



## St. Cornelius Catholic Church



# Leading people to Center on the Love of Christ

## Service Schedule

Monday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Tuesday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Wednesday	Mass - 5:00 pm Rosary - 5:30 pm
Thursday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Friday	Mass - 5:00 pm
Saturday	Rosary - 7:30 am Mass - 8:00 am Mass - 5:00 pm Vigil [Except Holy Saturday]
Sunday	Mass - 8:00 am Mass - 10:00 am Mass - 12:00 pm

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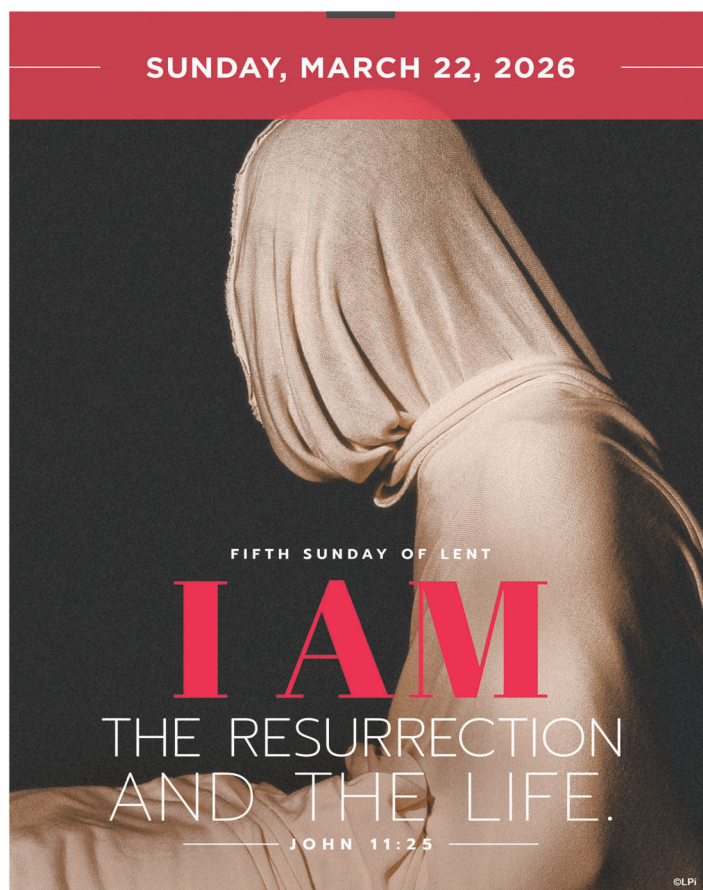
Livestream is available: Sun 10am.

See our website for link to our YouTube channel.

Confession: After Friday 5:00 Mass, Saturday 8:30 am  
Saturday 4 - 4:45 pm

Confession also available by appointment, contact the Rectory

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Tuesday from 2:00 - 5:00 pm in the Church

Wednesday 5:30 - 8:00 pm - Parish Center Chapel

Holy Hour Friday 5:30 - 6:30 pm

First Saturday of the Month 8:30 - 9:30 am



# Pastor's Corner

St. Cornelius Catholic Church **PG 2**

Today gives us the last of the gospels from John assigned by the Church since its early days to accompany the elect preparing for baptism. All three recount an encounter with Jesus which transforms lives. This one is the most dramatic, the raising of Lazarus after his death. The theme of all the readings is how God brings new life not just after death, but also new life in the Spirit during life and in spite of negative experiences. Both Martha and Mary reproach Jesus "if you had been here my brother would not have died" When bad things happen, we can easily look to blame and complain. Jesus makes two responses to them. Firstly, he risks his life to travel to Bethany to be with them and indeed he will be arrested immediately after this and led to his death. Jesus comes to be with us in our sufferings and distress. Secondly, he promises resurrection "Your brother will rise again."

This looks forward to Easter when Jesus rises from the dead and opens to us the possibility of eternal life beyond death. This is the reality we have all been baptized into and for which our elect are in their final weeks of preparation. We continue to pray for them and that all of us live more fully out of the truth of our own baptism.

Blessings,  
Fr. Jay

## Holy Week and Easter Service

### RECONCILIATION SERVICE **APRIL 1**

7:00 PM in the Church

### HOLY THURSDAY **APRIL 2**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Procession to The Altar of Repose.

### GOOD FRIDAY **APRIL 3**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

3:00 PM Stations of the Cross

5:00 PM Celebration of the Passion of the Lord and Veneration of the Cross.

7:00 PM Passion Play - Living Stations of the Cross

### HOLY SATURDAY **APRIL 4**

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

8:00 PM Easter Vigil

The most important and beautiful ceremony of the whole year and during which we baptize those elect with whom we have been praying and accompanying all this year.

