



Saint Dominic Catholic Community

*God's Call to Build:
Our Bridge To The Future
**Dios Nos ha Llamado a Construir:
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QUINTO DOMINGO DE

Cuaresma

*Jesus cried out
in a loud voice
"Lazarus,
come out!"
John 11:43*

26 DE MARZO DE 2023

*Jesús gritó con
voz potente:
"¡Lázaro,
sal de ahí!"*

Juan 11:43

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Mission Statement

We, the parish community of St. Dominic, Houston, TX, a multi-cultural community, joined together by faith in Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church, commit ourselves to help each other grow in the understanding of our faith, celebrate this faith in Liturgy and live it out by using the gifts of each person in the service of others, especially those in need, so that in the end, we may become truly a community of faith: truly the people of God and be of service to all!

Worship Schedule -Weekend Masses

Saturday -English 8:00 a.m.

Anticipated Mass at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday - **English** 8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Español 9:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday - Saturday

8:00 a.m. English Mass

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help:

Integrated with the 8:00 am mass on Wednesday

Reconciliation Sacrament: Saturday-4:30-5:45 p.m.

Sacrament of Marriage – Quinceañera Celebrations

call the Parish office 6 months in advance
to schedule appointment with priest.

Sacrament of the anointing of the sick

Please call the parish office to make
arrangements for communion to be
brought to your home or to the hospital.

Parish Registration If you are new to the parish,
please register at the office. Tuesday –Friday
9:00 a.m. –3:00 p.m.

Deacon in Formation: Rogelio Mendez

OFFICE HOURS HORAS DE OFICINA

MONDAY 10:00 am –5:00 pm

TUESDAY– FRIDAY 9:00 am-7:30 pm

Saturday - 4:00 pm-6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Pray for the sick

Bobbie Anderson
Georgia Malonson
Horace Malonson
Mervin Auzenne
Doreen Whitmeer
Elma Revelo
Vitaliana Nisnisan
Eva Owens
Stela Visaya
Maria Celestino
Mike Ortega
Carolina Montemayor
Phil Martinez

Rebecca Directo
Concepcion Ligason
Cesar Avilez
Hector DeLeon
Margaret Ernest
Aguilar
Nidia Ramirez
Diana Montejano
Elvia Villanueva
Marissa Ramirez
Byrett May Freeman
Guadalupe Benitez
Jose Cruz

Idalia Rodriguez
Rosel Rodriguez

I will put
my spirit in you
that you may
live



Pre -Baptismal Registration With Claudia Ramirez

Email –claudiarmz9119@hotmail.com

Must register in the parish office,
Monday – Friday, 1:00 am –4:00 pm a week prior to the class.

Bring child's birth certificate; required to register

Sponsors if married must be married by the catholic
church and marriage certificate required.

If single they must be at least 16, and bring
copy of their Baptism, First communion and
confirmation

Parents and godparents must attend two
pre-baptismal classes held 1st Tuesday & Thursday
of the month at 6:30 - 9:30 pm. **Donation** for class
is \$75.00

Baptism celebration 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:00 am

Child being baptized can not be older than 7 yrs. Old.

children 7 years and older must be prepared through the
parish catechism Program. (Guidelines of the Archdiocese
of Galveston-Houston)

Información Pre- Bautismal - Pase a la oficina parroquial
Lunes –Viernes, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm una semana antes de la
clase. Es requerido presentar la acta de nacimiento del niño/
a quien van a bautizar.

Padrinos Si están casados

deben estar casados por la iglesia católica es requerido
presentar la acta de matrimonio.

Si son solteros deben tener por lo menos 16 años y presentar
su acta de Bautizo, Primera comunión y confirmación.

Papas y Padrinos tienen que asistir a platicas
pre-bautismales el tercer sábado del mes de 10:00 –3:00

Donación para la platica: \$75.00

Bautismos el segundo Sábado del mes a las 8:00 am

**Niños sin bautizar no deben ser mayores de 7 años de
edad.** niños deben recibir catecismo en el programa de la
parroquia. (Guías de Arquidiócesis de Galveston-Houston)

Presentación de Tres años

Cuarto domingo del mes durante la misa de 1:00 p.m.

Pasa a la oficina y presente acta de bautismo para registrase

Sacrament of Marriage: Register at least 6 months in
advance; must be a registered member drop by the office and
fill out form and be ready to meet the pastor; Pick up wedding
information check-list.

