

Opening Greeting

5th Sunday of Lent

March 16-17, 2024

At all Masses

3 minutes before Mass start time, read the Opening Greeting and then return to your seat in the pew.

Commentator:

Good morning/afternoon/evening:

Welcome to Saint Clare Catholic Church
as we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

We extend a special welcome to all visitors and new parishioners.

Our presider today is _____

and he will be assisted by _____

In today's Gospel we hear the story of Lazarus. Jesus comes to transform the grief of Lazarus's sisters into hope, and death into life.

This is the third theme that we've heard over past three Sundays:
the living water that quenches our thirst, the light that heals our blindness.
and the celebration of everlasting life.

Today's Gospel calls us to reflect on our baptism as a dying and rising with Christ – where are you in your Lenten journey?

Before we begin this celebration of the Eucharist,
let's all greet and welcome one another.

Pause 10 seconds or until people are done greeting each other.

We will begin our liturgy momentarily, so take a few moments of silence now to put yourselves in the presence of the Lord.