

SUNDAY GOSPEL ACTIVITIES

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
JOHN 12:20-33

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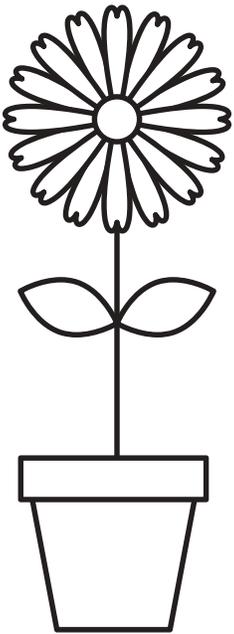
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Today we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent. In the Gospel reading Jesus spoke with his disciples about the suffering he would have to experience in the hours ahead. Jesus uses the example of a grain of wheat. He explains, for a seed to grow it must be buried, and only then will it transform into something wonderful: wheat! With this description Jesus is trying to tell his friends and followers that *His death will hold the promise of new life!*

This week, focus on your own “transformation.” If we allow ourselves to be transformed, changed by our love for God, and if we use that transformation to help, to love, and to serve others, we shine the light of Christ for all to see!

FOR MORE FUN

- ★ Ask your parents to help you plant a small seed of any kind in a cup near a window in your kitchen. During the weeks leading up to Easter, watch this seed grow and pray about how your Lenten sacrifices can help you become more Christ-like.
- ★ Monday, March 19 is the Feast of Saint Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, who also raised Jesus! Take a few moments to pray the St. Joseph prayer below.



"O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the Virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate.

I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life and therefore humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen."