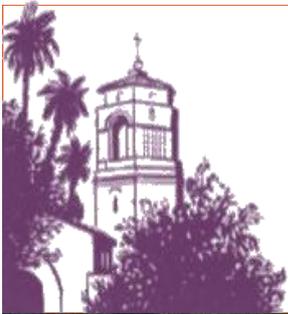


# St. Martin of Tours Church

March 22, 2026

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Daily Mass - 8:15 am

Rosary - 7:30 am

#### **Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Livestream Mass - Sunday at 9:30 am

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#### **Adoration & Confession**

Saturday following 8:15 am Mass

*Confessions end with Benediction at 9:50 am*

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[www.smtschoo.net/admissions](http://www.smtschoo.net/admissions)

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7:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, Pastor (x. 301)  
Christine Scheibal, Accounting (x. 312)  
Donna Alvarez, Office Manager (x. 300)  
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**March 21-28**

Sat	5:30 pm	Annika
Sun	7:30 am	Flora Villacarlos Borromeo † Patricia Linda Widiker †
	9:30 am	Eileen Pinza †
	11:30 am	Catherine Farrell
	5:30 pm	Isela Arredondo
Mon	8:15 am	Catherine Farrell
Tues	8:15 am	Sarah Caplan
Wed	8:15 am	Sarah Caplan
Thurs	8:15 am	Jason Shea
Fri	8:15 am	McCarthy Family
Sat	8:15 am	Ellis Family

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**Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick**



Sat, April 11 - after 5:30 pm Mass  
Sun, April 12 - after all the Masses

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**“Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” – John 11:40**

In raising Lazarus, Jesus reveals that God’s power brings life even where there seems to be none. Lent reminds us that faith means trusting God enough to place everything in His hands.

Stewardship flows from that trust. When we offer our time, talents, and treasure to the Lord, we believe that God can bring life, hope, and renewal through our generosity.

**This week, take the challenge to trust God more deeply by offering Him your gifts with faith.**



**Human trafficking can happen anywhere**

Human trafficking can happen anywhere and when we least expect it. Traffickers often focus on potential victims who are vulnerable, for example, if a child has an unstable or unsupportive home life. One way to take action is to eliminate vulnerabilities wherever possible. Another important aspect of cultivating a safe environment is to focus equally on children’s interactions online and in person. Many predators use online sites to target victims as well. Children should know how to interact safely and to look for red flags. For more information, read the VIRTUS® article “Know the Facts: Abductions and Human Trafficking” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know).

**Guided by the Saints on the Journey to Easter**  
**Fr. Paul**

**St. Catherine of Siena**

Jesus stands before the tomb of Lazarus and cries out: “Lazarus, come out!” And the dead man walks out.

It is one of the most dramatic moments in the Gospel. But before the miracle, there are tears. Jesus weeps.

He stands in front of death and grief and does not turn away. Then He speaks life.

This is not only about Lazarus. It is about us.

There are parts of our lives that can feel closed off, buried, or bound up — old wounds, habits, resentments, fears. Places where hope feels thin.

Christ does not avoid those places. He stands before them. And He calls us by name.

St. Catherine of Siena believed deeply in the transforming power of Christ’s love. She once wrote, “Be who God meant you to be, and you will set the world on fire.”

But that kind of life begins with stepping out of the tomb. It begins with allowing Christ to untie what binds us.

After Lazarus comes out, Jesus says, “Untie him and let him go.” That is what grace does. It frees us.

As we approach Holy Week, Lent becomes more direct. The Lord is not only asking us to improve. He is calling us to new life.

**This week:** Bring one “tomb” to the Lord — one place where you feel stuck — and ask Him to speak life there.



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**AGES 3 - 6**

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**EASTER TRIDUUM**  
**SCHEDULE & RESOURCES**

Please visit:

[www.smt.church/news/Easter](http://www.smt.church/news/Easter)  
*(No 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Day)*

**Lent Gatherings**

**Fridays of Lent:**

February 20th through March 27th

5:30 PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction

6:15 PM-Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM-Lenten Dinner in Parish Center

Adults \$15 Children & Seniors \$10

**Preparing to Enter Holy Week**

*Fr. Paul*

In this Sunday’s Gospel, we hear the powerful story of the raising of Lazarus. Standing before the tomb of his friend, Jesus calls out, “*Lazarus, come out!*”—and the one who was dead walks back into the light.

This final sign in the Gospel of John points directly to what we will soon celebrate: Jesus is the Lord of life. Yet the raising of Lazarus also sets in motion the events that lead to his Passion.

Next Sunday we enter **Holy Week** with the celebration of **Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion**.

At the beginning of Mass, we hear the Gospel of Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Holding palms in our hands, we join the crowd that welcomed him with cries of *Hosanna*. Later in the same Mass, we hear the Passion—the story of his suffering and death.

After the Second Vatican Council, the Church combined what were once two separate observances—Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday—into one celebration. This ensures that all the faithful hear both the joyful entry into Jerusalem and the proclamation of the Passion that leads us toward Easter.