Quinceañera Celebrations: The family must be registered
in the parish for a period of three (3) months prior to the date
of the first preparation session. The candidate should register
for her/his Quince Años ceremony on or before her/his 14th
birthday. The candidate must have been baptized in the
Roman Catholic Church and must have received First Eucharist
prior to the time of the ceremony. If the honoree has not
received the Sacrament of Communion, she/he should be
enrolled to prepare to receive the sacrament before the
Quince Años ceremony. The candidate must attend and
complete preparation sessions with the coordinator and
must join our parish youth program. Pick up
Quinceañera information check-list.



From The Pastor



Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

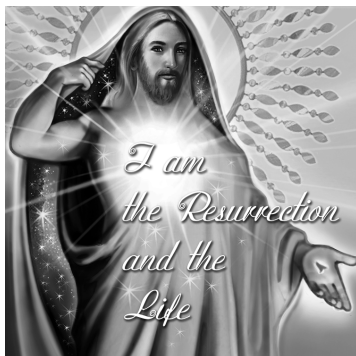
The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



Rev. Roger Estorque

Nuestro Evangelio de este día, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma, está nuevamente tomado del Evangelio según Juan. La lectura de Juan continúa la ruptura con el enfoque del Ciclo A en el Evangelio de Mateo. de hoy La lectura del Evangelio relata otra señal, o milagro, que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Juan, la resurrección de Lázaro. A medida que nuestros catecúmenos se acercan a la celebración de sus Bautismos en el Triduo, la lectura de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre lo que significa llamar a Jesús la Resurrección y la vida.

El contexto de la historia de la resurrección de Lázaro es el judío la creciente animosidad de los líderes hacia Jesús. Jesús ha estado en Jerusalén, participando en la fiesta de la Dedicación, que han llegado a conocer como Hanukkah. La gente ha estado presionando él para declarar claramente si él es el Mesías. Jesús les dice que miren sus obras, que dan testimonio de su venida de Dios. Muchos no creen en Jesús, sin embargo, y algunos tratan de apedrearlo por blasfemia.

En esta escena de confrontación, María y Marta, las hermanas de Lázaro, avisa a Jesús de que su amigo está enfermo. Se dice que Jesús ama a María, Marta y Lázaro, pero retrasa su viaje dos días. La demora aumenta el drama y muestra la obediencia de Jesús a Dios, quien será glorificado por la resurrección de Lázaro. Cuando Jesús finalmente declara que viajará a Betania, sus discípulos temen por su vida Tomás declara que él y los otros discípulos deben prepararse para morir con Jesús.

La escena descrita en Betania es triste. Marta se encuentra con Jesús llorando y diciendo que si Jesús hubiera estado allí, Lázaro no habría muerto. Sin embargo, sigue confiando en que Dios hará todo lo que Jesús le pida. Martha afirma su creencia de que habrá una resurrección de los muertos en los últimos días. Entonces la hermana de Marta, María, se acerca a Jesús con la misma confianza, diciendo que Jesús pudo haber curado a Lázaro. Jesús pide que lo lleven a la tumba de Lázaro donde ora y llama a Lázaro fuera de la tumba. Ante esta señal, muchos llegan a creer en Jesús, pero otros llevan la palabra del milagro a las autoridades judías, quienes inician sus planes para la muerte de Jesús.

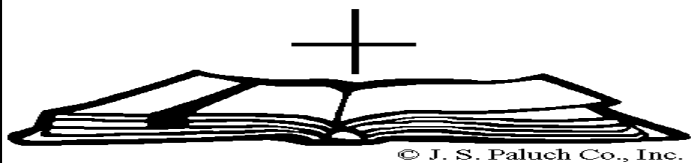
Con el telón de fondo de la muerte inminente de Jesús, muchos Elementos de la resurrección de Lázaro presagian las buenas nuevas de la propia Resurrección de Jesús. Jesús, ante el conflicto con las autoridades judías, actúa en completa obediencia a Dios. Al resucitar a Lázaro, Jesús muestra su poder sobre la muerte para que cuando Jesús muera, aquellos que creen en él puedan recordarlo y tener esperanza. Así como Jesús pide que se quite la piedra de la tumba de Lázaro, así también los discípulos encontrarán que se quita la piedra de la tumba de Jesús.

Con nuestros catecúmenos preparándose para su Bautismo en Pascua, el El Evangelio de hoy nos llama a reflexionar sobre el Bautismo como morir y resucitar con Jesús En el Bautismo morimos al poder del pecado sobre nosotros, resucitando como hijos de Dios. En el Bautismo nos unimos a Cristo, que venció la muerte de una vez por todas para que los que creemos en él tengamos la vida eterna. Con Marta y María, estamos llamados a profesar nuestra creencia de que Jesús es ciertamente la Resurrección y la vida.



