Fifth Sunday of Lent | March 26, 2023

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~ Mission Statement - Pentecost 1998 ~

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" - Jn 11:43

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Weekdays Monday thru Friday: 7:00 am

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 pm

Holy Day Masses

Vigil Mass: (evening prior) 7:00 pm 7:00 am, 12:00 pm, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation Saturdays 11:00am-12:00pm In the Sister Carol Center

Holy Hour Thursdays in Church at 7:00 pm

Rosary Monday - Friday after the 7am mass

PARISH CENTER OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Center is open Monday - Thursday from 8:30am-5pm Friday from 8:30-4pm

Mass intentions and most services can be done in person or by calling us at 586-777-3670 during these hours.

Our after-hours emergency number: 586-777-1342.

Baptisms: Please go to our website (stjoan.church) and fill out the Baptism request form. You will be contacted to make further arrangements based on submission of that form.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at the Parish Center at least six months prior to the desired date. Pre-marriage series required.

Registration: It is very important that every family and independent adult be registered in the Church in order to keep our records and mailings current. Please contact the Parish Office to register at your earliest opportunity: **586-777-3670.**

RCIA: Please call the Parish Center: 586-777-3670.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PARISHIONER?

If you would like to become a parishioner of St. Joan of Arc, please register at stjoan.church and we will contact you by phone. Or by calling us at **586-777-3670** during office hours.

Live Streamed Broadcasts at St. Joan of Arc

Live Stream Broadcasts have become a standard part of our celebrations at St Joan of Arc. This has increased our mass participation at daily and weekend masses. It has also allowed many of our parishioners to stay in touch with their faith community remotely.

Go to: livestream.stjoan.church to watch all live streaming and to view archived celebrations.

Weekday Masses Monday thru Friday @ 7am

Weekend Masses Saturdays @ 4pm & 6pm Sundays @ 8am, 10am, 12pm

> *Holy Hour* Thursdays @ 7pm

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TALLer Tales



Unwritten Protocols: Protocols, protocols, protocols. There are written protocols and unwritten protocols. The written protocols

are easy to follow if you know and understand them. The unwritten protocols are another story, and they can get you in trouble. Half the time, you have no clue about these unwritten protocols, but they may be known to a family or maybe to the residents of a particular locale. Let me explain.

For example, up in Allenton, when you're in any of the homes of our family or extended family, and I dare say for most homes in the country, there is the unwritten protocol of taking your shoes off when you enter a home. It's just the thing you do. When we have big family gatherings, seeing the sea of shoes piled up in mud rooms and up and down the entry hallway is funny. Sometimes, people even have to reorganize all the shoes because they can get in the way of trying to get in or out of a house. It's just a way of life and an unwritten protocol.

The same is true when entering a Missionaries of Charity (Mother Theresa nuns) chapel. You ditch your shoes as soon as you enter because you're on sacred ground. There isn't a sign; people just seem to know they're expected to remove their shoes when entering one of their chapels.

There is the unwritten protocol that you don't bother the Monsignor on Tuesdays for several hours after lunch because he has to finish (or, more likely, begin) writing his bulletin article. The pressure is on at that point because of the absolute drop-dead deadline of 3:00 p.m. (yes, he operates by deadlines and then drop-dead deadlines).

While talking about Monsignor, there is the unwritten protocol that it's best not to interrupt him when he's frantically trying to fix some technology issue. He may multi-task well throughout the day with many things, but when his technology goes awry, he gets in his "zone" and develops tunnel vision with concrete thick tunnel walls. Family, co-workers, and friends will say, "Didn't you know it's best to stay out of his way?" Well, I recently discovered the hard way that there is an unwritten protocol about waiting to go through the drive-thru at Wally's Frozen Custard on Harper. I didn't know. Seriously, this protocol isn't in the "manual."

The incident at Wally's happened a couple of weeks ago when my mom was still staying with me while recovering from her hospital stay in Beaumont. We had just finished dinner that night, and my mom wanted some ice cream or frozen custard. Of course, I was all in; you don't need to ask me a second time if I want to go out and get some food!

