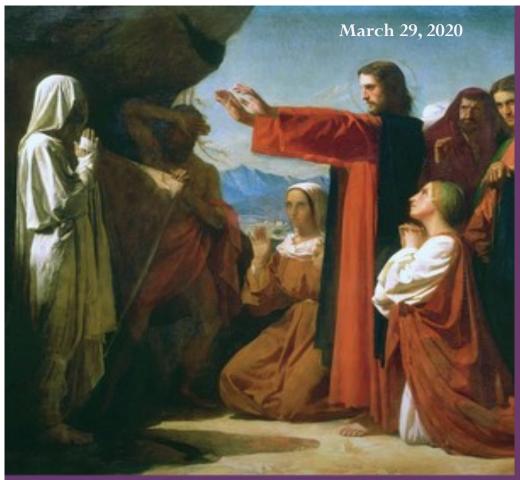
SAINT MARY



CATHOLIC CHURCH

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5[™] SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." - Jn 11:25

Excepts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCO.

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Sunday Readings:

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 **†** Psalm 130 **†** Romans 8: 8-11 **†** John 11: 1-45

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WORSHIP

Triduum & Easter

Papal Decree: Due to health precautions Triduum-Easter Liturgies are Required But must be celebrated Privately. Sadly, without the Faithful in Church.

You are urged to pray these liturgies at the same time in your homes.

Suggested prayers and times will be distributed on the website

Special Penance Service

"Park & Penance"

Holy Saturday - 4 to 7pm Rain or Shine

- * Come to the Parking lot
- * Stay in your Car
- * Signal with your lights
- * Fr. John will come out to you.

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Saturday	March 28						
***	Evelyn Espinar						
Sunday	March 29	Fifth Sunday of Lent					
***		Parish Family					
Private Mass	Elizabeth SanFillipo						
Monday	March 30						
No Mass & No	Novena						
Tuesday	March 31						
Private Mass	Edward Irw	vin					
Wednesday	April 1						
Private Mass	Stan Carter						
Thursday	April 2						
Private Mass	Madelyn Ne	ewton					
Friday	April 3						
Private Mass	Walter Jenk	ins					
Saturday ***	April 4						
	Madelyn Newton						
Sunday	April 5						
***	Parish Family						
	Joseph Viola b Patricia Catologna						

The Joyful Mysteries - (Monday & Saturday)

- The Annunciation
 The Visitation
- 3. The Nativity
- 4. The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
- 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Mysteries of Light - (Thursday)

- 1. The Baptism at the Jordan
- 2. The Wedding at Cana
- 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom of God
- The Transfiguration
- 5. The Institution of the Eucharist

The Sorrowful Mysteries - (Tuesday & Friday)

- . The Agony in the Garden
- The Scourging at the Pillar
 The Crowning with Thorns
- The Carrying of the Cross
- 5. The Crucifixion

The Glorious Mysteries - (Wednesday & Sunday)

- The Resurrection
- The Ascension
- The Descent of the Holy Spirit
- The Assumption of Mary
- The Crowning of Mary as Queen



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How To Pray The Rosary

- 1. Hold the crucifix, make the Sign of the Cross and then recite the Apostles' Creed.
- 2. Recite the Our Father on the first large bead.
- 3. Recite a Hail Mary for an increase of faith, hope and charity on each of the three small
- 4. Recite the Glory be to the Father and the Fatima Prayer on the chain/cord.
- 5. Recall the first Rosary Mystery and recite the Our Father on the large bead.
- 6. On each of the adjacent ten small beads (also referred to as a decade) recite a Hail Mary while reflecting on the mystery.
- 7. On the chain/cord, recite the Glory Be to the Father, and the Fatima Prayer.

Each succeeding decade is prayed in a similar manner by recalling the appropriate mystery, reciting the Our Father, ten Hall Marys, the Glory Be to the Father, and the Fatima prayer while reflecting on the mystery.

When the fifth mystery is completed, the Rosary is customarily concluded with the Hail Holy Queen and the Sign of the Cross.

Spiritual Communion

Saint Thomas Aquinas described Spiritual Communion as "an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him" at a time or in circumstances when we cannot receive him in sacramental Communion.

Spiritual Communion is a genuine opportunity for Eucharistic grace when usual reception is not possible. Today, we're accustomed to regular availability of the Body and Blood of our Lord in Communion at Mass.

