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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Our Mission:

The Santo Niño Catholic Church is a faith community where all are welcome to celebrate Catholic beliefs embellished by the best Philippine traditions. It is a dynamic parish responding to the spiritual needs of the community to fulfill its evangelical mission and to realize Christ's call of making disciples of all nations. (Parish Pastoral Council, 21 April 2001)

Prayer Corner

Pray:

Thank You, my Lord,
for caring about
everything that
happens to me. For
You there are no lost
causes. How could I
resist Your almighty
love? Amen.

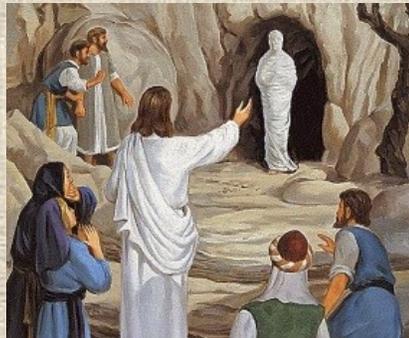
Today's Gospel: JN 11:1-45

The Raising of Lazarus

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.



When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her,

"Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I

Reflections

THE HAPPY TRUTH ABOUT THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Lent is not about suffering and sacrifice. It's a corridor to new life. Good Friday is not about evil and pain and death. It's the door that Jesus opens to invite us into that new life.

Yes, suffering is part of the Lenten journey (which can be experienced at any time of the year). Yes, Lent includes the sacrifices of fasting and abstinence, almsgiving and extra time in church. But these are just vehicles for the trip.

God uses our sufferings (if we let him) to help us grow in compassion, persistence, and ministry. Our sacrifices help us learn discipline (which is discipleship) so that we can purify our will and grow stronger in holiness. But the trip is not the destination.

Lent is all about reaching the resurrection: renewing our faith, entering a new life free of old sins, reconciling damaged relationships, and living in the Spirit of God more than we ever did before.

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Which day is more important to your faith: Good Friday or Easter Sunday? That horrid day on Calvary was absolutely necessary for Easter, but we are living in the resurrection! Catholics are an Easter people. This means that nothing bad can ever happen to us that will not be transformed into blessings if Jesus is the Lord of our lives.

He proved himself to be the Resurrection and the Life by displaying his power over life and death. Now he wants to prove it again -- to you and to all those who are watching.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What needs to be resurrected in your life? What will you do this week to accept the death of what has ended so that you can prepare for the new life that Jesus is preparing for you?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

1. We can personalize the first reading by understanding that God will open our graves (whatever is dead inside of us) and will place his Spirit of Life within us. How does the Holy Spirit help us discover healing and hope amidst our daily sufferings and dyings?
2. In the scripture from Romans, we are reminded again of the Holy Spirit within us. Since the Spirit is alive in you, what affect does this have on your Lenten journey? What is being purified, strengthened, and renewed?
3. In the Gospel, Jesus proves his power over death just before he enters Jerusalem and heads toward Calvary. How does this prove to you that your own sufferings and sacrifices will not lead to permanent disaster?

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FESTIVAL MARIA DE GUADALUPE

To support the health and safety of our parishioners and communities, the Santo Nino Church is suspending the Festival Maria de Guadalupe due to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Texas. The event will be rescheduled until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY MASS IS SUSPENDED TEMPORARILY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Sunday Santo Nino’s Facebook Live Streaming Mass:

English Mass : 11:00 AM
Spanish Mass : 1:00 PM

The church is open for prayer only:

Monday – Friday : 2:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Sunday : 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Office Hours

For our protection and preventive measures from the ongoing COVID-19, our office hours will be **Tuesday – Friday 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm only**. However, we are no longer accommodating walk-in business or inquiry for the meantime. We will communicate with you through phone @ (210) 648-1705 or by email @ santo.nino.sa@gmail.com.

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am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, “The teacher is here and is asking for you.” As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.” And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that

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Mass Intention

WEEKEND MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat. — 6:00 pm** — 1. Souls of †Maria Castillo, Frances Paiz, Johnny Hinojosa, Rosario Huemer; 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriela Estrada.
- Sun. — 8:00 am** — 1. Recovery of Nena Connor, Deacon Jun Reyes, Clarke Lewis, Helen Daley, Carmen Steele; 2. Intentions of Robert/Nel Mendez; 3. Souls of † John Saunders, Lita Pepper, Manuel Tamayo, Jent Oliamot, and Dorothy Lim.
- Sun. — 10:00am** — 1. Souls of † Dina/Zenaida Sorio, 2. Intentions of the Two Thousand Hail Mary’s devotion; 3. Recovery of Noel Casino, Clarke Lewis, and Nena Connor, . 4. † Souls of Tony Brewer, Baet Family, and Dr. Jose Gabatin.
- Sun. — 12 noon** — . 1.Souls of † Dr. Tony dela Cruz, Manuel Tamayo, John Saunders and Bobi Jean Gordon; 2. Health and recovery of Ted/ Carmen Jaceldo and Deacon Jun Reyes.
- Sun. — 2:00 pm** — . 1.Souls of † Lupita Perez, Delia Olney, Santos Adames and all the souls of our faithful departed. 2. Health of Alicia Anaya and Gabriella Estrada; 3. Thanksgiving to St Anthony for favors received from Nelly Figarola.