Because of this special beginning, I encourage you to **come to Mass a little early** next Sunday to receive your palm (from the table at the side doors) and take your place for the first Gospel at the start of the liturgy.

Palm Sunday also opens the door to the most sacred days of the year. I encourage you to take note of the special liturgies of **Holy Thursday**, **Good Friday**, and the **Easter Vigil**, and to participate as you are able.

Allow the Church’s liturgy to guide you through these holy days so that we may walk with Christ through his Passion and share fully in the joy of his Resurrection.



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# EASTER TRIDUUM

## HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm  
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 3rd

12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross  
1:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet  
2:00 pm: Solemn Good Friday Liturgy  
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist

## HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 4th

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

## EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5th

Masses 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am  
No 5:30 pm Mass



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# Weekly Prayer

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## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

### Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

### Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

### Gospel:

"I 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."  
(Jn 11:25-26)

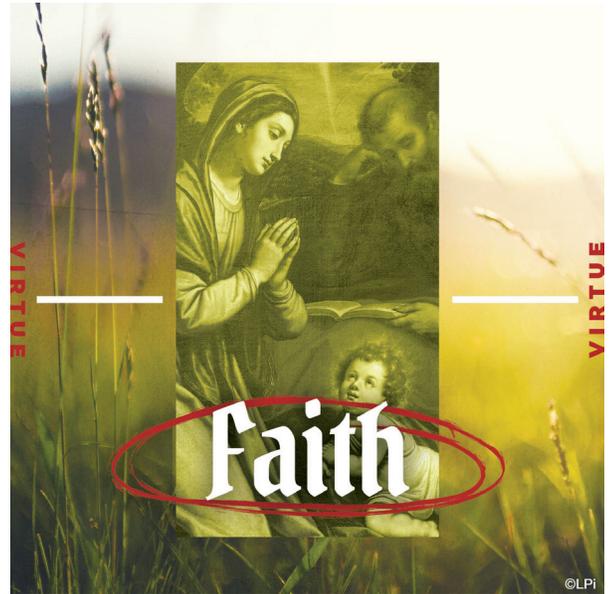
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.  
These same words he cries into the depths  
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.  
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.  
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

## Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Holy Week begins



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

## Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.  
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.  
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.  
Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.  
Amen.

## Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

### Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

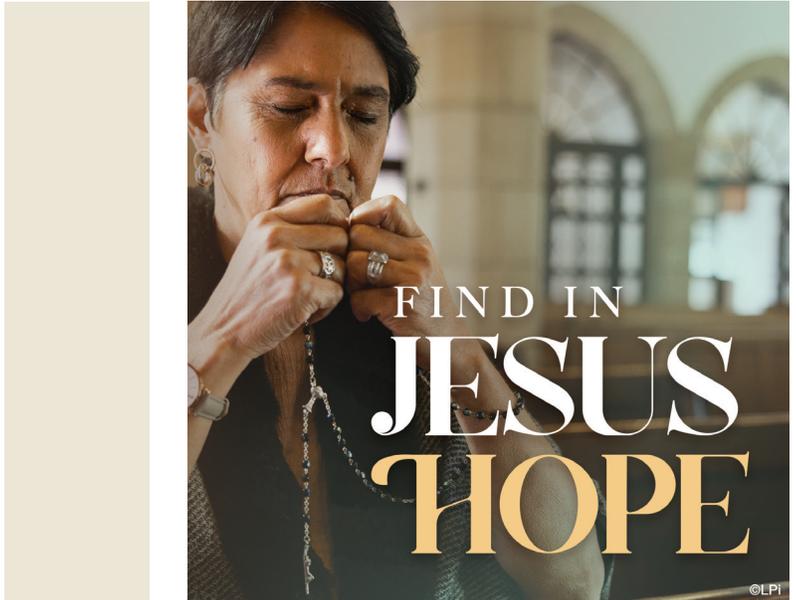
Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-  
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
27:11-54



## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: **"Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43)** The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, **"Untie him and let him go" (John 11:44).**

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*



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## ( PRACTICING ) CATHOLIC

**Mini Reflection:** Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

### What Lazarus Wanted

“It must be so crazy, being God,” one of my friends said in high school. “Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?”

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God’s omnipotence. It’s understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. “Oh God, thy sea is so great,” goes the old fisherman’s prayer. “And my boat is so small.”

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. “This illness is not to end in death,” he tells his companions. “But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn’t know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — “Lord, let your will be done” — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: “Lord, I love you. Lord, use me.”

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

## Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

### Question:

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the “Holy See?”

### Answer:

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is “sedes.” So each diocese can be referred to as a “see.” Most people think that St. Peter’s is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope’s seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope’s Chair.

## Prayer

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.

## Mission for the Week

Write the words, “God can do anything” on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

GOD’S SON  
SICKNESS  
RISE

LAZARUS  
MARY  
MARTHA

BELIEVES  
WEEPING  
WRAPPED

S	A	O	E	T	R	H	I	E	T	Y
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## Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God’s love and power, and many people believed in him.

Now color the picture!

