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# Good Shepherd Catholic Parish

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## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Monday - Friday:

9:15 AM - Good Shepherd Church

## WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 9:15 AM - Good Shepherd

6:00 PM - Good Shepherd

Sunday: 9:00 AM - St Carlo Borromeo

11:00 AM - Good Shepherd

5:00 PM - Good Shepherd

## ADORATION & BENEDICTION

The first Friday of the month after the morning Mass at Good Shepherd Church.

## MARIAN NOVENA

Wednesday at 6:30 PM preceded by Adoration/Confession at 6:00 PM

## CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

Wed-Fri: 8:40 AM - 9:00 AM

Wed: 6:00 PM - 6:20 PM

Saturday: 9:45 AM & 5:30 PM, or by appointment.

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesdays of the month at 6:00 PM. Bookings essential.

## WEDDING PREPARATION

Bookings to be made 6 months prior to wedding date. Bookings made through Parish Office.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B



Today's Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. We are reading much further into John's Gospel than we have for the past two weeks. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus. This event also marks the turning point in Jesus' conflict with the Jewish authorities. John's Gospel tells us that the Sanhedrin met after this event and made plans to kill Jesus. In the 12th chapter of John's Gospel, Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish. Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

The final section of today's Gospel might be read as John's parallel to the agony in the garden. Unlike the Synoptic Gospels, the Gospel of John does not record Jesus' anguished prayer in the garden of Gethsemane before his arrest. Although comparable words are found in today's reading, Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. This voice, like the one heard at Jesus' baptism and at Jesus' Transfiguration—events reported in the Synoptic Gospels but not in John's Gospel—affirms that God welcomes the sacrifice that Jesus will make on behalf of others. In John's Gospel, Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

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