Most of the time, I can sneak into Wally's when there isn't a long line. While I have seen lines of cars stretch out toward Harper, I've never really paid attention to HOW the line snakes around! I initially approached Wally's going north on Harper, but when I saw the long line, I decided to grab some groceries first, hoping the line would die down when I returned. I did my grocery shopping and then made the trek back towards Wally's going south on Harper. The line was still long, but I pulled up behind the car just turning into the driveway off of Harper. I thought this was going to be easy. Suddenly, I heard a car horn, and the car behind me sped off lightning-fast as if they were mad at something I did. I was clueless about what had just happened, and I cowered in my seat, hoping they wouldn't see it was me as I still had my collar on. I was still confused why they were mad at me ... UNTIL I looked behind and saw a WHOLE line of cars on Elizabeth Street. HOLY TOLEDO, without knowing it, I cut into a whole stretch of cars lined up on Elizabeth Street waiting to turn into Wally's so they wouldn't block traffic on Harper. I felt like I had committed some mortal sin or something! I felt bad, but now I was blocked and couldn't even work my way to the back of the line, so I stayed put and accidentally saved myself about twenty minutes of waiting in line. SORRY Folks! This is one time I was glad I didn't have a personalized license plate that says "Fr. Mike" or "Monsignor!" Good heavens. These unwritten protocols need to be written down someplace!

Transitions: As Father Andrew mentioned a couple of weeks ago, and as he recently wrote, he was asked to assume the responsibility of being part of the insolidum team of priests ministering to the people at Our Lady of Refuge Parish, Orchard Lake; Prince of Peace Parish, West Bloomfield; and St. Benedict Parish, Waterford with primary responsibility at Prince of Peace Parish. All of our new assignments begin on July 1. We will have an opportunity to thank Father Andrew for his extraordinary ministry at SJA toward the middle of June.

When a transition of assignments is announced in parishes, many will naturally ask, "Well, who's coming here then?" I'm happy to announce that Archbishop Vigneron has appointed Father Adam Nowak to the in-solidum team of priests ministering to St. Joan of Arc, Our Lady Star of the Sea, St. Lucy, St. Veronica, and St. Basil the Great Parishes. Father Adam's primary responsibility will be at SJA, and he will reside at the house now occupied by Father Andrew.

Father Adam was born in 1991. I had to do a double-take when I typed that! Good heavens, he was born 5 days before I was ordained a priest! That means I'm <u>getting</u> old!!!

Father Adam was ordained by Archbishop Vigneron in 2019 and has served at St. Francis Cabrini Parish in Allen Park and, most recently, at St. Hugo of the Hills Parish in Bloomfield Hills. His two siblings, their families, and his dad still reside in the Downriver area where he grew up; his mother passed away in November 2020 after battling cancer.

Prior to entering the seminary, Father Adam attended the University of Detroit Mercy, where he graduated with a degree in psychology and religious studies. While he was on track to become a clinical psychologist, God had different plans for him. While at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit, Father Adam earned a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree, a Master of Divinity Degree, and a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology. Rumor has it he likes kayaking, biking, and reading!

Father Adam will officially join us on July 1, 2023.

Please keep Father Andrew, Father Adam, and all those making a transition to a new assignment in your prayers.

Enjoy the week. Know of my prayers.

In Christ,

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WEDNESDAVS DURING LENT

St. Joan Arc

Reconciliation from 5-5:50 pm Mass at 6 pm

Reconciliation rooms are in the Sr. Carol Center.

This Week on Formed



Week of March 26, 2023



The Hour of Our Death | Eternal Rest | Episode 3

The Anointing of the Sick is one of the seven sacraments of the Church. This session, we discover the role of this sacramental anointing in the spiritual struggle during serious illness, the final stages of our temporal life, and the hour of our death.



The Paschal Mystery: The Mystery of Jesus' Death

Through Jesus's Death on the Cross, God reveals himself most profoundly as the God who is love. Christ's sacrificial love saves us from sin and shows us the pathway to true human happiness. We are made to live like Christ: in total, self-giving love.