However, as we now experience suspension of Masses in our Churches, the practice of Spiritual Communion can be a wonderful renewal and reception of the Lord into our hearts.

Spiritual Communion requires the same disposition as actual reception of the Sacrament: turning your heart to Jesus. Before the Act of Spiritual Communion, pause to thank Jesus for Sacrament of his Body and Blood, make an act of contrition and say the 'Our Father.'

An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



<u>Prayer During an Epidemic</u>

Lord Jesus,

Hear our plea, our good shepherd and divine physician. We implore your mercy in the wake of an outbreak of serious illness and disease.

Guide our efforts to prevent contagion and make preparations to care for those most vulnerable. Assist professionals and volunteers what work to eradicate the epidemic now spreading. May our actions be marked by your steadfast love and selfless services and never in panic or fear.

Bestow your comfort and healing to the sick, sustain and strengthen them by your grace. May they know your closeness as they carry the cross of illness.

And may all you have called from this life come to worship you eternally with all the saints as you grant consolation and peace to their mourners. Amen

Holy Mary, Health of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, Hope of the Sick, pray for us.

St. Rocco, protector against epidemics, pray for us.

REFLECTING on the GOSPEL as a Family

Discuss this week's Gospel using the questions below:

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 29, 2020

John 11:1-45 When Mary and Martha's brother, Lazarus, died, Jesus came to be with them. He cried with them and prayed with them. He then gave them a message of hope: "I am the resurrection and the life" and brought Lazarus back to life.

Think of someone in your family who has died. What do you remember about them? What did you learn from them?



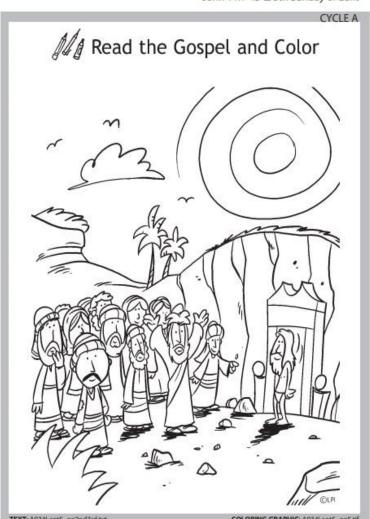
John 11:1-45 ■ 5th Sunday of Lent

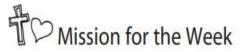




Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

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Those who are down shall rise. Those who were dead shall live again.

A "Homilette" for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

To begin let me explain my new word, "Homilette." That's it: a *brief homily*. An economy of words often has benefit ... think of the Gettysburg Address. In these strange times it's best to get to the point. I want you to get out your Bibles and read the Old Testament passage: Ezekiel 37: 12-14. Then, read the Gospel from John's Chapter 11 ... the Raising of Lazarus.

The prophet Ezekiel uses rich **imagery**: *I will open your graves and have you rise from them* ... *I will put my spirit in you that you may live*. Ezekiel excites our imaginations with the prospect that the Holy Spirit regenerates us and imparts new purpose and new hope.

Jesus confirms this prophetic imagery by the **reality** of his power: *I AM* the Resurrection and the Life. Ezekiel's prophecy prefigures God's power over death and discord. Now, that power is a reality by Jesus Christ's presence in our lives.

If there's ever been a time in human affairs that we need assurance of Divine power of Resurrection and Life, it is now in the midst of this Coronavirus pandemic. We hear encouraging cheers, "We'll get through this." And so we shall. Examples of unselfish bravery and kindness warm our hearts. Let's never forget that God's Grace is displayed through **our** actions of grace and those of our **neighbors**.

Raphael, Archangel of Healing, intercede for us in this hour of need.

Saint Mary Masses Continue

Public Masses are suspended. But rest assured that I offer *private* Masses (usually at our Altar, sometimes in my home) and throughout the week and Sunday and especially on the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25).

Special Penance Service on Holy Saturday

Making a good confession before Easter is important! I plan a special "Park & Penance" service in our parking lot on Holy Saturday, April 11 from 4 to 7pm ... Rain or Shine.

Park in one of the spaces, with distance between cars and pointed toward the rectory. Stay in your car. Turn on your head or parking lights when you're ready. I'll *come to your car* to hear your confession.

Be Healthy & Be Holy & Be Home