

**SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Our commitment to daily prayer using the weekday Mass readings as our guide

**MONDAY 3/18**

Daniel 13:41-62  
John 8:12-20

**TUESDAY 3/19**

2Sam 7:4-16, Rom 4:13-22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24

**WEDNESDAY 3/20**

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
John 8:31-42

**THURSDAY 3/21**

Genesis 17:3-9  
John 8:51-59

**FRIDAY 3/22**

Jeremiah 20:10-13  
John 10:31-42

**SATURDAY 3/23**

Ezekiel 37:21-28  
John 11:45-57

**Solemnities, Feasts, & Memorials of the Week**

Monday, Cyril of Jerusalem; Tuesday, Joseph; Saturday, Turibius de Mongrovejo

**7:00 AM WEEKDAY WORSHIP SERVICES in the MAMMOTH RECTORY**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mass	Mass	Mass	Service	Mass	Mass
Walk right in and come up the stairs. Stay after for coffee and fellowship.					

**SEDER DINNER**

Our annual **Seder Dinner** will be held Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26, beginning at 6 o'clock PM in the Lee Vining Community Center. Everyone is welcome. Allow two and a half hours for the ceremony and meal. A \$20 donation is suggested for those who can help with the expenses.

**EASTER TRIDUUM**

All liturgies of the Easter Triduum will be held in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth Lakes.

March 28: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper begins at 7:00 PM

March 29: Good Friday Service of the Passion begins at 7:00 PM

March 30: Easter Vigil begins at 8:00 PM

All Easter Sunday masses follow the regular Sunday schedule

**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Easter Sunday at Our Savior of the Mountains Mission in Lee Vining beginning after the 10:00 AM mass. Bring eggs and children.

**LENTEN FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

During the Season of Lent we will celebrate Friday Devotions consisting of Exposition, Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church, Mammoth, beginning at 7 o'clock in the evening.

**PRAYERS**

Our prayers are requested for Bonnie Zwart, Mark & Mary Anne Bewsher, Tina Quan, James Zvetina, Pat Glynn, Bobbie Engstrom, Raquel Rodriguez, Bob Tomko, Jr., Virginia Reyes, Elizabeth Cauzza, Kay Reilly, Mary Jo Ferreir, Julie Rogers, Josefina Flores, Glenn Inouye, Peter Mariniello, Consuelo Mendoza Aéyon, Brian Venneman, Gary Boyd, John Wallis, Jill Morstad, Shannon Clark, for the repose of the soul of Christina DeGeorge, y por el eterno descanso de Romana Andrio y Alfredo Santana.



**THE MONO COUNTY CATHOLIC**

*You must open the interior eyes of your soul on this light, on this heaven within you, a vast horizon stretching far beyond the realm of human activity, an unexplored country to the majority of human beings.*  
-Saint Vincent Ferrer

March 17, 2013

Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Hello Pope Francis!**



**SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

**Mammoth Lakes: St. Joseph Church –**  
**Saturday Vigil: 6:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM**  
**La Misa en Español: 5:30 PM**

**Lee Vining:**

**Our Savior of the Mountains Mission -**  
**Sunday Mass 10:00 AM**

**Bridgeport: Infant of Prague Mission -**  
**Sunday Mass 12:00 Noon**

**CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is celebrated at St. Joseph Church in Mammoth Lakes from 5:30 to 5:45 on Saturday afternoons, 7:30 to 7:45 on Sunday mornings, y en español a las tardes del domingo de 5:00 a 5:15; and upon request before mass at Our Savior of the Mountains mission in Lee Vining and Infant of Prague mission in Bridgeport. The "Act of Contrition" is available in the confession room.

**FIRST READING: Ezekiel 37:12–14**

*Thus says the Lord God: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the Lord.*

The mystery of death and resurrection had many early expressions in the Old Testament. The story of the dead prophet Samuel being conjured up by the witch of Endor at the request of a distraught King Saul in 1 Samuel 28 comes to mind. Today's

reading from Ezekiel is well known. The Book of Wisdom, chapter two, celebrates it, as does the Second Books of Maccabees. (See 2 Maccabees 43–45) The paradox finds its fullness of expression in the New Testament's centerpiece, the Pascal Mystery of the resurrection of the Christ from the dead.

The death and resurrection of Jesus was not a change in the plan. All life is eternal. Jesus, simply and dramatically, affirmed it and revealed it in a way that could be seen and believed by everyone. "He is not God of the dead," Jesus says in Luke 20:38, "but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Eternal life is a light shining brightly in the darkness of death. So bright does this light shine that the prophet Ezekiel could actually see

it. He envisioned a field of dried up human bones, the remains of a defeated Israel overcome by its enemies. They started a rattling dance of life, rejoining, enfleshing, standing upright. It was through this vision that God presented to human awareness the eternity of life.

**SECOND READING: Romans 8:8–11**

*Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.*

All that will die, that will pass away, is already dead. The only factor left to be played out is time. All that is gained in this world: the wealth, the power, the security, it all will pass away in the end. All that has been accomplished will be destroyed. All that has been built up will be torn down. If it will happen in time, then it has already happened in eternity.

Therefore, all the passing things to which we attach ourselves in this life do not connect us to God. The word "to please God," as it is used in this reading, has a meaning in the ancient Greek that includes, "to accommodate one's self to the interests of another." So, if our efforts to gain the things of this world do not connect us to God, then what's the point? It all passes away.

But that which we do "in the spirit" connects us to God and provides for eternal life. In Matthew 6:19–21, just before the passage about the eye being the lamp of the body, Jesus says: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and

decay destroy, and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal." It's a good investment plan.

**GOSPEL: John 11:1–45**

*Jesus said to Martha, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."*

There is life even in death. Jesus embodies it, just as his mother embodied motherhood even in her virginity, just as the blind man embodied sight even in his blindness, just as the woman at the well embodied a fountain of water even in her thirst. This embodiment is passed on through faith to those who believe. The power of belief transforms mortal persons and puts them in touch with their eternal life.

We desire heaven. In our hearts we are anxious for happiness. We experience the very reason we were created: to be happy forever. We seek that happiness the only way we can: through that which we can see. If we see the things of this world as real, we will pursue them and try to gain happiness through them. Perhaps we will, but only for a short time. Then everything we have gained will pass away.

If through the eyes of faith we see the source of our happiness as Christ and his kingdom, then we are already living resurrected life. Our eyes see the passing world as an opportunity to gain eternal happiness and everlasting joy.

Heaven is not where we go when we die. Heaven is what we become as we live. So we don't wait till we die to go to heaven; heaven is already here. We have been given the invitation to enter it now.

## Andar en la Luz del Evangelio

El mandato de Cristo: "Desátenlo y déjenlo caminar" retumba en nuestros oídos y en los de los Elegidos, que llegan al tercer Escrutinio. El pecado es tan traicionero que trae la muerte, no sólo la ceguera o la sed. Nuestro corazón añora ser liberado. Caminemos juntos como un solo pueblo que tropieza, pero confía en el Señor y se esfuerza por andar en la Luz del Evangelio. Nos necesitamos unos a otros.

