

5TH Sunday of Lent
(Jer 31:31-34/Hos 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-22)

Theme: We are all called to be disciples.

Today we enter the 5th Sunday of Lent or Solidarity Sunday. Gradually we are coming closer to the celebration of Easter.

From the first reading of today from the book of the prophet Jeremiah, we hear that God is making a new covenant with us. That through obedience to God we are going to be the people of God and He will be our God. We are going to know him as he is, and He will forgive all our iniquities and remember our sins no more.

The second reading from the book of Hebrews tells us that this new covenant is Jesus himself. Through the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, Jesus has become the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. So through our fellowship with Christ and obedience to the word of God we gain eternal salvation.

In our gospel narrative today, from the gospel of John, we see people who came looking for Jesus; they first met Philip and Andrew and they led them to Jesus. In our lives as Christians, it is our duty to bring people to Jesus. In our world today, beginning from our families, schools and places of work, there are people who want to know God or come close to Christ, but some do not know how to go about it. Be bold and courageous and lead these people to Christ. Why not begin in your family and ask your children, husband or wife 'can you join me in prayer today?', or 'can you join me to go to Church today?'

By our baptism, we have become the disciples of Christ. Let us always bear in mind that God has special blessings for those who follow him and lead others to him.