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Mass Intentions



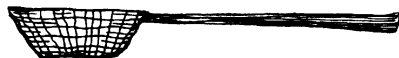
Saturday	March 25th
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
6:00 pm	† Vitaliano Racho/Victoria Abrau
	† Inosencia Racho/Victoria Abrau
	† Julia Remolador/Victoria Abrau
Sunday	March 26th
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
9:30 am	† Elvira Valencia /Manual Munguia
	† Bacilio Hernandez/Maria Hernandez
	† Oscar Martinez/Carina Martinez
	† Ludivina Martinez/Carina Martinez
11:15 am	† All Souls/Difuntos
1:00 pm	† Francisco Castillo/Maria Garza
	† Pablo Castillo/Maria Garza
	† Maria Salazar/Maria Garza
	† Rosa Perez/ Isabel Moreno
	Birthday-Erik Gonzalez/Maria Vasquez
Monday	March 27th
8:00 am	† Bacilio Hernandez/Maria Hernandez
	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Tuesday	March 28th
8:00 am	† Bacilio Hernandez/Maria Hernandez
	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Wednesday	March 29th
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Thursday	March 30th
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Friday	March 31st
	† Gil Perez/Irma Perez
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
Saturday	April 1st
8:00 am	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao
6:00 pm	Health-Dan Cao/Tina Cao



Monday	March 27th
	NO OEC
Tuesday	March 28th
6:00 pm	Confirmation I - 8th grade
7:00 pm	Coro - Puente
Wednesday	March 29th
6:00 pm	Confirmation II - 9th, 10th, 11th
Thursday	March 30th
10:00 am	AMSIF
6:30 pm	Confirmation III -10th, 11th, 12th
7:00 pm	Youth Group
7:00 pm	Asamblea
Friday	March 31st
5:30 pm	Coro Tello
5:45 pm	1st Communion -Spanish class
Saturday	April 1st
4:30 pm	1st communion -English Class
4:30 pm	RCIC,RCIT RCIA Class Eng & Sp
Sunday	April 2nd
9:45 am	OEC English PRE-K- 8TH Grade
11:30 am	OEC Spanish PRE-K-5TH



Ofrenda semanal



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3/19/23	Collection	\$8,646.55
	Building	\$ 338.00
	Spring Donations	\$ 491.00

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
March 27th	[41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6
	Gospel: Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21
March 28th	Gospel: Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56
March 29th	Gospel: Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9
March 30th	Gospel: Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7
March 31st	Gospel: Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13
April 1st	Gospel: Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7;
April 2	Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11
	Gospel: Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

ST. DOMINIC

PLEASE LET US KNOW... If you or a loved one are hospitalized and would like to be added to the prayer list, have a visit, homebound, and receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing. Call the Parish office - 281-458-2910

INTENCIONES DE MISAS

Favor de pasar al la oficina por lo menos una semana antes de fecha de intención. No le de su intención a última hora al lector. El nombre de intención debe aparecer en el boletín.

El boletín es enviado a imprenta en lunes para edición del próximo domingo.

La donación mínima por intención son \$5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

Please come by the office at least a week prior to date that you want intention mentioned. Please do not give name to lector last minute before intentions are mentioned. Names will appear in the bulletin.

Bulletin is sent to press on Monday of the week before Sunday edition.

Minimum Donation per intention of \$5.00

ONLINE GIVING ST. DOMINIC

website www.stdominichouston.org has three modules you can donate to. Under Ecommunity you can donate to St. Dominic and indicate where you want your donation applied.

You will also see DSF click on donate today select parish and place your donation. This is linked directly to the Archdiocese.

To donate to ignite click on ignite/enciende tab you will see [HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite](https://www.archgh.org/ignite) this is also linked to archdiocese.

Donations to DSF & Ignite are not controlled by St. Dominic. Statements for DSF and ignite are sent from the Archdiocese.

DONACIONES EN LÍNEA ST. DOMINIC

sitio web www.stdominichouston.org tiene tres módulos a los que puedes donar. En Ecommunity puede donar a St. Dominic e indicar dónde desea que se aplique su donación.

También verá que DSF hace clic en donar hoy, seleccione la parroquia y haga su donación. Esto está vinculado directamente a la Arquidiócesis.

Para donar a ignite, haga clic en la pestaña ignite/enciende. ver [HTTPS://www.archgh.org/ignite](https://www.archgh.org/ignite) esto también está vinculado a archidiócesis.

