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SUNDAY MARCH 26, 2023

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9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 1 - 2 PM
and by appointment.

MASS

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM, 6:00 PM

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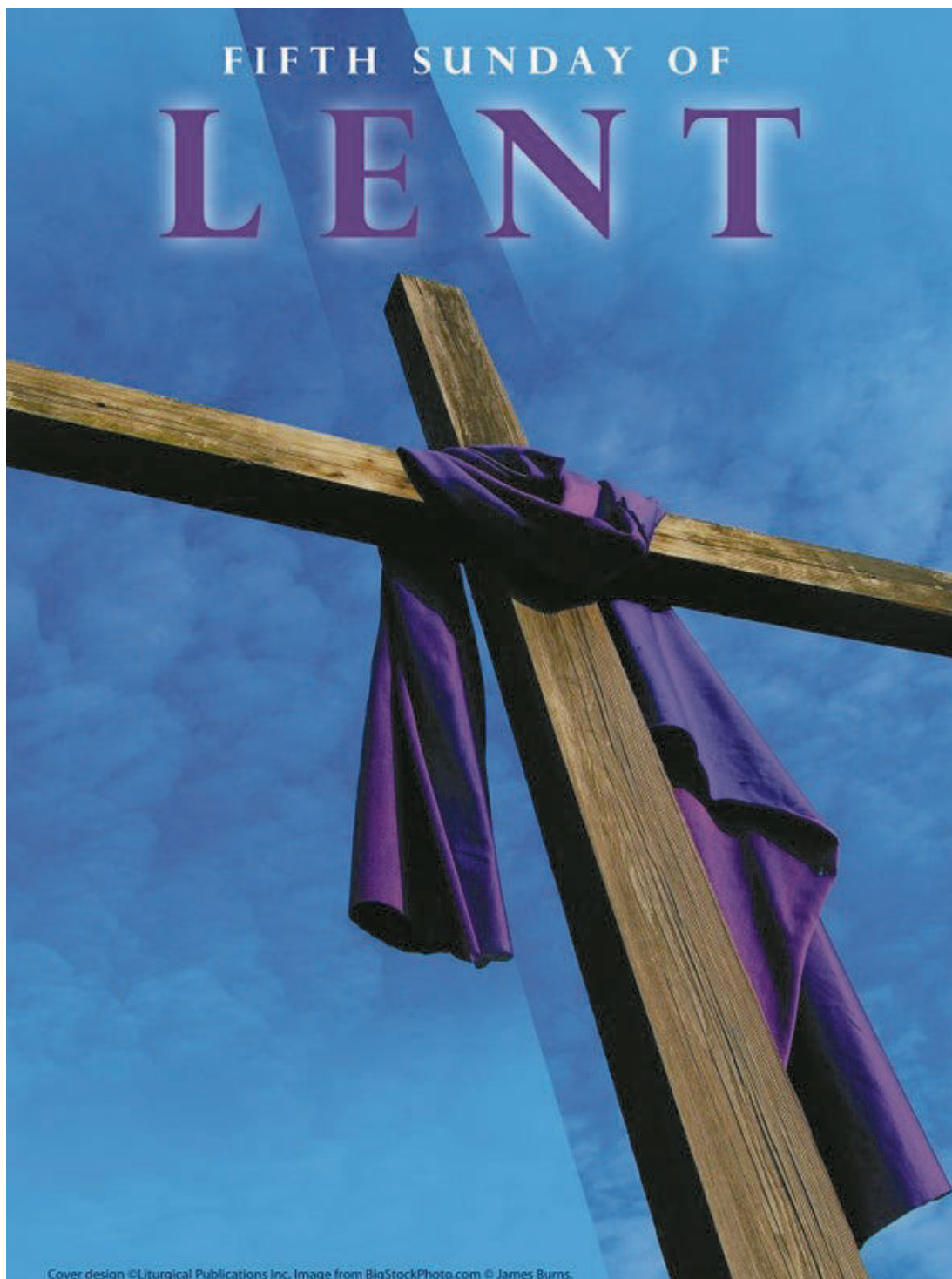
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REFLECT

