



**The Raising of Lazarus**

Duccio di Buoninsegna (1255-1319)

### **At Lazarus' Tomb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent**

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead men”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

“I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

Reference: St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology

## *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

**26 March 2023**

Sacred Heart, Ronan  
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St. Joseph Mission, Charlo

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#### *This week's office hours:*

Tuesday & Thursday 2-5 pm; Wednesday & Friday 10 am-12 pm

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

##### **Sunday**

Immaculate Conception at 11:00 am  
Confessions are available at 10:00 am

March 26

Celebrant: Fr. John Robertson

April 2—Palm Sunday

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Cochran, SJ

**No weekday Masses available until further notice.**

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Mass times for other locations nearby:

St. Ignatius Mission at 9:00 am & 5:00 pm on Sundays

St. John Paul II at 4:30 pm on Saturdays;  
8:30 am & 10:30 am on Sundays

#### **FAMILY NIGHT SCHEDULE:**

March 29th—No class (Spring Break)

April 5th—No class (Holy Week)

April 12th—Last class for 2022-23 school year!

#### **Stations of the Cross**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm

at Immaculate Conception & St. Joseph Mission



#### **Fish Fry**

Served each Friday of Lent after Stations of the Cross at Immaculate Conception. Sides of coleslaw and clam chowder!

**Adult: \$10 | Child: \$8 | Families pay no more than \$25**

## Memorize this Bible verse for Lent and beyond

Philip Kosloski - published on 03/06/23, Aletea.org

### ***This Bible verse reminds us of the reality of our lives and our ultimate destination.***

Sometimes the busyness of our lives can overwhelm us and we may even be tempted to despair, thinking that nothing we do on this earth will bear any fruit.

This is especially the case when we look at the world around us and do not feel the warmth and support of a local community or even our own family.

The good news is that **our suffering on earth is only temporary** and that this life will not last forever.

Here is one verse that reminds us of that fact. Reflecting on these words can orient us during Lent, as well as beyond.

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city which is to come.

HEBREWS 13:14

We are ultimately pilgrims on this earth and Lent is a great reminder of that fact. Lent points out to us how we are journeying towards the fruit of Good Friday.

Jesus opened to us the gates of Heaven and promises us a life of eternal bliss.

However, we must first walk through this dark valley and in a city that is not our own, to finally rest in the Eternal City, the New Jerusalem.

We can take comfort in this Bible verse, knowing that the suffering we experience now will not last and will lead us to our true and everlasting home.



### **Food Pantry Necessities**

Peanut butter and cereal are a constant need; as well as oats, flour and rice. Clients tend to prefer healthy options for food that are not so loaded with sugar. The Food Pantry will also accept money donations as well. Charitable donations may be left in the basket at the entrance of the church.

### ***Humbly asking for your prayers***

Marcy Bishop, Maryalice Rouselle, The Clay Family, Virginia Rubel, Michael Conrad, Ellen Holland, Kaylee Martin, Dave Evertz, Steve Ducharme, Kate Shrider Olsen, Don Herbst, Bill Nash, Donna Jacobs, Derrie Edge, Madge Vert, Bob Mahon, Heather Stocki, Betty Bjork, Vicki Weiss, Jason Avison, Floyd Smith, Nash Niemeyer, Richard Call, Teresa Cullis, Bud Cheff, Jr, Donna Radtke, Barbara Morin.

*Please help to keep the list current by contacting the Parish Office. Also, out of respect for a person's privacy, please make sure that all individuals wish to be publicly identified.*

***Grace be to you and peace. We give thanks to God always for you all; Making a remembrance of you in our prayers without ceasing. 1 Thessalonians 1:2***

### **The Holy Father's prayer intention for March**

**For victims of abuse:** We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



## **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Entrance:

*Give me justice, O God,  
and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.  
From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,  
for you, O God, are my strength.*

Collect:

*By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God,  
may we walk eagerly in that same charity  
with which, out of love for the world,  
your Son handed himself over to death.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever*

Readings:

First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-1

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8

R./ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Verse before the Gospel: John 11:25a,26

Gospel: Jn 11:1-45

Catechism of the Catholic Church:

*Christ will raise us up "on the last day"; but it is also true that, in a certain way, we have already risen with Christ. For, by virtue of the Holy Spirit, Christian life is already now on earth a participation in the death and Resurrection of Christ: And you were buried with him in Baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead .... If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (CCC 1002)*



### ***Please pray for our seminarians!***

Dillon Armstrong, Shae Bills, Lane Buus, John Cooney, Riley Helgoe, Alex Olmes, Brett Rotz, Jamie Severson, Deacon Kyle Tannehill, Carter Anderson, Matt Keck, Anthony Olmes, Jack Peed, James Semling, and Kaleb Mitchell.

