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## **GOSPEL REFLECTION - Liz Summers, Living With Christ**

Computers! I turn mine on and then have to wait for everything to open. I have to wait maybe a nanosecond. I press a button; I'm still waiting. But then my son comes and gently takes the time to explain the program. It turns out I don't understand computers, I'm impatient and I take them for granted.

John's story of Lazarus remind us how important time is to understanding. Lazarus is sick, yet it takes Jesus four days to arrive in Judea. Why does it take him so long? Jesus says, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is from God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." But this is so difficult to understand.

The disciples don't seem to understand the relationship that Jesus has with his father. Some of the Jews have already taken Jesus for granted, saying that, because he cured the blind man, he could have cured Lazarus too if he'd arrived earlier.

Even Martha and Mary, who have enormous faith, have trouble understanding.

Lazarus has been dead for four days and Jesus raises him from the dead so that everyone may see the Glory of God, his father.

If there is an era in our life that causes us grief, and we walk closely with Jesus, he will help us gain a new perspective - when the time is right!

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## Readings for April 5

Matthew 21: 1-11. Isaiah 50: 4-7. Philippians 2: 6-11. Matthew 26: 14-27.66

MARCH 29, 2020 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT How are you all doing? It is strange not seeing you in Church at different times but in keeping with the directives from our Bishop and our government we are protecting ourselves as well each other. I know that this is difficult for many of you not to be able to attend Sunday Mass but as we have indicated in the past while that there is a rich tradition of praying the Spiritual Communion prayer that deepens our appreciation of the Sacrament.

My Jesus, I believe You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You avocet 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.

Father Jude and Father Peter and myself are praying for you. We ask that God will protect you. Be safe and follow the directives of the medical authorities and proactive good hygiene and physical distancing.



## PRAYER DURING HEALTH CRISIS © LPi

Compassionate and Living Father, in the face of confusion and concern impart to us the calm of Your presence. In You allow us to find hope and healing. Be with those who serve the sick and give them Your caring hands. Be with those who lead and give them Your Spirit of wisdom. Be with those who have fallen ill and give them Your comforting heart. Wrap your arms around our world and hold us in your love. Allow us at this time of trial to then serve as instruments of that love to all we meet. We ask this in Your name.



Amen.

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Life everlasting

Reading I Ezekiel 37: 12-14

(prophecy of restoration)

Reading II Romans 8: 8-11

(the flesh and the Spirit)

Gospel John 11: 1-45

(the raising of Lazarus)

Key Passage: Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?. (John 11: 25-26)

Adult: Christ calls us from death to new life. To what new life are you being called during this Lent?

Child: How does Jesus help you do what is good and avoid what is not?



### **BUILLETINS**

During this difficult time you may wonder, is the Church producing bulletins? Yes we are!! There are a few ways to get one.

- 1. Contact Maureen at the parish office by calling 519-352-8530 or by email stursula@dol.ca, or Michelle at the parish office at 519-352-9483 or by email at melgie@dol.ca to receive a weekly e-bulletin.
- 1. You can view the bulletin on the Family of Parishes website at www.ccfp.dol.ca.
- 2. You can stop by St. Ursula Church side door and a table is set up outside the door with a box of weekly bulletins.



## **DEVELOPEMENT AND PEACE**

This Lent, give from the heart For our Common Home

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generosity. Your donation will help our sisters and brothers across the world. Thank you for helping us build a world of peace and justice.

Give to your Share Lent parish collection or at devp.org/give.

## DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE - Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

A friend recently confided in me that although he prayed frequently each day and was involved heavily in his parish, he did not sense much fruit coming from it all and was left feeling unsatisfied. I assured him he was not alone. I told him of a deceased pastor of mine who had spoken frequently about being in this type of situation. Even as a priest, he knew all to well of how we can feel like we are simply going through the motions. It is precisely at those times that continuing to pray and practicing good stewardship is most important, because it would be easier to simply take a break and risk never coming back. He liked to say, "Do the drill," meaning just do what needs to be done.

We are all called to be mature disciples who answer the call of Jesus Christ regardless of the cost. We cannot choose when and where the call will come. We cannot schedule our stewardship in a way that is always most convenient for us. Even when the fruit of our faithful efforts seem hidden from us, we hold to the promise that we are never called to give of ourselves for nothing. God is working through us and in us. No matter how dry the land may seem, seeds are being planted to yield a harvest greater than we can ever realize. Stay strong and do the drill!

# CANCELLED

**Function** 

St. Ursula Bridge/Pepper March 30, April 6, 13, 20 & 27

All Day Confessions April 1 A Study of the Eucharist April 1

Adoration at Blessed Sacrament April 3 Blessed Sacrament K of C Fish Fry April 3

Stations of the Cross April 3 Adoration at Our Lady of Victory April 3 & 4 Blessed Sacrament CWL Cards April 6

Holy Thursday In the Garden April 9 Right to Life Banquet April 14

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# To Everything there is a Season... "a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our parish family Dan Attewell, Gordon (Jim) Baillargeon, Eva Beausejour, Gary Benninger, Giselda Bocchino, Donald Bulley, Deb Carr, Betty Carruthers, Esther Chari, Judy Cudney, Larry De Smit, Lisa-Rae Desnoyers, Mario DeVito, Suzie Devolder, Dario Dodich, Agatha Duff, Tony Follo, Olivia Formosa, Fran Gazarek, Kathy Harkner, Marilyn Jarczak, Francis Kaufman, Lucianna Letourneau, Clarita Litschko, Robert Wemigwans Kelly, Audrey Kraemer, Shirley Mailloux, Evelyn Marentette, Genesio Matteis, Emma Matteis, Jocelyn McGlynn, Mark McLaughlin, Nicholas Medeiros, Ruth Nagle, Gail Nicolai, Katherine Prout, Bill Reaume, Jen Rumble, Sandra Sonneveld, Verna Southgate, John Taylor and Genny Wrotkowska. God, grant them your peace.