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)**

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)**

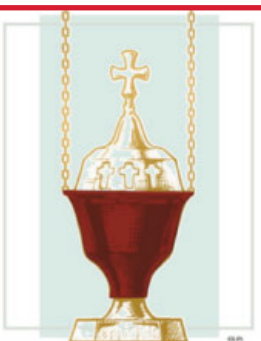
GOSPEL READING

**"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)**

**Save the Date
for St. Ann's
Casino Night!
October 20th**



**Looking for a fun Parish activity
this is it! More information to
follow**



THE SANCTUARY LAMP

The Sanctuary Lamp is available for special intentions. The Lamp burns weekly for deceased members of a family or requests for a special intention. The donation is \$20. Please call the Rectory for further information.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for

**John Tricozzi
rq Loving Wife**

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, 3-27

8:00AM



**JAMES & JUNE MENTURE RQ BY LOVING
FAMILY**

TUESDAY, 3-28

8:00AM



**BLESSINGS AND THANKSGIVING FOR PADRE
PIO RQ BY MARGARET KEELAN**

WEDNESDAY, 3-29

8:00AM

**MANUEL DE JESUS CULLER RQ BY LOVING
FAMILY**

THURSDAY, 3-30

8:00AM

**SPECIAL INTENTIONS FOR LORRAINE
WILLIAMS RQ BY LOVING FRIEND**

FRIDAY, 3-31

8:00AM



PARISHIONERS OF ST ANN'S

SATURDAY, 4-1

SUNDAY, 4-2

9:00AM



**VIRGINIA CALLICHIO RQ BY LOVING FAMILY
JOSEPH ADAMSKI RQ BY LARRY & MARION
ADAMSKI**

6:00PM

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WEEKLY PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 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

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: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

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/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Observances for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday:

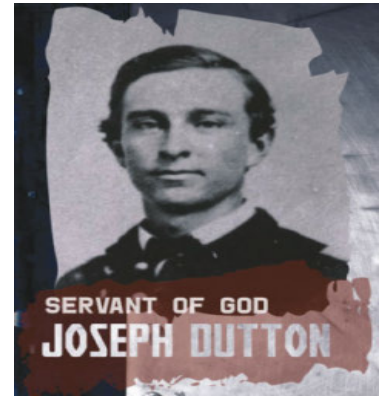
Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: April Fools' Day

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Holy Week begins



Servant of God Joseph Dutton served as a lay missionary alongside Saint Damian and Saint Marianne of Molokai. Upon his 40th birthday he converted to Catholicism, dedicated his life to service, and spent the rest of his days joyfully ministering inside a Hawaiian leper colony.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Of all Jesus' miracles, the most unsettling might be when he made a dead person alive. We know of three times when he did so: a girl, a young man, and Lazarus. The miracle teaches us he has the power of life and death. He anticipates his resurrection. Sin hurts us. Some sin kills us, spiritually. The three miracles reveal to us that no matter our circumstances, Jesus can give life to us.

The three miracles are instructive of the three ways we feel dead. The little dead girl symbolizes sin before it has time to mature. She's in bed and, once alive, gets right back to her life. The young man is lying in his casket in a funeral procession. This is sin allowed to fester, to grow and become somewhat normalized. Once raised, he has a short walk back home. Lazarus, a full-grown dead man, lies wrapped in burial bands

in the tomb. Once he is raised, much needs to be done. He'll need to remove those bands, find new clothes, and travel all the way back home. That is sin allowed to go all the way, unchecked for months or years. It's the most spectacular of the three and reveals Jesus' glory more than the others.

What hope that should give us, for us and those whom we love! Jesus knows our sin hurts us and can even kill us spiritually. No matter the extent of the damage, he is always ready for the miracle of making the dead fully alive.



What is the purpose of Palm Sunday?



Palm Sunday recalls an event in the Christian Scripture (The New Testament) of Jesus entering into Jerusalem and being greeted by the people waving palm branches. For Christians, it is a reminder of the welcoming of Jesus into our hearts and of our willingness to follow him

WHAT'S HAPPENING

AA Meetings are held in the School on Tuesdays and Thursdays @10am all are welcome to attend.

BINGO Every Saturday Night @8pm in the School Gym

Baptism Class— Held once a month call the Rectory to register. **The next class is April 23rd**

PASTOR'S NOTE

Though weighed down by grief, Martha rushes out to meet Jesus. She may not understand why he was absent upon the death of her brother, but her faithfulness is undeterred. In the hour of her heartbreak, she knows her only solace is in the embrace of the Lord.

Fr. Richard

Easter Flowers

Its time to start thinking about Easter Flowers! Envelopes are at all exits of the Church.