Reception following Easter Vigil in the Hall

### EASTER SUNDAY **APRIL 5**

Regular Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

**family healing**

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**WORKSHOPS**  
Sundays, March 8th, 15th, and 22nd  
4:00 - 5:30 PM  
Large Hall

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Sunday, March 29th  
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Large Hall

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## Liturgical Life

# (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

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 3/22** 8:00 am † Loretta Sivestre  
 † Marcey McConnell-Flood  
 † Jim Mancini  
 † Keith Perkins  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

10:00 am H Robert & Chasity Hamamoto  
 † Benjamin Adamos  
 † Richard Viramontes  
 † Jim Young  
 † Brenda Crane  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

12:00 pm † Redentor Jimenez Broas  
 † David Lorenzo  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Monday 3/23** 5:00 pm † Sandra Broas  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Tuesday 3/24** 5:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday 3/25** 5:00 pm † Bill Cutter  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Thursday 3/26** 5:00 pm † Luis Gabriel Figueiredo  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Friday 3/27** 5:00 pm † Marte Sandigo  
 † Benjamin Adamos  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Saturday 3/28** 8:00 am † Katheen Travis  
 † Diana Dacer  
 † Karen Boggs

5:00 pm † Archie McFayden  
 † Marciana Rubio Uy  
 † Rene R. Pineda  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday 3/29** 8:00 am H Corky Stillwell  
 † Al Stillwell  
 † All Souls in Purgatory

10:00 am H Robert & Chasity Hamamoto  
 † Luke Cunnane  
 † Judy Klenk  
 † Jim Young  
 † Brenda Crane  
 † All souls in Purgatory

12:00 pm † All Souls in Purgatory

A Anniversary SI Special Intention  
 B Birthday H Health & Healing I Illness  
 T Thanksgiving † Rest in Peace

**Prayers for the Sick**  
**Please remember these loved ones**  
**in Prayer**

Kathy Anderson	Claude Richard Petruncola
Andy Stillwell	Bill Stelmar
George Luza	Kristen Arroyo
Stetson Gibson	Angela Saldarriaga
Robert Johnson	Sr. Claire Flemming
Salome Mondragon	Sr. Teresa Doherty
Glen Huckaby	Emiliano Ramirez
Ray McConnell	Pat Stevens
Pat Reyes	Scott Thomas
Carl Thompson	Theresa Chrisman
Duney Tuiteleleapaga	Ben Rodriguez

If you would like a loved one or yourself included,  
 please contact the rectory or fill out a form on the  
 website



# Community



St. Cornelius Catholic Church PG 5

**St. Vincent DePaul** March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent - The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist families, providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!

**St. Cornelius Book Discussion Group** - The next meeting will be held Mon, April 20 in the Parish Center at 3:30. The book to be discussed is Briar Club by Kate Quinn. All are welcome.

**DECORATE THE ALTAR FOR EASTER**

**DONATE LILIES AND ORCHIDS.**

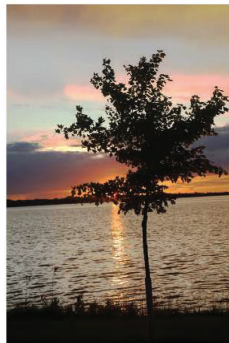
**PLEASE BRING THEM DURING HOLY WEEK AND LEAVE BY OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

Make sack lunches to feed the homeless. Drop off at the Lazarus Project @ St. Cornelius. Invite some friends to join! Every, Saturday, Morning **6:45am**

## Embracing the graces of the twilight years

~ a retreat for "senior" citizens

Like a tree planted near water, the person of faith finds deep spiritual nourishment, bearing fruits of wisdom and peace.



**Saturday, April 11 • 9:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m.**  
St. Cornelius Parish Hall ~ Long Beach

Participants will reflect on the challenges and graces of the twilight years and opportunities to grow closer to the Divine.

Morning refreshments & fellowship ~ Keynote conference  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Personal & community prayer  
Small & large group faith-sharing ~ Lunch

- This retreat is being sponsored by St. Cornelius Parish and the Sisters of Notre Dame Mission Advancement Office.
- Senior citizens' care givers are also invited.
- RSVP deadline is Friday, April 3. To register, kindly email [infoca@sndusa.org](mailto:infoca@sndusa.org) or call 805-917-3714 and indicate name(s) and any special dietary requests.
- A free will offering will be appreciated.
- Please bring a Bible.

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"WITH JOY YOU WILL DRAW WATER FROM THE WELLS OF SALVATION" ISAIAH 12:3



## SANCTUS RETREAT

GROWING IN HOLINESS AND LIVING OUT OUR CHRISTIAN CALL.