St. Dominic no controla las donaciones a DSF & Ignite. Las declaraciones para DSF y ignite se envían desde la Arquidiócesis.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS Leaders & Time

Altar Servers: Merced Flores -Spanish

Clem & Cecile Monta **English** 3rd Saturday 9:00 am.

E. M. of Holy Communion: Mary LeBlanc -English

E. M. de Eucaristia: Imelda Duran

Lectors English: Gale Lamanilao

Lectores Spanish: Maribel Ortiz

Liturgy English Music: Melner Calvo, Kevin Rosacia

Liturgia Musica Espanol: Valentin Cobos, Jesus Puente, Elias Tello

Ushers/Greeters English: Criselda Penaflor, Youth Group

Acomodadores Español: Gonzalo & Isabel Aguilar

Parish Pastoral Council: Rogelio Mendez, 1st. Monday 6:00 pm

Parish Finance Council: Hector Hernandez, quarterly & as necessary

Baptismal classes- English: Melner Calvo, Clem Mota

Clases Pre -Bautismales Español: Francisco & Romana Ramirez, Imelda Duran

Catholic Daughters: Shirley Malonson 3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm

Family Ministry: Melner Calvo

Damas del Altar: Lucy Villanueva

Amisf: Anabel Lozano

Knights of Columbus: Bill Burling, 1st. Sunday 9:30 am

Legion of Mary: Elda Briggs, Thursday 7:00 p.m. English

Legion de Maria : Juany Tamez, Jueves 7:00 p.m. Español

Peregrinos Marianos: Rafael Ibarra, Freddy Garcia

Facilities Maintenance: Raymond Helfrich & Bobby Baccigalopi

Asamblea De Oración: Manuel Mungia, Jueves 7:00 pm

Escuela de la Cruz: Martin Oviedo

Talleres De Oracion: Jorge Luis Lopez

MFCC St. Dominic: Francisco & Lucina Valles

Hispanic Ministry Coordinator: Rogelio Mendez

Youth Ministry: Thursday 7:00 pm Rosana Gonzales, Elda Briggs, Arlett Hernandez

Clase Pre-Nupcial : Jose y Silvia Cervantes

Pre-Nuptial Class: Jose & Esmeralda Rangel

Nullity Sponsors: Clem Monta

Evangelization: Rogelio Mendez

Pro-Life Gabriel: Rosana Gonzalez

Parents Faith Formation: Rogelio Mendez-Spanish

Disaster Coordinator: Raymond Helfrich, Juan Hernandez, Elda Briggs, Francisca Fortuno, Rosana Gonzalez

Knights of Columbus Council #10779

BBQ Rib Fundraiser Presale

Smoked Honey BBQ Baby Back

Ribs \$20.00

Orders will be ready for pickup

Sunday , April 2, 2023

9:00 am to noon in the Jurek hall



LENTEN SCHEDULE

WAY OF THE CROSS/VIA CRUCIS
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
AFTER 8:00 AM MASS WAY OF THE CROSS
VIA CRUCIS 6:00 PM BILINGÜE

FISH FRY /VENTA DE PESCADO FRITO
EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT
CADA VIERNES DURANTE CUARESMA
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM LINDSEY HALL

OPEN OUR GRAVES

Open our graves, Lord,
remove us from the prison of death.
Place your Spirit in us
so that we may live
in a world of freedom.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera lectura — Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

Salmo — El Señor es bondadoso y nos salva (Salmo 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura — El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

Evangelio — Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

CATHOLIC PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Before a Crucifix

Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus
while before your face I humbly kneel,
and with burning soul
pray and beseech you to fix deep in my heart
lively sentiments of faith, hope, and charity;
true contrition for my sins,
and a firm purpose of amendment.
While I contemplate with great love and pity,
your five most precious wounds,
pondering over them within me,
I call to mind the words which David,
your prophet, said of you, my good Jesus:
“They have pierced my hands and my feet,
they have numbered all my bones.”

LA ESQUINA DE ORACIÓN CATÓLICA

Oración Ante El Crucifijo

Mírame, ¡oh, mi amado y buen Jesús!,
postrado en tu presencia; te ruego con el mayor fervor
imprimas en mi corazón vivos sentimientos de fe,
esperanza y caridad, verdadero dolor de mis pecados
y firmísimo propósito de jamás ofenderte;
mientras que yo, con el mayor afecto y comisión de
que soy capaz, voy considerando y contemplando tus
cinco llagas, teniendo presente lo que de ti, oh buen
Jesús, dijo el profeta David: “Han taladrado mis manos
y mis pies y se pueden contar todos mis huesos”.