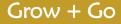


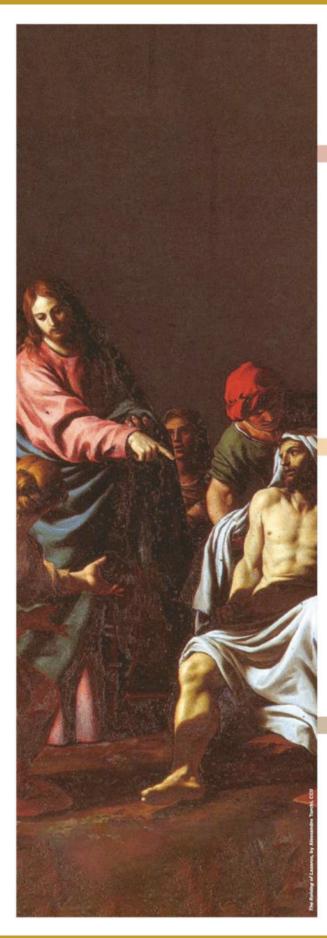
Living Lent as a Family (Part 4 of 4)

Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Kevin and Lisa Cotter to discuss liturical living during Lent as a family. They discuss together about a variety of topics, including having a prayer space in the home and decorating the home according to the liturgical season.

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March 26, 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45 Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

ACTION As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: usccb.org.

Readings for Palm Sunday

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – APRIL 2

At the Procession with Palms – Gospel – Mt 21:1-11

When Jesus and the disciples drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: Say to daughter Zion, "Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden." The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

Reading 1 - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

Responsorial Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads: "He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you: "You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Reading 2 - Philippians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Verse before the Gospel - Philippians 2:8-9

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Gospel - Mt 26:14-27:66

One of the Twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said, "What are you willing to give me if I hand him over to you?" They paid him thirty pieces of silver, and from that time on he looked for an opportunity to hand him over.

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On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the disciples approached Jesus and said, "Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He said, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The teacher says, "My appointed time draws near; in your house I shall celebrate the Passover with my disciples."'" The disciples then did as Jesus had ordered, and prepared the Passover.

When it was evening, he reclined at table with the Twelve. And while they were eating, he said, "Amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." Deeply distressed at this, they began to say to him one after another, "Surely it is not I, Lord?" He said in reply, "He who has dipped his hand into the dish with me is the one who will betray me. The Son of Man indeed goes, as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed. It would be better for that man if he had never been born." Then Judas, his betrayer, said in reply, "Surely it is not I, Rabbi?" He answered, "You have said so."

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and giving it to his disciples said, "Take and eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, from now on I shall not drink this fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it with you new in the kingdom of my Father." Then, after singing a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

Then Jesus said to them, "This night all of you will have your faith in me shaken, for it is written: *I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be dispersed;* but after I have been raised up, I shall go before you to Galilee." Peter said to him in reply, "Though all may have their faith in you shaken, mine will never be." Jesus said to him, "Amen, I say to you, this very night before the cock crows, you will deny me three times." Peter said to him, "Even though I should have to die with you, I will not deny you." And all the disciples spoke likewise.

Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took along Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to feel sorrow and distress. Then he said to them, "My soul is sorrowful even to death. Remain here and keep watch with me." He advanced a little and fell prostrate in prayer, saying, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will." When he returned to his disciples he found them asleep. He said to Peter, "So you could not keep watch with me for one hour? Watch and pray that you may not undergo the test. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." Withdrawing a second time, he prayed again, "My Father, if it is not possible that this cup pass without my drinking it, your will be done!" Then he returned once more and found them asleep, for they could not keep their eyes open. He left them and withdrew again and prayed a third time, saying the same thing again. Then he returned to his disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Behold, the hour is at hand when the Son of Man is to be handed over to sinners. Get up, let us go. Look, my betrayer is at hand."

