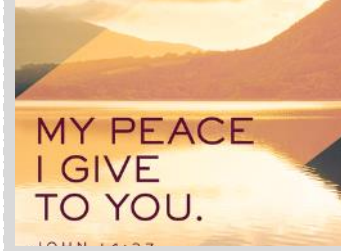


GOSPEL REFLECTION

GOSPEL MEDITATION
ENCOURAGE YOURSELF TO A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF
SCRIPTURE Jn 11, 1-45



Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

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Request for Prayers

- +++++
- Bill Gray
 - Leonardo Cepeda
 - Sandra Altomare
 - Ignacio Bladimir Perez
 - Maria Gonzales
 - Edward Mazano
 - Joanne Hunt
 - Socorro Martinez
 - Ruth Ramirez
 - Fran Dreis
 - Julian Lorenzo
 - Helen & Buriel Smith
 - Brigida McInvale
 - Isela Gonzalez
 - David Parra
 - Brianna Parra
 - Elisha Parra
 - Jennifer Martinez
 - Claudia Barrera

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent – Committed

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

V SUNDAY OF LENT



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 FIRST SATURDAY OF LENT GOLF /K of C Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	2 Bible STUDY Join us! 7:00pm	3 K of C Meeting 7:00pm	4 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Via Crucis 6:30P	5 Lenten Eucharistic Adoration 6p-10p Beginning w/ the Holly Rosary at 6:00pm	6 First Friday Mass 7:00pm CROSS 5:30PM	7 First Saturday Mass 9:00am Men's Fellowship Group 7:30am Reconciliation 4:00pm
8 St Vincent De Paul Sunday Hispanic Breakfast	9 Bible STUDY Join us! 7:00pm	10 St Vincent de Paul Meeting 6:30pm	11 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Grupo de Oración 7:30pm-9:00pm Via Crucis 6:30P	12 MMLG Meeting 6:00pm Lenten Eucharistic Adoration 6p-10p Beginning w/ Rosary at 6:00pm	13 CROSS 5:30PM BINGO Night	14 Happy St. Patrick's Day! Party 6:00PM
15 Youth Group Breakfast After 8:30am Mass	16 Youth Group 6-9pm Price as Judas Iscariot @ St. Martin of Tours, La Mesa	17 HEALING MASS 7:00pm	18 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm Via Crucis 6:30P	19 Lenten Eucharistic Adoration 6p-10p Beginning w/ Rosary at 6:00pm	20 CROSS 5:30PM	21 Reconciliation 4:00pm
22 Hispanic Breakfast After all Masses	23 Lenten Mission in the Church March 23, 24 & 25 7:00PM Ejercicios Cuaresmales en el Salón Parroquial	24 Lenten Mission in the Church March 23, 24 & 25 7:00PM Ejercicios Cuaresmales en el Salón Parroquial	25 Adoration 8:30am - 6:00pm	26 Rosary at 6:00pm Lenten PENANCE SERVICE 7:00pm	27 CROSS 5:30PM Hosted by the Youth Group	28 Reconciliation 4:00pm
29 5th Sunday Rosary	30 Bible STUDY Join us! 7:00pm	31 Join the Youth Group 7:00P			ABBREVIATIONS: K of C - Knights of Columbus GOLF - Generations of Living Faith MMLG - Mother Mary's Ladies Guild	Fasting and Fish Dinner



MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2020
Part 3

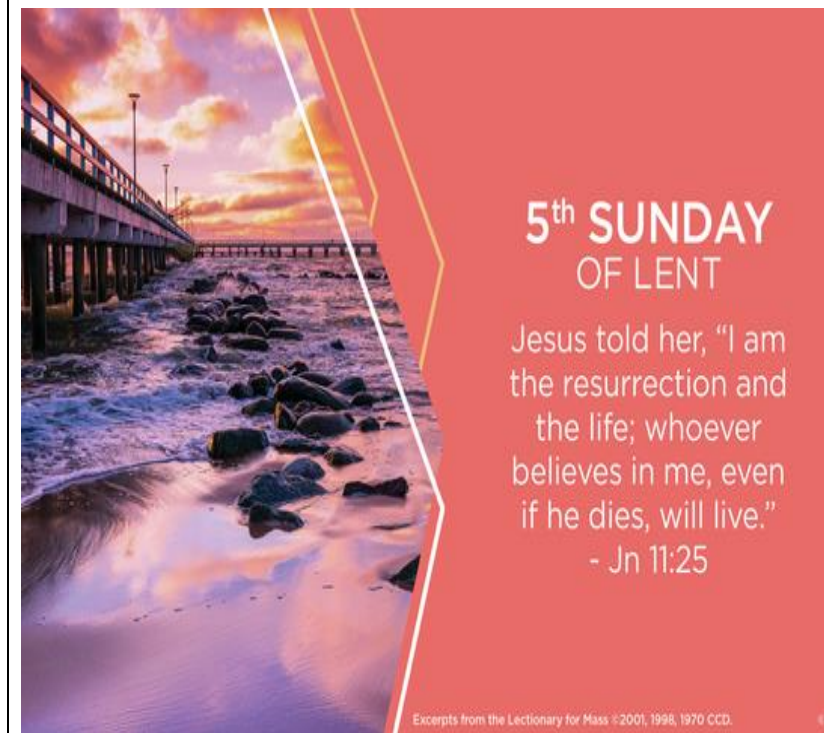
“We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God” (2 Cor 5:20)