## "a time to die..."

Please remember in your prayers all deceased relatives and parishioners especially Chris Myers, Larry Quenneville, Theresa Ball and Doris Rabideau.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.



## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mar 30 Daniel 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-64. John 8: 1-11.

Mar 31 Numbers 21: 4-9. John 8: 21-30.

Apr 1 Daniel 3: 13-20, 24, 49-50, 91-95. John 8: 31-42.

Apr 2 Genesis 17: 3-9. John 8: 51-59.

Apr 3 Jeremiah 20: 7, 10-13. John 10: 31-42.

Apr 4 Ezekiel 37: 21-28. John 11: 45-57.

## DIOCESAN MINISTERS PRAYER CALENDAR

Please remember to pray for these Diocesan ministers: Rev. Pierre Wood, O.F.M. Cap.; Rev. Donald Pumputis; Rev. Danny Santos; Rev. Alan Dufraimont; Rev. Alan Momney; Dr. Robert Langlois, Pastoral Minister; Rev. John Johnson.



## **RIGHT TO LIFE BANQUET 2020**

We had a call from Jill at Right to Life today and she said they have postponed their Right to Life Banquet which was to be held Tuesday, April 14. She asks anyone with tickets to the banquet to hold on to them as they will reschedule it sometime in the future.

## **BAPTISMS**

Celebrated during Saturday or Sunday Eucharist Two months notice & preparation is required

## MARRIAGE

One year notice & preparation course is required

## **CONFIRMATION**

2020 date to be determined

### RECONCILIATION

Monday - 7:30 to 7:55 am at Our Lady of Victory
Tuesday - 6:00 to 6:45 pm at 7:3 la
Wednesday - 11:00 to 11:45 m at St. Agnes
Saturday - 11:00 12 noon at Blessed Sacrament

## SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of sick will take place the First Friday of February & October at Blessed Sacrament Church and the third Tuesday of October and February at St. Ursula Church.

## ADORA June)

First Friday 8:30pm Blessed Sacrament (Year royal St. Joseph 9:00am-11:30am St. Joseph 3rd Tues 1:30-6:30pm St. Ursula 4th Thurs 8:30am-noon St. Agnes

## PLEASE NOTE

If you had flowers on the tabernacle or Easter flowers booked or Mass intentions booked in March or April, we will be rebooking them all when we once again open our churches and office.

## **SAVE THE DATE**

Fr. Richard's Indian Dinner will be held on June 26. More information will follow in our bulletin.



## **BISHOP'S DINNER**

In response to the present health situation in Ontario and beyond, the 12th Annual Bishop's Dinner for London and surrounding communities has been rescheduled. The Dinner will take place on October 9 at RBC Place (London Convention Centre). Other event details will be released when they are finalized. To all our faithful event sponsors and patrons, be assured of our prayers during these challenging times, and we look forward to celebrating with you our shared faith and friendship at the Bishop's Dinner.

## PARISH WEBSITE (www.ccfp.dol.ca)

Please check out our parish website. There are many things you can find on this website. There are links to Mass Online and tv. You will also notice a tab "Homilies/Reflections". This tab includes the daily readings, homilies from our parish priests and Gospel reflections.

## DIOCESAN WEBSITE (www.dol.ca)

There is an outreach tab on the website. It is entitled "Helpful Resources for COVID-19". It includes Spiritual care, activities and online tools for families, youth and children. Plus the website includes so much more!

## MASS ONLINE

St. George Parish in London has a You Tube chancel and they live-stream Mass every weekend. There is also an archive of past Masses, homilies and special liturgical events. If you know someone who is interested in the Catholic Church but no quite ready to take the leap, this may be an easy introduction. Masses are streamed on Saturday at 5 pm and on Sunday at 11 am. There are also weekday Masses. Go to www.youtube.com/user/sgtvlondon.

## MASS ON TELEVISION

Salt and Light Television airs Mass on their TV channel. Please note this station is not available to antenna users but you can also watch on their website www.saltandlighttv.org.



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(Daily Mass from the Chapel at Loretto Abbey in Toronto)

Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta Monday - Sunday ▶ 9:30am

### **The Sunday Mass**

6:30 am / 3 pm (The Passionists Mass)

## Sunday TV Mass

▶ 11 am / 10:30 pm (The National Catholic Broadcasting Council presents The Sunday TV Mass from the Chapel at Loretto Abbey in Toronto)

(All times Eastern Standard Time)







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Our family of parishes has a twitter account too! For those on Twitter, the handle is @bssa\_rc or search "Chatham Catholic Family of Parishes". For those note yet on Twitter, go to www.twitter.com/bssa\_rc

### **FACBEBOOK**

Our family of parishes also has a Facebook page. Check it out and see what is being posted regularly. www. //facebook.com/bssasusj









## CHURCH CHUCKLE

One afternoon while I was visiting my library, I noticed a group of preschoolers gathered for story time. The book they were reading was "There Was an Old Lady Who Swallowed A Fly." After the librarian finished the first page, she asked the children, "Do you think she'll die?"

"Nope" a little girl in the back said, "I saw this last night on 'Fear Factor.'"