While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the Twelve, arrived, accompanied by a large crowd, with swords and clubs, who had come from the chief priests and the elders of the people. His betrayer had arranged a sign with them, saying, "The man I shall kiss is the one; arrest him." Immediately he went over to Jesus and said, "Hail, Rabbi!" and he kissed him. Jesus answered him, "Friend, do what you have come for." Then stepping forward they laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. And behold, one of those who accompanied Jesus put his hand to his sword, drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its sheath, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot call upon my Father and he will not provide me at this moment with more than twelve legions of angels? But then how would the Scriptures be fulfilled which say that it must come to pass in this way?" At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to seize me? Day after day I sat teaching in the temple area, yet you did not arrest me. But all this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Those who had arrested Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assembled. Peter was following him at a distance as far as the high priest's courtyard, and going inside he sat down with the servants to see the

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outcome. The chief priests and the entire Sanhedrin kept trying to obtain false testimony against Jesus in order to put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. Finally two came forward who stated, "This man said, 'I can destroy the temple of God and within three days rebuild it." The high priest rose and addressed him, "Have you no answer? What are these men testifying against you?" But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him, "I order you to tell us under oath before the living God whether you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him in reply, "You have said so. But I tell you: From now on you will see 'the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power' and 'coming on the clouds of heaven.'" Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has blasphemed! What further need have we of witnesses? You have now heard the blasphemy; what is your opinion?" They said in reply, "He deserves to die!" Then they spat in his face and struck him, while some slapped him, saying, "Prophesy for us, Christ: who is it that struck you?"

Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. One of the maids came over to him and said, "You too were with Jesus the Galilean." But he denied it in front of everyone, saying, "I do not know what you are talking about!" As he went out to the gate, another girl saw him and said to those who were there, "This man was with Jesus the Nazorean." Again he denied it with an oath, "I do not know the man!" A little later the bystanders came over and said to Peter, "Surely you too are one of them; even your speech gives you away." At that he began to curse and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately a cock crowed. Then Peter remembered the word that Jesus had spoken: "Before the cock crows you will deny me three times." He went out and began to weep bitterly.

When it was morning, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate, the governor.

Then Judas, his betrayer, seeing that Jesus had been condemned, deeply regretted what he had done. He returned the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, "I have sinned in betraying innocent blood." They said, "What is that to us? Look to it yourself." Flinging the money into the temple, he departed and went off and hanged himself. The chief priests gathered up the money, but said, "It is not lawful to deposit this in the temple treasury, for it is the price of blood." After consultation, they used it to buy the potter's field as a burial place for foreigners. That is why that field even today is called the Field of Blood. Then was fulfilled what had been said through Jeremiah the prophet, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the value of a man with a price on his head, a price set by some of the Israelites, and they paid it out for the potter's field just as the Lord had commanded me.

Now Jesus stood before the governor, and he questioned him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he made no answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many things they are testifying against you?" But he did not answer him one word, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now on the occasion of the feast the governor was accustomed to release to the crowd one prisoner whom they wished. And at that time they had a notorious prisoner called Barabbas. So when they had assembled, Pilate said to them, "Which one do you want me to release to you, Barabbas, or Jesus called Christ?" For he knew that it was out of envy that they had handed him over. While he was still seated on the bench, his wife sent him a message, "Have nothing to do with that righteous man. I suffered much in a dream today because of him." The chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas but to destroy Jesus. The governor said to them in reply, "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" They answered, "Barabbas!" Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" But he said, "Why? What evil has he done?" They only shouted the louder, "Let him be crucified!" When Pilate saw that he was not succeeding at all, but that a riot was breaking out instead, he took water and washed his hands in the sight of the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood. Look to it yourselves." And the whole people said in reply, "His blood be upon us and upon our children." Then he released Barabbas to them, but after he had Jesus scourged, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus inside the praetorium and gathered the whole cohort

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around him. They stripped off his clothes and threw a scarlet military cloak about him. Weaving a crown out of thorns, they placed it on his head, and a reed in his right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat upon him and took the reed and kept striking him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the cloak, dressed him in his own clothes, and led him off to crucify him.

As they were going out, they met a Cyrenian named Simon; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.