APRIL 25 8AM-6PM

SANTUS RETREAT - THE ART OF SELF-GIVING LOVE  
THIS RETREAT WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING TOPICS

- WHAT IS MY JOURNEY OF FAITH?
- WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO "DIE TO MYSELF IN LOVE?"
- HOW CAN WE LEARN TO LIVE MORE FULLY IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST?
- HOW DO WE TALK TO GOD IN OUR OWN WORDS ABOUT OUR LIVES?
- WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO BE "HOLY FOR LIFE?"

Come and see what God has in store for you.



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# Ministry

## Did You Know?

### March 21-22 || Ways to combat human trafficking

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 [iacatholics.org/did-you-know](http://iacatholics.org/did-you-know).



## Ministries and Fellowship Groups

### Prayer

- Adoration - Denise Healey 562-412-3378
- Men's Bible - Chris Miraglia 562-756-8779
- Praise and Worship - Mike Medina 562-607-3004
- Prayer Warriors - Hilda Ramirez 562-421-8966
- Women Together in Prayer - Janet Uy 310-629-4517

### Community

- Adult Prep. for Sacraments - Loraine Moreno 562-252-6755
- Book Club - Katy Ellis 562-607-1100
- Cub Scouts - Matt Siebert 562-756-7873
- Cursillo (Los Angeles) - Jackie Ramirez 562-316-8303
- Cursillo (Orange) - Dn Joe Hamamoto 562-572-3425
- Guadalupanos - Maggie Miller & Maria Eugenia Cortez 562-421-8966
- Knights of Columbus - Vic Magana 562-821-1483
- Religious Education - Cristy Hull 562-362-6561
- Respect Life - Jean Campos & Judith Martinez 562-421-8966
- Safeguard the Children - Parish Office 562-421-8966
- Youth Ministry and Confirmation - Alexis Hull 562-420-7613
- Young Adults - Miguel Macias - 714-798-4494

### Service

- COA Chili Dinners - Maria Jimenez 562-822-5563
- Habitat for Humanity - Richard Brennan 562-480-7215
- Homebound and Hospital - Frank Schmidt 562-225-7571
- Lazarus Project - Rose Letson 562-755-0862
- PFO Transportation - Sean Gunning 562-209-3051
- St. Vincent de Paul - Jacqueline Padilla 562-421-8011

### Liturgical

- Altar Servers - Al and Pilar Caceres 562-326-9768
- Choirs - Joe Patolo 562-421-8966
- Eucharistic Ministers/Lectors - Michele Bradley 562-964-4140
- Greeters - Joe Sova 562-716-5635
- Anointings/Baptisms/Quinceaneras/ Weddings  
Parish Office 562-421-8966

## Stewardship Report

### Week of 3/1/2026

<b>In-person Collection</b>	<b>\$12,756</b>
<b>E-giving</b>	<b>\$5,231</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$17,987</b>
<b>Versus Budget</b>	<b>\$3,687</b>

## Clergy and Parish Office

Parish Office, Mon-Fri 9:30-5:30 Closed for Lunch 12:30 - 1:30pm 562 421-8966

Weekends 9:00am to 2:00pm

Father Jay Cunnane - Pastor

Father Hieu Nguyen - Associate Pastor

Deacon Rich Boucher

Deacon Joe Hamamoto

Deacon Jerick Alenton

Linda Ramirez - Receptionist

Adrian Ramirez - Office Assistant

Maria Carbonara - Secretary & Projects

Kathy Hernandez - School Principal

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APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 7PM 2026

ST CORNELIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## FRIDAYS OF LENT

MASS

5:00 PM

FOLLOWED BY RECONCILIATION

ADORATION

5:30 TO 6:30 PM

IN THE CHURCH

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7:00 PM

IN THE CHURCH



ST. CORNELIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH  
KNIGHTS OF ST. JOSEPH SCHOLA CANTARUM



MARCH  
25TH

7:00 PM

## TENEBRÆ

JOIN FOR AN EVENING OF  
MEDITATION ON THE  
LORD'S PASSION

SINGING TOMÁS LUIS DE  
VICTORIA'S TENEBRÆ  
RESPONSORIES

## WHAT IS TENEBRÆ?

Tenebræ ("darkness" in Latin) is a Catholic tradition from the evenings of Holy Week to more deeply meditate on Christ's Passion, Death, and burial through mournful psalms, Lamentations of Jeremiah, and readings from Sacred Scripture and great Saints. The Church will be candle-lit, and each candle is gradually extinguished after the singing of each psalm and responsory, evoking the disciples' abandonment of Jesus. The music will be a mix of Latin polyphonic music composed by Tomás Luis de Victoria as well as plain chant psalms sung in English.

MAR 25TH  
7PM