sacrifices others have made on our behalf?
- ✤ What sacrifices are we being asked to make for the wellbeing of others?
- ✤ How have we experienced the fruits of these sacrifices in our own lives?

Source: http://www.preacherexchange.com/faithbook.htm

## Questions for Reflection on Today's Gospel

Theme: Death and New Life

## Step One: Listen to the Word

- ✤ As you hear this reading, what words or phrases strike you?
- ✤ What in this reading touches your heart?
- ✤ What image of faith does this reading give you?

## Step Two: Look into Your Life

**Question for Children:** Name one thing you can do or stop doing that will help you have a better friendship with Jesus.

**Question for Youth:** Sometimes one thing needs to die in order for something new to be born. When have you experienced this in your own life? What do you need to let go of now for something new to grow?

**Question for Adults:** Name one area in your life that you need to let go of, to die to, in order to rise with new life.

Source: http://lifelongcatechesis.osv.com/

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## What's Happening at OLOR This Week

- Fri 23rd: Stations of the Cross, 6:30pm
- **Sat 24th:** Mass, 7am
- Sun 25th:

 $\circ$  8:30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  $\circ$  9am Mass – 6th Sunday of Lent (B)

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#### Registration will end soon, so sign up now!

All youth and young adults who are interested in going on pilgrimage to AEC Youth Assembly in Martinique in July 2018 and World Youth Day in Panama in January 2019 are asked to register with the diocese by March 26 for AECYA & April 22 for WYD.

Information on the pilgrimages can be found on the Youth Team Facebook and Instagram pages @RCYOUTH246 or email aecya.wydteam@gmail.com

## **Church Figures**

- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> March:
- Collection: \$ 785.00
- Attendance: 66

## What's Happening Around the Diocese

#### 6-8 Apr: Divine Mercy Triduum at St Dominic's

Join us as we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Fatima. Visit TheDivineMercy.org/ewtn for more information about today's celebration

#### DIVINE MERCY TRIDUUM

Friday, Apr 6: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

## Saturday, Apr 7:

- 7:00 am Mass followed by first Saturday Devotions/Divine Mercy Chaplet
- Adoration from 8:30 am 5:30 pm

#### Sunday, Apr 8:

- 2:30 pm Adoration;
- 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Mass

#### 7 Apr: Catechists Workshop

A very important Catechists Workshop will be held on Saturday 7th April 2018 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m in the Upper Room, St. Patrick's Cathedral compound.

This workshop which would be facilitated by Sr. Margaret Mary would cover the Echoes of Faith plus video sessions on " getting started and the roles of catechists" as requested by Fr. Robert Newbury to be completed as Part ONE of his Certified Catechetical course. This workshop is compulsory. Please make every effort to attend.

#### 7 Apr – 5 May: An Introduction to Spirituality

The Catholic Formation Institute Presents "An Introduction to Spirituality". A five-week certificate course, facilitated by Fr. Peter McIsaac and Rev. Dr. Layne. What is Spirituality? This spiritually nourishing course covers this and many other topics including Liturgical and Sacramental Spirituality, the Divine office and Developing awareness of God's presence in our daily life.

Please see the Flyer for all of the information. ALL CATHOLICS, Persons involved in Church ministry, Extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors, Choir members, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Prayer group members are invited to attend these important sessions.

To register Email: formationinstitute@gmail.com or Tel: 426 – 3510

Have a Peaceful and Blessed Week.