And when they came to a place called Golgotha which means Place of the Skull —, they gave Jesus wine to drink mixed with gall. But when he had tasted it, he refused to drink. After they had crucified him, they divided his garments by casting lots; then they sat down and kept watch over him there. And they placed over his head the written charge against him: This is Jesus, the King of the Jews. Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, and come down from the cross!" Likewise the chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him and said, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. So he is the king of Israel! Let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusted in God; let him deliver him now if he wants him. For he said, 'I am the Son of God.'" The revolutionaries who were crucified with him also kept abusing him in the same way.

From noon onward, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Some of the bystanders who heard it said, "This one is calling for Elijah." Immediately one of them ran to get a sponge; he soaked it in wine, and putting it on a reed, gave it to him to drink. But the rest said, "Wait, let us see if Elijah comes to save him." But Jesus cried out again in a loud voice, and gave up his spirit.

Here all kneel and pause for a short time.

And behold, the veil of the sanctuary was torn in two from top to bottom. The earth quaked, rocks were split, tombs were opened, and the bodies of many saints who had fallen asleep were raised. And coming forth from their tombs after his resurrection, they entered the holy city and appeared to many. The centurion and the men with him who were keeping watch over Jesus feared greatly when they saw the earthquake and all that was happening, and they said, "Truly, this was the Son of God! "There were many women there, looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering to him. Among them were Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea named Joseph, who was himself a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be handed over. Taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in clean linen and laid it in his new tomb that he had hewn in the rock. Then he rolled a huge stone across the entrance to the tomb and departed. But Mary Magdalene and the other Mary remained sitting there, facing the tomb.

The next day, the one following the day of preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said, "Sir, we remember that this impostor while still alive said, 'After three days I will be raised up.' Give orders, then, that the grave be secured until the third day, lest his disciples come and steal him and say to the people, 'He has been raised from the dead.' This last imposture would be worse than the first." Pilate said to them, "The guard is yours; go, secure it as best you can." So they went and secured the tomb by fixing a seal to the stone and setting the guard.



Weekly Calendar of Events

Monday, March 27th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed1:00 PM Reconciliation7:00 PM Serf Vicariate Penance Service

Tuesday, March 28th

7:00 AM Morning Mass Live Streamed 6:00 PM Rescue Project - EH/Livestreamed

Wednesday, March 29th

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed
5:00 PM Reconciliation
6:00 PM Mass - Live Streamed
7:00 PM PTG Meeting—Emmaus Hall

Thursday, March 30th

7:00 AM Mass - Live Streamed 4:00 PM 85+ Dinner - Emmaus Hall 7:00 PM Holy Hour

Friday, March 31st

7:00 AM Morning Mass - Live Streamed 7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Live Streamed

Saturday, April 1st

9:00 AM OCIA Retreat11:00 AM Reconciliation12:30 PM Baptism of Faye Brennan

4:00 PM Vigil Mass - Live Streamed 6:00 PM Vigil Mass - Live Streamed

Sunday, April 2nd

8:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed10:00 AM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed10:00 AM Family Faith Formation12:00 PM Sunday Mass - Live Streamed

Words on the Word

March 26, 2023 – Mirror, Mirror

At least to a certain extent, we are all concerned with our appearance. That's probably a good thing, otherwise we wouldn't know or care if we were walking around with food stuck in our teeth or a mustard stain on our shirt.

But some, apparently, are much more concerned than others.

According to a website that aggregates the latest research, one recent study found that the average person spends about four hours a day concerned with their physical appearance.

It attributed this obsession not only to our natural propensity to look in the mirror, but also the increasing amount of time that many folks spend on social media and video calls, where we are often face to face with ourselves as well as others.

But four hours?

That seems excessive to the point of absurdity. But even if it's, say, 25 percent of that, it's still an awful lot of our lives lost to vanity.

The good news is that it really doesn't have to be this way. It's our spiritual selves that need the most – and the deepest – level of attention.

And Jesus' death and resurrection make us free to pursue what's most important.

To face up to the everlasting things, in other words.

"Those who are in the flesh cannot please God," St. Paul writes in today's second reading to the Romans. "But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you.

"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."

And that, brothers and sisters, is worth reflecting on.