The cost is \$20 for 2 names. Please have all envelopes into the Rectory no later than **March 31st** in order to make the Easter Bulletin.



While Advent is a time of rejoiceful anticipation, Lent is commonly regarded as a period of sober observance.



The Lenten season is a preparation for commemorating the unearthed resurrection of Jesus at Easter. From its start date on Ash Wednesday until its conclusion on Easter Sunday, Lent has been a customary time for fasting, giving something up, or abstinence. Just as we thoughtfully prepare for events in our individual lives, such as weddings or birthdays, participating in Lent invites us to prepare our minds and hearts for glorifying Jesus' life, death, and bodily resurrection.



PRAYER REQUESTS

If you or a loved one are need of some extra prayers please contact the Rectory @ 732-787-0315 to have your name added to the Prayer List.

Rita and Nicholas Nabel	Barbara Hoey
Stephen Verducci	TM
Baby Porpora	JoAnn Concannon
Terry & Bill Barry	Kevin Asseng
Michael Palmisano	Tony Frazzee
Jaime Piercy	
Baby Jack	
William Parrish	
KH	
Gail Merz	

Every Friday during Lent we will have Soup and Stations in the gym at 6pm with Stations of the Cross @7 in the Church. All are welcome to attend!



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Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 2nd
Mass 9 & 10:30PM & 6PM

Holy Thursday, April 6th
Mass 7PM

Good Friday, April 7th
Service 3PM
Stations of the Cross 7PM

Confessions Saturday, April 8th 1pm
Easter Vigil, April 8th 8PM

Easter Sunday, April 9th 9 & 10:30AM
NO 6PM Mass

Offerings

Offer it up. My grandmother used this phrase with her children, and my mother, in turn, used it with me. It's a kind of verbal heirloom, a gift of wisdom from a generation that knew suffering all too well.



We know it to be true that God will work through our suffering if we invite him to. We know it and we have seen it — we have only to look at Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary.

But, often, I invite God into my suffering only to tell Him where I want Him to stand. I make an offering of suffering but expect God to do something very specific with it. Teach me this, please. Give me this specific grace. Show me this specific answer.

The happy ending in today's Gospel is not the alleviation of the sorrow Martha and Mary feel because it isn't alleviated, Lazarus is still human, and death still awaits him. Someday, his sisters will have to mourn at his tomb. That loss and pain will not be avoided.

The happy ending is that he is resurrected now, and in doing so, brings so many to belief. The happy ending is that Martha and Mary do not abandon discipleship because things didn't work out exactly the way that they wanted. They run out to meet Christ, eyes dim with tears. They fling themselves into his company and onto his providence. They made an offering of their suffering, and their happy ending is that their offering was accepted.

Stations of the Cross

Question:

Who invented the Stations of the Cross?



Answer:

The first Stations of the Cross were walked by Jesus himself on the way to Calvary. Known as the "Via Dolorosa" ("The Way of Suffering") or the "Via Crucis" ("The Way of the Cross"), it was marked out from the earliest times and was a traditional walk for pilgrims who came to Jerusalem. The early Christians in Jerusalem would walk the same pathway that Jesus walked, pausing for reflection and prayer. Later, when Christians could not travel to the Holy Land, artistic depictions of "The Way of the Cross" were set up in churches, or outside and Christians would walk from station to station, reading the Gospel account of the Passion, or simply praying and reflecting on each event. While the content or place of each station had changed, the intention was to make a mini-pilgrimage and follow--literally--in the footsteps of Jesus.

This devotion became better known in the Middle Ages, and the Franciscans are credited with its spread. Lent is a time when many people make the Stations and some churches present Passion plays or Living Stations. But anyone can pray the Stations at any time. It is a simple and personal reflection on the passion of Jesus and what it means to us.

The raising of Lazarus, which we hear proclaimed in the Gospel on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, is an occasion to contemplate the mystery of Christ as fully God and fully human. Jesus weeps when he arrives at the tomb of his dear friend, Lazarus. The Eucharistic Preface this day underlines the imagery of friendship.



"One form of gentleness we should practice is towards ourselves. It is reasonable to be displeased and sorry when we commit faults, but not fretful or spiteful to ourselves." ...St Francis de Sales.

Introduction to Jiu Jitsu for High School though Adult Age Men & Women!

Time and date is **April 16th @ 7pm** in the school gym. No preregistration required just show up and learn something new!

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5TH SUNDAY IN LENT



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