

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

‘But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel...

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts;

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.’ (Jeremiah 31:33)

Taken from the first reading for today’s celebration, we are moving rapidly to the culmination of our Lenten journey. The disciplines of fasting, prayer and alms-giving purify our hearts and bodies to renew our proud heritage of faith in the promises of our Baptism. At the Easter Vigil, March 30th at 8pm. we are called to gather and to renew our baptismal promises. Once again we immerse ourselves in the life-giving gift of Baptism. This celebration, the most holy of the Church year, begins in darkness, lighting of the Easter candle, retelling of the holy stories of salvation, exploding into the light of the Resurrection, renewal of our Baptism and living our of this in our daily lives. As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us, the Good News is written into our hearts so we may be Good News to the world.

Generation upon generation continues to witness this to each successive generation. Come and celebrate as Church. Pope Francis invites us to be molded into vibrant witnesses.

Blessings of peace! Fr. Don

Happy St. Patrick’s Day