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Mass Intentions / Weekly Readings

Mass Intentions

- Monday March 27, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 a.m. Dorene Oster

Tuesday March 28, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

7:00 a.m. Hugo Calisi

Wednesday March 29, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

- 7:00 a.m. Howard & Lola LeFevre, James & Florence Gillette and Paul LeFevre
- 6:00 p.m. Stella & Tony Krzesowski

Thursday March 30, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)

- 7:00 a.m. Charles M. McQuillan
- Friday March 31, 2023 Lenten Weekday (Purple)
- 7:00 a.m. Maura Marquez Mallare

Saturday, April 1, 2023 Vigil of Palm Sunday (Red)

- 4:00 p.m. Bonnie Batche, Joseph Drouin, Charles Semany, and a Special Intention for the J. Champine Family, for the Thomas Family and Prayerful appreciation for the work of the Priests and Staff of St. Joan of Arc.
- 6:00 p.m. James Forrester
- Sunday April 2, 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Red)
- 8:00 a.m. For the Intentions for St. Joan of Arc Parishioners
- 10:00 a.m. Rob Finn, Evan Battani and Robbie Battani
- 12:00 p.m. Rose DiNoto, Deanna Leone, and a Special Intention for Alfred Sandoval

Daily Readings

Monday, March 27

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 28

Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 29

Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 John 8:31-42

Thursday, March 1

Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59

Friday, March 31

Jerimiah 20:10-13 John 8:51-59

Saturday, April 1

Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56

Sunday, April 2

Matthew 21:1-11 Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66



I Am The Resurrection & The Life

"Heavenly Father, welcome home those who you have called from this world and grant peace and consolation to their families."

> Edmund Aubrey Mark Swalec



"I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year: Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown. and he replied: Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way." *Minnie Louise Haskins*



Reporting Sexual Abuse

Individuals with knowledge of sexual abuse by clergy or other Church representatives are urged to contact local law enforcement and/or the Michigan Attorney General's Office at 844-324-3374 or aginvestigations@michigan.gov.

Individuals also may contact the Archdiocese of Detroit by visiting protect.aod.org calling the toll-free, 24/7 victim assistance line at 866-343-8055 or by emailing vac@aod.org. There are no time limits or restrictions on individuals wishing to report abuse. Every complaint shared with the Archdiocese of Detroit, regardless of its source or the date of the alleged activity, is reported to civil authorities. No complaints are held back, pre-screened or disregarded.

Tire Tracks in the d'Arc



"If You Believe, You Will See the Glory of God": "Lord, the one you love is ill," said the message. Jesus' friend

Lazarus was clinging to life when the message came from Lazarus' sisters Mary and Martha (John 11).

Jesus didn't seem troubled by the news. As a matter of fact, He declared, "This illness will not end in death. No it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

And then Jesus did the unexpected — NOTHING! He stayed where He was for two more days and did absolutely nothing while Lazarus died. He had healed so many people before, so why didn't He go to Lazarus immediately and make him well. How could He sit there and do nothing?

Don't you hate it when God doesn't do what you think He should? Probably most of us at one time in life have run into a situation and thought, "How could God have allowed that to happen?"

This is what Mary and Martha were thinking when Jesus finally arrived four days after Lazarus' death. Both of the sisters questioned Jesus upon his arrival saying, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

In their hearts, they were full of disappointment with God. Jesus had healed so many others. Why now did He not heal His own friend? How could Jesus have let them down like this? The sisters loved Jesus and believed in Him, but were confused by his lack of action.

Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

None of this was helping the disappointment and confusion to fade away from these grief-stricken women though, because they did not yet understand what Jesus was doing. Jesus shows His compassion, joining His friends in their sorrow, weeping for Lazarus. But He is really weeping in anger that the devil has brought death to humanity. It is Jesus who will give life back to humanity.

Then Jesus, the resurrection and the life, went to the tomb and called Lazarus back from the of the dead. Jesus' statement — "I am the resurrection and the life" — along with his power to raise Lazarus from the dead teach us that everything the Bible has to say about heaven, hell, and the promise of eternal life is wrapped up in Jesus. He holds eternity in his hands, so He alone should be trusted with our eternity.

