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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT BENEDICT

MARCH 29, 2020

SAINT SCHOLASTICA



THE
FORTY
DAYS
OF LENT

RETURN
to the
LORD
YOUR
GOD

St. Scholastica Parish
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Detroit, Michigan 48219

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Fr. James W. Lowe CC, Pastor

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James W. Lowe, CC

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday-Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass

Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.

Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

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FR. JAMES W LOWE, CC



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

How many of you feel like you are in exile?

In chapters 1-32 of the Book of Ezekiel, Ezekiel warned the Israelites of the future destruction of the Temple and the city of Jerusalem. He predicted that they would be conquered and forced into exile. The leaders did not listen to him and Jerusalem was eventually destroyed. Then the Israelites were taken into captivity for 70 years in Babylon. The people were discouraged. They did not have access to their feasts and Temple worship. In a sense, they felt like they did not have access to God.

It was during this time of discouragement that Ezekiel prophesied over the Israelites. He saw the image of dry bones being resurrected and the Spirit of God breathing life into them. God told Ezekiel to prophesy over the Israelites. God wanted to give them hope! Eventually, they returned from exile, rebuilt the Temple, and restored Jerusalem. The full restoration of Jerusalem, however, did not take place until Jesus entered the city on a donkey as the Messiah. He literally fulfilled the prophecy of Ezekiel through his death on the cross, resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven. He sent the Holy Spirit to dwell in us. This is the dry bones being given life through the Holy Spirit! Jesus chose to do this through the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation. Like Lazarus, Jesus raised us from the dead when we entered into the waters of baptism and came out fully alive.

Our catechumens have been preparing for Baptism. However, this year is different. This year, like the Israelites, we are all in exile. We cannot worship God in his Temple. We cannot physically enter the heavenly Jerusalem. Although the sacrifice of the holy Mass is still being offered daily, and will be offered throughout the world by priests at the Easter Vigil, the baptisms scheduled for this year's Easter Vigil will be postponed. Like the Israelites, this ought to create a longing in our hearts and souls for God. We ought to be hungering and thirsting for God. to be hungering and thirsting for God.

We will return from exile. We will all come together as a community of faith once again, and our catechumens will be baptized and confirmed and receive the Eucharist for the first time. They have been hungering for the Lord for a long time.

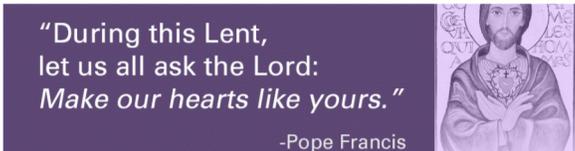
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Hopefully, our exile has increased in us the same hunger and thirst for the Lord that the Israelites had and that the catechumens have. Hopefully, our physical separation from the Temple and the offering of the Lamb of God has given us a greater appreciation for the gift of the Eucharist. Friends, I cannot wait until that day comes when we are all together in St. Scholastica Church once again offering Jesus to the Father in the Holy Mass. Know that I am praying for you daily.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC



TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45 or 11:3-7
17, 20-27, 33b-45

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

In today's Gospel, the evangelist St. John recounts Lazarus dying and Jesus raising him from the dead. This miracle foreshadows Jesus' own Resurrection and demonstrates His power and glory. Throughout her history, our Church has unwaveringly supported the sanctity and preservation of all human life, adamantly defending its protection from conception to natural death. The readings from the Prophet Ezekiel and St. Paul's Letter to the Roman community remind us that our lives are in the Spirit, not the flesh. As faith-filled stewards, we respect life as a God-given gift and strive to uphold Church teaching on its sanctity. This can be difficult given secular society's emphasis on a "culture of death," which promotes the destruction of life at every stage, from embryonic stem cell research and abortion to assisted suicide and euthanasia. Be a witness to life by attending a prayer vigil outside an abortion mill or any other facility actively supporting abortion.



