

# Church of the Assumption

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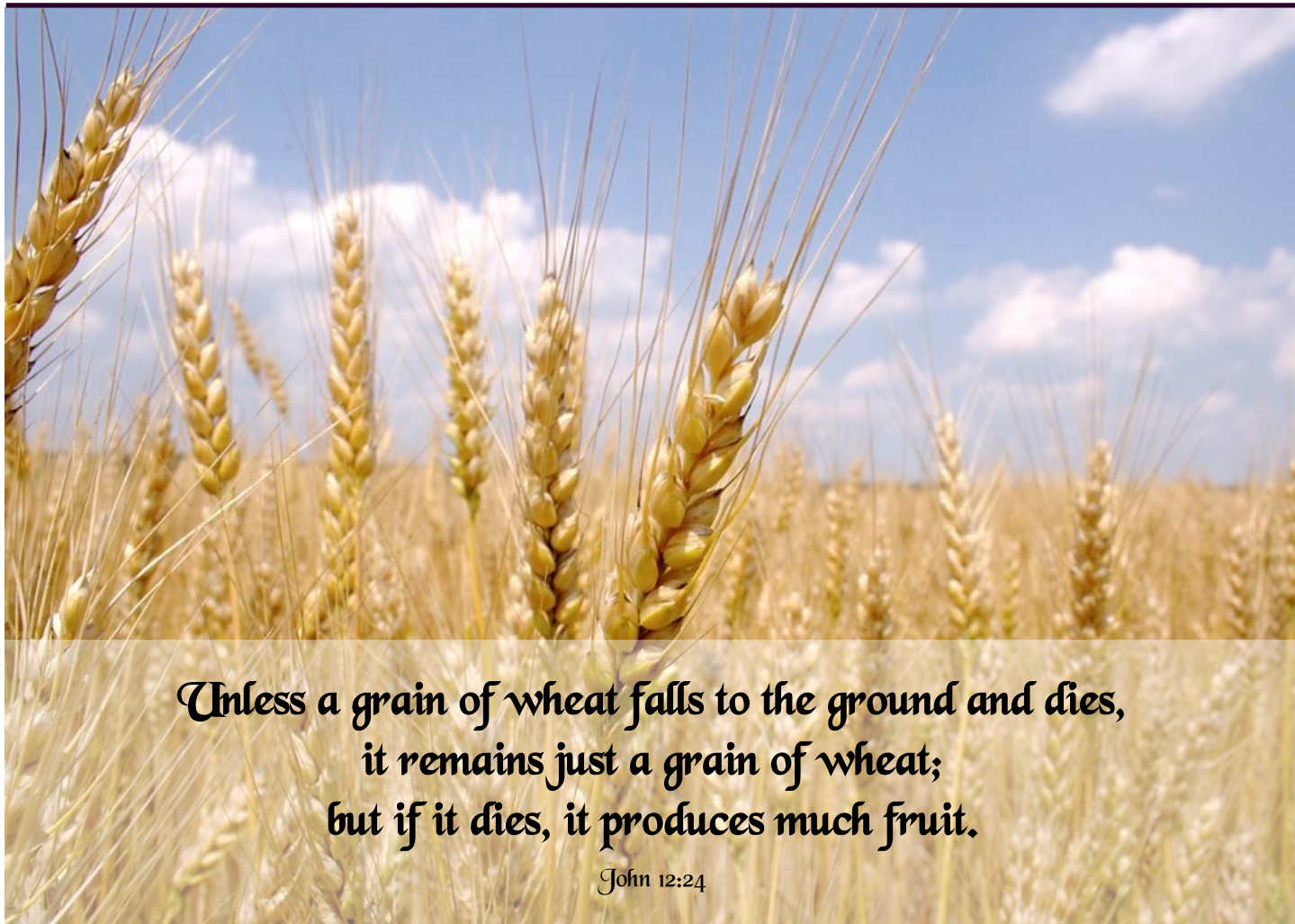
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***Fifth Sunday of Lent***

***March 21, 2021***



***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*

***May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!***

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday, 8:30 a.m.  
Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday, 12 noon  
Friday, 6:00 p.m.

*Registration suggested  
for weekend Masses.*

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**Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Bulletin Deadline:**

Wednesday, 12 noon

## Sunday Reflection – Fifth Sunday of Lent

How can suffering and death bring life and freedom? Jesus used the illustration of the "grain of wheat" (John 12:24) to show how God brings life from death and good fruit through patience and suffering. Seeds by themselves are worthless and lifeless. Only when the seed is destroyed by burying it in the ground, can it rise to new life and bear fruit. What is the analogy which Jesus alludes to in the image of the grain of wheat that must first die in order to rise to new life and bear good fruit? Jesus' obedience and death on the cross obtain for us freedom and new life in the Holy Spirit. His cross frees us from the tyranny of sin and death and shows us the way of perfect love and readiness to lay down our lives in sacrificial service for the good of others.

If we want to receive the abundant new life and the fruit of the Spirit which the Lord Jesus freely offers us, then the "outer shell" of our fallen sinful nature must first be broken and be put to death. In baptism our "old nature" which was enslaved by sin is buried with Christ so we may rise to new life with Christ through the cleansing waters of baptism. Death leads to life. When we "die" to ourselves - to our rebellious sinful nature and willful rejection of God's commandments - we receive God's forgiveness and the life-changing power of the Holy Spirit which frees us to love and serve others, and follow God faithfully. Let us pray: Lord Jesus, let me be wheat sown in the earth, to be harvested for you. I want to follow wherever you lead me. Give me fresh hope and joy in serving you all the days of my life.