4. A richness to be shared, not kept for oneself
Putting the paschal mystery at the centre of our lives means feeling compassion towards the wounds of the crucified Christ present in the many innocent victims of wars, in attacks on life, from that of the unborn to that of the elderly, and various forms of violence. They are likewise present in environmental disasters, the unequal distribution of the earth’s goods, human trafficking in all its forms, and the unbridled thirst for profit, which is a form of idolatry.

Today too, there is a need to appeal to men and women of good will to share, by almsgiving, their goods with those most in need, as a means of personally participating in the building of a better world. Charitable giving makes us more human, whereas hoarding risks making us less human, imprisoned by our own selfishness. We can and must go even further, and consider the structural aspects of our economic life. For this reason, in the midst of Lent this year, from 26 to 28 March, I have convened a meeting in Assisi with young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers, with the aim of shaping a more just and inclusive economy. As the Church’s magisterium has often repeated, political life represents an eminent form of charity (cf. Pius XI, Address to the Italian Federation of Catholic University Students, 18 December 1927). The same holds true for economic life, which can be approached in the same evangelical spirit, the spirit of the Beatitudes. I ask Mary Most Holy to pray that our Lenten celebration will open our hearts to hear God’s call to be reconciled to himself, to fix our gaze on the paschal mystery, and to be converted to an open and sincere dialogue with him. In this way, we will become what Christ asks his disciples to be: the salt of the earth and the light of the world (cf. Mt 5:13-14).

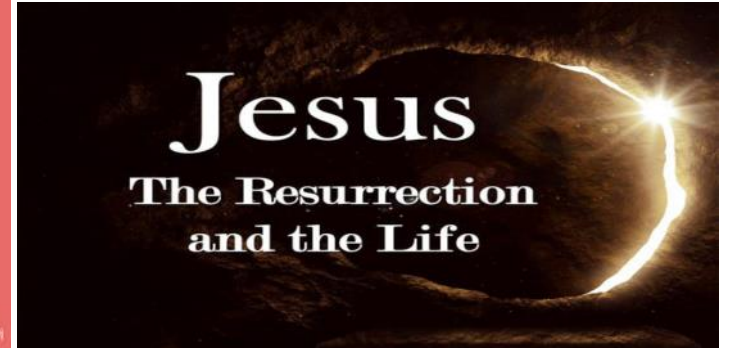
Francis
Rome, at Saint John Lateran, 7 October 2019
Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Pray for Rev. William Zondler Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45	Pray for Rev. Gabriel Afeti, AJ Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11	Pray for Rev. John Amsberry Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30	Pray for Pope Francis Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42	Pray for Bishop Robert McElroy Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59	Pray for Bishop John Dolan Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42	Pray for Bishop Ramon Bejarano Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56



Observances for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	
Tuesday:	
Wednesday:	April Fools’ Day
Thursday:	St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Friday:	
Saturday:	St. Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



LIVE THE LITURGY

We face death every day. Whether it comes with the actual death of someone we love (or someone we don’t even know), a failed relationship, the loss of a job, a broken dream, or pondering our own mortality, death is always around us. What does death say to us? What we believe about our death experiences is going to say volumes about how we live our lives. Jesus comes to us today just as he did many years ago to people who were struggling with loss and death and wondering what to do. He calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, “Come out!” Jesus leads us out of death and gives us hope. There is always hope. There is always transformation. Although we may not always see where the road of life is taking us or see God’s presence with us on our journey, we will be brought to a new place and be given new life. Walk with God and listen to Him call you. Tomorrow, there awaits another surprise.

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QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading
During the dark days of Israel’s exile in Babylon, the prophet Ezekiel foresaw God’s resurrection and restoration of his people. As the season of Lent comes to a close, what parts of your life are still in need of God’s restorative power?