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this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said,

“Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

STEWARDSHIP (Collection) REPORT AND ATTENDANCE

Attendance and Offertory March 21—March 22, 2020

There was no collection last March 21 and 22, 2020, due to suspended masses from COVID-19.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE **SANTO NINO’S WEBSITE** **ONLINE DONATION** AS AN ALTERNATIVE WAY OF GIVING YOUR WEEKLY CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT OUR CONTINUING MINISTRY.



“Thank you for your goodwill and generosity.”

NEWS

On March 23, 2020, The San Antonio City Mayor, Ron Nirenberg, declares Emergency Order #5 Stay Home/Work Safe as a defensive response to the pandemic spread of the COVID -19.



Emergency Order #5
March 23, 2020

DECLARATION OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY
REGARDING COVID-19

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

1. That a local state of disaster and public health emergency is hereby declared for the City of San Antonio pursuant to §418.108(a) of the Texas Government Code.
2. All prior Declarations, orders and emergency measures are superseded by this most recent Declaration and its Exhibit.
3. Stay Home/Work Safe. Pursuant to the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, I, Ron Nirenberg, as Mayor of the City of San Antonio, in coordination and consultation with the Local Health Authority, and Director of the Metropolitan Health District order all individuals living in the City of San Antonio to Stay Home/Work Safe consistent with the direction and guidelines as set out in Exhibit 1 attached to this Declaration.
4. By this Declaration, I declare all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the incident, and authorize the City Manager to exercise all emergency powers as are available to address this emergency.
6. As Mayor, I further reserve all other authority and powers conferred by state law to respond as necessary to this situation.

This proclamation shall take effect immediately from and after its issuance.

ORDERED this 23rd day of March, 2020.

MAYOR RON NIRENBERG
City of San Antonio, Texas

Therefore, the Santo Nino Church recommends to our parishioner to stay home/work safely as advised and follow the guidelines made by the City Government to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

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Pastor – Rev. Fr. Arnold Ibarra, PhD
Deacon - Arsenio Reyes
Office Volunteers: Annie Spencer,
Nena Connor, Alice Maldonado
Business Coordinator – Anna Rose Nolasco
Safe Environment - Monette Reyes
Photographer – Henry Mendez
Webmaster – Ed Candelaria
Property Manager – Robert Mendez

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Pura Frierson
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Alicia Hernandez
Robert Mendez
Vicky Ortiz
Regina Pino

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Chairperson: Armi Wallace (2019–2020)
Mel Garcia, - Secretary
Members – Jim Irwin,
Nelrose Mendez, and
Nena Connor

MINISTRIES

WORSHIP

Acolytes: Randal Garcia
Dévotion: Dr. Connie Nepomuceno
Lectors: Socorro Candelaria
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Adult Choir: Helen Ona
Youth Choir: Noel Casino
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Coordinator:
Alicia Anaya & Annie Spencer

EVANGELIZATION

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Guadalupana: Rosa dela Garza
Youth Ministry: Russell & Bernadette Cantu

SERVICE

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Knights of Columbus : Grand Knight
Sean Flatley

Our Devotions

Adoration, Rosary & Novena: 5:00-6:00 PM M-F

Holy Spirit: Mondays

Divine Mercy/Holy Hour for Vocation: Tuesday

Perpetual Help Novena: Wednesdays

St. Jude Novena: Thursdays

Santo Niño Novena: Fridays

Sacred Heart: 1st Fridays

First Saturday of the month:

2000 Hail Mary Devotion, from 9:00 AM

Divine Mercy Devotion: Sunday 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Parish Office/ Business Hours:

Tuesday thru Friday:
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
12 noon – 1:00 PM: Lunch Break

Schedule of Masses and other Services

Sundays: 8:00 and 10:00 AM, and 12 noon Bilingual Mass (English & hymns in Filipino)

Saturdays: 6:00 PM (Spanish Mass)
Daily Holy Eucharist: M-F 6:00 PM

Confession:

Mon-Sat 5:00 – 6:00 PM
Baptism: By appointment & Seminars is necessary

Confirmation:

11th to 12th grade

Marriage: Please meet with the Pastor one year in advance.

Counseling: By Appointment

Funeral: Please contact the Parish office before making arrangements outside

ANNOUNCEMENT

- All church activities are suspended temporarily due to COVID outbreak.
- San Antonio City Stay Home/Work Safe Guidelines.
 - All individuals living in the City of San Antonio are ordered to stay at home consistent with the direction and guidance in City Mayor's Declaration. If individuals are using shared or outdoor spaces outside their home or engaged in Exempted Activities or Exempted Businesses, then they must maintain social distancing of at least six feet from any other person.
 - All businesses operating within San Antonio except Exempted Businesses are required to stop operations and close.
 - All public or private gatherings occurring outside a single household or single-family living unit are prohibited unless specifically exempted under this Declaration. Members of a household or single-family living unit may gather.
 - Worship Services. Religious and worship services may only be provided by video, teleconference or other remote measures.
 - Subject to San Antonio City Council approval, this Declaration shall be effective until 11 :59 p.m. on April 9, 2020, or until it is either rescinded, superseded, or amended pursuant to applicable law.
- Copies of your weekly bulletin can be downloaded on the internet at www.stonino.org/bulletins.



STEWARDSHIP PRAYER

Dear Lord, we thank you for being the Creator and Giver of all good gifts and ask you one to help us become good stewards of your gifts by teaching us how to return them to you with increase . Amen.

Online Giving



We would like to express our thanks to those who give online. We would love to see the number increase with this program, please consider our online donation.

If you want to give your tithes and donation online go to our parish website at www.stonino.org and click **online giving logo**.

All credit cards are accepted in our online donation.