Readings for Palm Sunday,

March 28, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

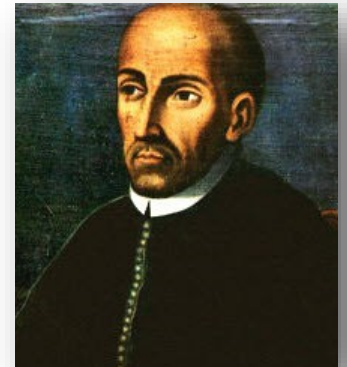
## † Saint of the Week ... St Turibius of Mogrovejo

Imagine how your life would change if you had to move to an unknown land more than 6,000 miles away! That's what happened to Turibius of Mogrovejo. Born in 1538, he was a respected judge and law professor in Spain. One day, King Philip II, who was head of the Church in Spain, appointed him Archbishop of Lima, Peru. Turibius told the king and the pope that he had never been to South America and that he was not even a priest...but the decision had been made. The Church in Peru needed a holy man to lead the people closer to Christ. Turibius was ordained a priest and a bishop, and he soon set sail for his new land.

When he arrived he was shocked at what he found. Priests were not caring for their people. The poor were being neglected. Rich Spanish landowners had enslaved many of the native people of Peru and treated them cruelly. He saw that there was much work to be done. Turibius decided to visit every parish in his new land. Sometimes he rode a mule from place to place, but mostly he traveled on foot. His journey through the diocese took him seven long years.

Turibius responded to the needs he saw. He supervised the building of many churches, schools, and hospitals. A catechism was written in different Peruvian languages so that adults and children could grow in their faith and also learn how to read and write. Everywhere he went, Turibius spoke out against the unjust treatment of the poor. The people in power listened to Turibius because he always spoke with love and he encouraged everyone to act with love.

Turibius died in 1606 while visiting one of his parishes in a small mountain village. He was canonized in 1726. Like Jesus, he was a good shepherd for his people. We can follow Turibius' example by respecting people from all cultures and treating everyone as a child of God.



*Feast Day: March 23*

SOLEMNITY OF THE  
*Annunciation of the Lord*  
 March 25, Mass at 12 Noon



***“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”***  
 Luke 1:38

Remembering and Honoring Our Loved Ones

## Easter Flower Offerings

Remember or honor your loved ones this Easter with an offering for the flowers which will decorate our beautiful church. All names will appear in our Easter bulletin.

If you use offertory envelopes, be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory or honor of. If you do not use offertory envelopes but would like to donate, a separate basket is available next to the bulletins. Simply include a note in the envelope with your intentions.



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 20	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Harber Family.....	The Harber Family
Sunday, March 21	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	Jim Daskal
Monday, March 22	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 23	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 24	6:00 p.m.	Lenten Penance Service	
Thursday, March 25	12 noon	Joanne Stickley's Intentions.....	Mike & Rosie Landis
Friday, March 26	6:00 p.m.	Soul of Gilda DelSignore .....	Terry Stakem
Saturday, March 27	4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean Alt
Sunday, March 28	8:30 a.m.	Soul of Dolores Fairall.....	Nancy Starcher

*If you would like to request a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office. Dates are currently available throughout 2021. The typical stipend for a weekday Mass is \$10; weekends \$20.*



**Collections & Attendance:  
March 13-14, 2021**

**Offertory**

Offertory Envelopes .....	\$2,130
Loose Donations .....	\$86
Easter Flowers .....	\$40
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,256</b>

Diocesan Collections ..... \$568

**Attendance**

Saturday Attendance .....	46
Sunday Attendance .....	56
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>102</b>

**February 2021 Balance Sheet**

February Income .....	\$15,163
February Expenses.....	\$14,227
<b>Balance .....</b>	<b>\$936</b>

**Liturgical Minister Schedule**

Saturday, March 27 .....	Doug Minnich (L) Anita Tetreault (C) Dena Turner (U) Mary Shannon (U)
Sunday, March 28.....	Paul Bogdan (L) Nancy Starcher (C) Mike & Sonja Stan (U)
Easter Vigil.....	Karen Yowler (L) Linda Marsh (C) <i>to be named</i> (U)
Easter Sunday, 7 am .....	Pam Williams (L) <i>to be named</i> (C) <i>to be named</i> (U)
Easter Sunday, 8:30 am ...	Kelley Kuhn (L) Julie Alt (C) <i>to be named</i> (U)

*If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled date,  
please arrange for a replacement.*



**Extraordinary Ministers  
to the Homebound**

Please extend a prayerful thank you to those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the homebound of our parish:

Cindy Alt	Linda Marsh
Meredythe Barrick	Stacey Rhodes
Rosalee Freeman	Nancy Starcher
Jean Harber	Joanne Stickley
Sue Harber	Pam Williams
Bob Konka	

If other individuals are taking communion to someone who is homebound, please let the Parish Office know so that our records can be updated or pastoral visits can be arranged.

**Please Note:**

If you or a family member becomes hospitalized, homebound or ill and desires a visit from Fr. Thomas or a eucharistic minister, please contact the Parish Office.



**Remember to Register for  
Easter Mass!**

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