

## KEEPING FAITH FIRST- WORD SEARCH

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GLORIFY  
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## Catechizing Corner!

Today brings us to the threshold of Holy Week. Stripped bare of our illusions, confronted with our blindness, and challenged by our insincere motives, the faithful and the elect prepare to enter the tomb of Christ's death and resurrection. Today's reflection by Christ on his own death prepares us to enter into this paschal week ready to embrace the cycle of death and resurrection anew. In today's prayer over the gifts we ask Almighty God that the sacrifice we offer take away the sins of those God enlightens us with the Christian faith. We ask that the sacrifice of Christ's body and Blood, offered together at the Sunday liturgy, rid us of the sins of false pride and judgement.

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## Disciple's Reflection for the Question of the Week

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

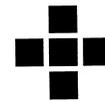
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**A Call to Prayer**

**The Word of God**  
**John 12:20-33**

**Faith Sharing**  
**Questions of the week**

**Closing Prayer**



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## Call to Prayer

Begin by calling upon God: **In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.**

Let us pause for a moment and listen attentively to this week's passage.

## The Word of God John 3:14-21

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John:

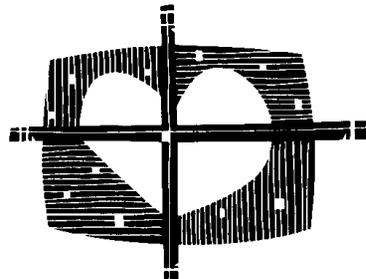
Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, 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. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must

### Gospel Glossary

**Eternal** means lasting forever, without end or beginning. **Wicked** refers to something or someone morally wrong. A **Verdict** is a decision on a disputed issue.

follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die.

### The Gospel of the Lord



## Faith Sharing

### Questions of the Week:

**Children:** What do you think the grain of wheat stands for?

**Teen:** What did Jesus mean when he said when he is lifted up, he will draw all people to him?

**Family:** Why does Jesus use the analogy of the grain of wheat to his disciples?

**Adult:** What do you think of Jesus' reaction, after the Greeks request to see him?

## Closing Prayer

May the light of your love continue to shine brightly in our hearts. We ask this, as we ask all things, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**