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Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Confession, First Communion and Confirmation

Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MARCH 22, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Serafina Gonzalez Sosa, Brunilda Gonzalez Sosa (D), Todas las animas
12:00 p.m. Victoriano Lago (D), Cirilo Abrea, Elena Abrea, Cesus Abrea, Leon Tapongot (D)

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 a.m. Pascual Jimenez, Hilaria Reyes, Daniel Jimenez (D), Adriano Antonio Lopez (D)
12:00 p.m. San Rafael, God Almighty, Divine Mercy, Holy Spirit, San Miguel, Holy Trinity, Antigua Nuñez (D)

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 a.m. Pedro Antonio Jimenez, Pascuala Jimenez, Cecila Jimenez (D)
12:00 p.m. Margaret Weise (D)

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am Olinda Salcedo, Anastacio Montero, Fernando Hernandez (D), Ana Felicita Hernandez - conversión, Jose Peguero Montero & Jose Peguero Mejilla (D)
12:00 p.m Anita Rivero (L)

Friday, March 27

8:30 a.m. Luis Carlos Flores Ortega (D), Elpidio Vasquez, Edy Vasquez, Lucia Santo (D)
12:00 p.m. For the soul of Regino Figura Sr (D)

Saturday, March 28

7:45 a.m. Cac LH. To Tien (D)
7:00 p.m. Ricardo Reyes (D), Tommy Febles (D), Manuel Herrera Soto & Ofelia Soto (D), Benera Sufron, Petra Ortiz, Damaris Sanchez, Wilberto Rivera, Angel Luis Figueroa (D), Juan Pimentel (D), Maria Trinidad Nuñez (D)

Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. People of SNT, Pascual Antonio Nuñez (D)
9:30: a.m. Maria Mercado (D), Jaime Salcedo (D), Ana Delores Rivero (D), Jose Peña (D), Salvador & Asencio Salcedo (D), Juana Mota (D)
11:30 am Nelly Valverde (D)
1:30 pm Lorenzo & Madalena (D)

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)

Psalms:

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)

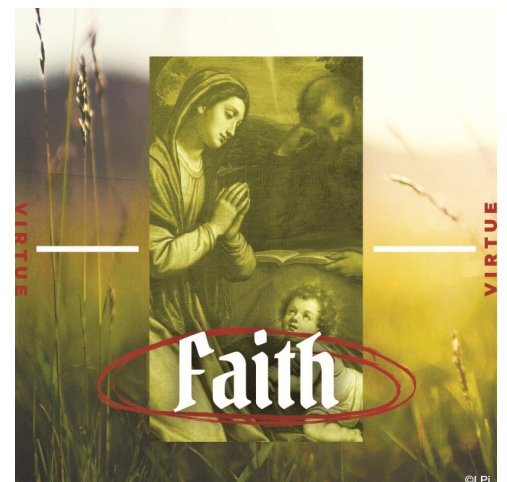
Gospel:

“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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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



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5th Sunday of Lent

John 11:1-45

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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UPCOMING REMINDERS AND EVENTS

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29th

Regular Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 2nd

8:00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper -
Washing of Feet & Adoration

Good Friday, April 3rd

12:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*English*)

3:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*Spanish*)

7:00 p.m. Passion of the Lord (*Vietnamese*)

Holy Saturday, April 4th

9:00 a.m. Wake Up With Mary (*Spanish*)

8:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR 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!

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