Second Reading
Paul assured the believers in Rome that “the Spirit of God dwells in you” and that this same Spirit will raise you from the dead. What gives you confidence in Paul’s words?

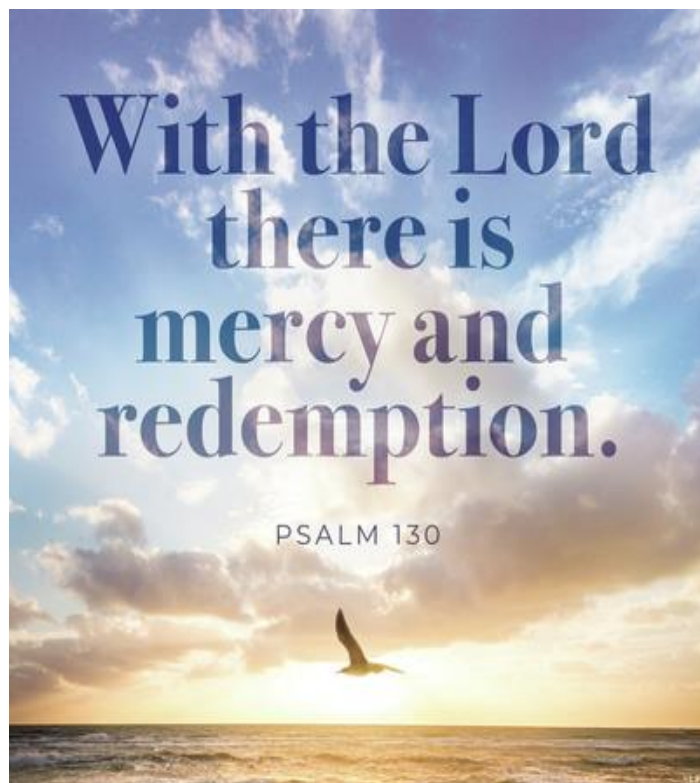
Gospel Reading
John tells us that after Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, many “began to believe in him.” On what grounds do you believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior?

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer: Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

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Our ACA Parish Goal for 2020 is \$38,000.00. so far we have a pledged amount of \$12,435 with \$4,590 as an Actual paid to date amount. Help us reach our goal for 2020 Turn in your pledge today!

"A generous heart, kind speech and a life of service and compassion are the things that renew Humanity".

- MAY GOD BLESS:
- Robert Smull
 - Patricia Konja
 - Rodney Snow
 - Leonard & Cyndie Dasho
 - Joe & Linda Coppola
 - Ray & Shelly Dexter
 - Desmond & Rosa Fonseca
 - James M & LaNelle Johnson
 - Robert & Kimberly Perry
 - Joe Toland
 - Paul Ziegler
 - Phyllis Antoine
 - Gerald & Annette Antoine
 - Rick & Roseann Rinear
 - Eugene & Karen Bennett
 - Cesar & Adriana Garcia
 - Mary Altomare
 - Pat Ray
 - Jose & Alma Olivares
 - Pat Nybo
 - Elman & Socorro Martinez
 - Javier Bravo
 - David & Paula Block
 - Arnold & Isabel Gerhardstein
 - Laura Schneider
 - Tom & Tammy Knapp



Jesus told her, "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. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

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SUNDAY'S READINGS - EXCERPTS

First Reading:

You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! (Ez 37:13)

Psalm:

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

Second Reading:

But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. (Rom 8:10)

Gospel:

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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MARCH 29, 2020 V SUNDAY OF LENT

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE DIOCEESIS OF SAN DIEGO

In compliance with the Governor's Executive Order asking all Californians to "shelter in place," all parishes and schools of the diocese in San Diego and Imperial Counties will remain closed until further notice.

As a diocese, we strongly support these recommendations and defer to the opinion of health experts. This is not a challenge to our Catholic beliefs. On the contrary, we respect the science and want no part of putting the health of our fellow parishioners or their families at risk.

The following restrictions and cancellations are in place until the COVID-19 emergency is over:

Mass cannot be celebrated publicly in any form or place.

Baptisms which cannot be postponed, must be private and include only members of the immediate family.

Rites for the dead are limited to interment services at the cemetery with less than ten people; funeral masses will be postponed until COVID-19 has been contained.

Confirmation and First Communions will be rescheduled when the public health emergency is over.

There can be no communion services or liturgy of the word.

Communal anointing and reconciliation services are prohibited.

Weddings are to be postponed, or to take place with less than ten people.

Quinceaneras must be postponed.