# TRIVIA

**Last week's question...**  
**What prayer of the Mass is omitted during Lent?**  
 The Gloria.

Consider consecrating (or re-consecrating) yourself to the Blessed Mother Mary or Saint Joseph...

To make a 33 day preparation for consecration, see the start dates in the chart below:

Preparation Start Date	Feast Day	Consecration Date
March 30	St. Joseph the Worker	May 1
April 11	Our Lady of Fatima	May 13
April 22	Mary, Help of Christians	May 24
April 28	The Visitation of the BVM	May 31

Please see our bookstore in the parish office for books on preparing for consecration to the Blessed Mother or St. Joseph.

## Lenten Prayer

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.



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**406-901-8980 or [mamabearmission@gmail.com](mailto:mamabearmission@gmail.com).**

\*Please note that this is not a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, and donations are not tax-deductible.

## ROSARY GROUP

St. Joseph Hospital Chapel

Monday at 6:00 pm  
Friday at 9:00 am



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## Chrism Mass Invitation

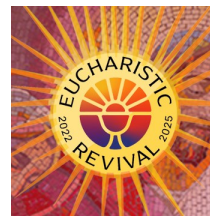
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 Diocese of Helena



The Faithful of the Diocese of Helena are invited to attend Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Helena which will take place at **Noon** on **Tuesday, March 28, 2023**.

The Chrism Mass is a special celebration in the liturgical life of the Church in the Diocese of Helena. Bishop Vetter will bless the Holy Oils for use in the coming year and priests of the diocese will renew their priestly promises.

The Oil of the Sick is used in Sacrament of the Sick to bring the strengthening and healing power of Christ who is at work in the Church by the action of the Holy Spirit. The Oil of Catechumens is used at Baptism, to strengthen (with wisdom and courage to live the Gospel) and purify candidates (from original sin) before baptizing with water. The Oil of Chrism, or Sacred Chrism, is a mixture of olive oil and balsam fragrance used just after Baptism, and to seal candidates for Confirmation. It is also used to anoint the hands of priests and the heads of bishops at Ordination.



We can't wait to see YOU at **Eucharistic Revival 2023!** Join Dr. Scott Hahn, Archbishop Alexander Sample and musical guest Jaime Thietten on May 5 and 6 at Billings Central Catholic High School as we gather to cultivate Eucharistic

amazement! Sponsored by the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, we'll unite to help restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of The Most Holy Eucharist. As we deeply reflect on the source and summit of our faith, this promises to be a weekend to remember! To learn more, visit [diocesegfb.org/revival](http://diocesegfb.org/revival).



## Parish Offertory Progress Report

*Fiscal Year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>*

**Immaculate Conception**  
 \$110,663 of \$175,000 (63%)  
**Sacred Heart/St. Joseph**  
 \$24,096 of \$44,500 (54%)



**Thank you for your generosity!**



## Mission Valley Choral Society Palm Sunday Weekend Concerts

Mission Valley Choral Society Director Christian Bumgarner is directing his last concerts in Montana on Palm Sunday weekend — 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 1, at the Mission in St. Ignatius and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Polson.

Christian, with Karla Gallatin as accompanist, will lead the choir in 10 varied musical selections from “Ave Maria” to a medley from “Les Miserables..” A meal will be served immediately following the Sunday concert in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church basement.

The 90-minute concerts are free and welcoming to all. Free-will offerings will be taken at each concert. Saturday’s donations help the choir with music expense; and donations from the Sunday concert and meal will support Helping Hands of Mission Valley.

In his 35 years of directing choirs in the valley, Christian has led six choirs and founded three. He has either sung in or directed the Mission Valley Choral Society for about 30 years. Christian and his wife Viktra are leaving Polson in May to live in Idaho closer to grandchildren.

For information contact Valerie Lindstrom at 406-261-3304.

# Holy Week 2023



**Palm Sunday Mass: April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 11:00 am**  
**Celebrant: Fr. Paul Cochran, SJ**

**Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: April 6<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**  
**Good Friday Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion: April 7<sup>th</sup> – 6:00 pm**  
**Easter Vigil Mass: April 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 pm**

**This year, at the Easter Vigil, three individuals will be baptized & received into the Church, one will receive his First Communion, and one will be received into the Church!**

**Celebrant for the Holy Triduum: Fr. John Robertson**

**Easter Sunday Mass: April 9<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 am**  
**Celebrant: Fr. John Martin, SJ**

*\*All Holy Week services will be held at Immaculate Conception*