Please call office or e-mail Maria or Irma e-mails listed in front of the bulletin, If you have any changes in your family status, change off address, change of phone number added another family member.

Call office for your ID number

Por favor llame a la oficina o a los correos electrónicos de Maria o Irma que se encuentran al frente del boletín. Si tiene algún cambio en el estado de su familia, cambio de dirección, cambio en el número de teléfono o agregó otro miembro de la familia.

Llame a la oficina para obtener su número de identificación



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Death does not have the final say. This is the great mystery we ponder on this Fifth Sunday of Lent. Martha and Mary were good friends of Jesus. They did not hide their confusion and grief from the Lord; they voiced their conviction that if Jesus had been with them during their brother's illness, he would not have died. Jesus entered into their grief and more—he overturned it. Lazarus' death became the occasion for Jesus to show all who had gathered the mercy of God who cries out, "Oh my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them." In this moment, the world was given a sign of the new life to come through Christ, the Risen One.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

There really is no way around it. Eventually, we will grapple with the death of a loved one, a parent, sibling, spouse, or dear friend. As we mature, we also begin to come to terms with our own mortality. Our Sunday readings this Lent have invited our reflection on the big questions of life and faith. We have resolved to turn away from sin and toward God, listening to the Lord and responding with open minds and hearts. We have acknowledged and perhaps heightened our thirst for the Lord and have committed ourselves to walk in the light of God's grace. Today, we journey from death to new life, reflecting on the mystery of Christ who is the resurrection and the life.

COME TO BELIEVE

Martha had a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. She spoke with him honestly, baring her heart to Jesus, openly expressing her confusion and sorrow at her brother's death. Jesus' response led Martha to a deep declaration of faith, "I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." We, too, can have a uniquely personal relationship with Jesus. We can speak honestly to the Lord, baring our hearts, expressing the truth of each moment of our lives, whether in joy or sorrow, happiness, grief, confusion, or times of fulfillment. In such honesty and trust, we may find deeper faith as well, coming to believe that Christ is our all, our way, truth, and life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12–14; Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; Rom 8:8–11; Jn 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]



Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

La muerte no tiene la última palabra. Este es el gran misterio que meditamos en este Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma. Marta y María eran buenas amigas de Jesús. No ocultaron al Señor su confusión y su dolor; expresaron su convicción de que, si Jesús hubiera estado con ellas durante la enfermedad de su hermano, éste no habría muerto. Jesús entró en su dolor y, más aún, lo trastornó. La muerte de Lázaro se convirtió en la ocasión para que Jesús mostrara a todos los que se habían reunido la misericordia de Dios que grita: "Oh pueblo mío, abriré tus tumbas y haré que resucites de ellas." En ese momento, el mundo recibió un signo de la nueva vida que vendría a través de Cristo, el Resucitado.

DE LA MUERTE A LA NUEVA VIDA

Realmente no hay vuelta de hoja. Con el tiempo, nos enfrentaremos a la muerte de un ser querido, un padre, un hermano, un cónyuge o un amigo. A medida que maduramos, también empezamos a aceptar nuestra propia mortalidad. Las lecturas dominicales de esta Cuaresma nos han invitado a reflexionar sobre las grandes cuestiones de la vida y la fe. Hemos decidido alejarnos del pecado y acercarnos a Dios, escuchando al Señor y respondiendo con mente y corazón abiertos. Hemos reconocido y tal vez acrecentado nuestra sed del Señor y nos hemos comprometido a caminar a la luz de la gracia de Dios. Hoy, caminamos de la muerte a la vida nueva, reflexionando sobre el misterio de Cristo, que es la resurrección y la vida.

LLEGAR A CREER

Marta tenía una relación muy personal con Jesús. Habló con él sinceramente, desnudando su corazón ante Jesús, expresando abiertamente su confusión y su dolor por la muerte de su hermano. La respuesta de Jesús llevó a Marta a una profunda declaración de fe: "He llegado a creer que tú eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, el que viene al mundo". También nosotros podemos tener una relación singularmente personal con Jesús. Podemos hablar honestamente con el Señor, desnudando nuestros corazones, expresando la verdad de cada momento de nuestras vidas, ya sea en la alegría o en la tristeza, en la felicidad, en la pena, en la confusión o en los momentos de plenitud. En esa honestidad y confianza, podemos encontrar también una fe más profunda, llegando a creer que Cristo es nuestro todo, nuestro camino, verdad y vida.

Lecturas de hoy: Ez 37:12–14; Sal 130 (129):1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; Rom 8:8–11; Jn 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

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