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Tuesday, March 31, 2020
8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, April 1, 2020
8.00 a.m. For Wisdom and Guidance for President Donald Trump by Friends

Thursday, April 2, 2020
8:00 a.m. † Maureen Shea by Kathleen O’Flaherty

Friday, April 3, 2020
8:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 4, 2020
8:00 a. m.
4:30 p.m. Special Intentions of Jay Fetizanan (Birthday) by Fetizanan Family

Sunday, April 5, 2020
10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

LITURGY OF THE WORD

As we enter this final week before Holy week the narrative of Jesus’ life on earth builds to a climax. In the Gospels of the last two weeks, Jesus gave water to those who thirsted and light to those who could not see. Water and light are essentials of life. Today we hear Jesus giving life itself to someone who has died. The giver of water and light is also the giver of life itself. Let us thank God for the gift of our Savior as we prepare for the final two weeks of Lent.

Ezekiel shares a radical vision of Israel’s future: God will burst upon graves, reanimate the dead, and restore them to their land. Jesus puts such a plan into action, opening the tomb of Lazarus, bringing him back to life, and restoring him to his family. Paul assures us that with the Spirit within us, our mortal bodies will have life as well. Listening to scriptures, let us reflect on how God’s redeeming grace raises us up from our sin and despair.

From Pastoral Patterns

SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAM SCHEDULE

To watch Sunday, Saturday, or Daily Mass from home, click the links below at the corresponding Mass times. These services are available online or televised by [Catholic Television Network of Detroit \(CTND\)](#), the Solanus Casey Center, EWTN, and Fox 2 in English and Spanish.

The Archdiocese of Detroit will broadcast a private (closed-door) Mass celebrated by Archbishop Vigneron from the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament at noon Sunday. The faithful can watch and participate in real time below and on the [Archdiocese of Detroit’s Facebook page](#).

ROSARY AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET



"Did you know that the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed daily after the 8 am Mass at St. Scholastica? Perhaps you may wish to take a break daily in your home at 9 am and pray the rosary and divine mercy chaplet in solidarity with other parishioners praying their at the same time. We may not be able to gather together in the church, but we can gather together in spirit. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us"



LIVING GOD’S WORD

Lazarus was given a new lease on life, but that did not make him immortal. Eventually he had to die, just like Jesus, our loved ones, and all of us. Do we believe, with Martha, that our death will be a birth into an even richer experience of new life.

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We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen, Victoria Crowe, Dennis Lund, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, Denise Goodine, Jonathan Jackson, Gwendolyn Dickerson, Yolanda Stephens, Suzanne Ross, Thomas Norfolk, Bennie Bailey, Julie Hacker, Michele Mooney, Robert Weed.

UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

PRAYER for the NEXT PHASE of UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

HEAVENLY FATHER,

Thank you for the abundant graces of Synod 16: for awakening in us the vision and resolve to become again your Church on mission, eagerly working together to “make disciples of all nations,” according to our commission from the Lord Jesus.

Pour out upon us your Holy Spirit, as a new Pentecost, to guide us in our next phase in our movement to Unleash the Gospel. By his power at work in us, transform our parishes into bands of joyful missionary disciples.

COME HOLY SPIRIT:

Set our hearts on fire to share the Good News of Jesus with all those who stumble in darkness, who hunger for hope, who thirst for eternal life. Above all, grant us the boldness and courage of the apostles to put the mission above all else, so that our community becomes the spark to ignite the fire of divine love that transforms this time and this place into the Kingdom of Heaven.

We pray through the intercession of Our Lady, Star of the New Evangelization, and her mother, our Patron, St. Anne; and in the spirit of Blessed Solanus we thank you ahead of time for “accomplishing in us far more than all we ask or imagine.”

We ask all of this in the all-powerful name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever.

AMEN



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WE KNOW THAT THE Lord is in our midst and so we turn now to God to pray for the needs of the world

That all who hold and teach the Catholic Faith, especially those preparing for the Easter sacraments, may grow in understanding and faithfulness to God's word, we pray to the Lord...

For our President, members of Congress, and Justices of the Supreme Court, that God give them wisdom and protection, we pray to the Lord...

That we who believe in Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, may defend life and help bring an end to abortion and other forms of injustice, we pray to the Lord...

For all who minister to the dying, that by their words and example they may bear witness that God has robbed death of its power, we pray to the Lord...

For those who are sick, especially in our families and our parish, that the healing power of the Lord of Life may be theirs, we pray to the Lord...

That all who have died believing in the resurrection may share the joy of eternal life in Christ, we pray to the Lord