The raising of Lazarus teaches us another lesson though. When God seems to be doing nothing, He may be doing more than you could ever imagine. Jesus had declared that Lazarus' sickness was for the glory of God. Jesus knew God would be totally glorified in the situation at hand.

When Lazarus died, Jesus was just getting started. He used Lazarus' situation to bring glory to His father. No he didn't do what we were expecting (heal Lazarus) — He did something better.

Jesus' delay in answering the call to come did not mean a denial of their call. God always has our best interests at heart, but He acts according to His own agenda and timetable, not ours. Jesus had a purpose in waiting to come to Bethany where Mary and Martha were.

His delaying was so that God would be honored and glorified through it. Mary and Martha kind of scolded Jesus when they saw him by saying, "Lord, if you had been here our brother would not have died."

Maybe there is something within us that wants to tell God what to do. Mary and Martha looked for a healing of their brother, but Jesus had in mind a resurrection of their brother. God would receive greater glory from a rising from the dead than by a healing of the sick. God acts from His own perspective and in most cases we don't know the purpose of God.

And in most cases, in our lives, when Jesus seems to delay His coming to our rescue, we don't know the reason for the delay. We get impatient and wonder why God doesn't do something about our situation. Maybe we even allow the devil to come first, to try to convince us that Jesus doesn't hear us or doesn't care. But we must remind ourselves that a delay does not mean a denial. God gets to choose as and when He makes His move on our behalf. And it's at always the right time. Whether we see and understand that is really the litmus test of our faith.

This story of Lazarus is not the only time in scripture we see Jesus untroubled by the calamity unfolding in front of Him, despite the protests of His disciples. Remember Jesus sleeping in the boat as His disciple battled the storm, fearing they would perish (Mark 4). When Jesus appears to be sleeping or silent in the midst of our storms, know that it is not because He is unaware, but rather that He is unconcerned—that He does not need to act because He has everything in hand, even if we don't see how.

I know there will be times in the future when God doesn't do what I expect, or think He should do. I know in every situation, however, He can and *will* bring greater glory to Himself. If He doesn't do what I think He should, it is only because God has something better in mind.

Are you dealing with disappointment right now? Has God acted in a way that you would not have expected? Take heart, Jesus is the resurrection and the life. He can breathe life into any situation you are dealing with.

Entrust your situation to God. Then ask God to use your circumstances for His honor and glory. Ask Him to bring the greatest glory possible in your life and situation. And then watch and wait to see what God does. It may seem like He's doing nothing at the moment, but maybe doing nothing yet is how He has chosen to act. He may be doing more than you could ever imagine.

You are in the prayers this week.

Fr. Andrew adawson@sjascs.org

PALM WEAVING WORKSHOPS



Saturday, March 25, 9-11 am & Thursday, March 30, 6-8 pm

All classes are in the SJA Sr. Carol Center Emmaus Fellowship Hall

Price: \$18 per person for one session

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Workshop Objectives: This workshop is two (2) hours long. Participants will learn through hands-on experience the weaving of crosses, leaves, and bells also known as artichokes. Class size is limited to 10 people. Attendees need to bring a pair of sharp scissors.

Prayers Needed

PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Pray for the Sick List: Please note that we regularly clear the "Pray for the Sick List" because the list grows beyond our space allocation and we don't always hear from people when they've gotten better. If you would like to add a person please call the Parish Center front desk at 586.777.3670 or send an email to our general inbox at info@sjascs.org.

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Bringing Home the Word



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March 26, 2023

Bringing Home

God Opens Our Graves

By Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

I t is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living.

Sunday Readings

Ezekiel 37:12–14

You shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and make you come up out of them, my people!

Romans 8:8-11

The one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you.

John 11:1–45 or John 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45

Jesus told [Martha], "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live." Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' selfidentification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

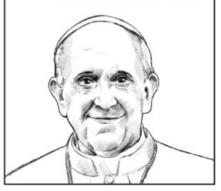
Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us. **†**

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we also will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life.

A Word from Pope Francis

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

HOMILY, ROME, APRIL 6, 2014





- What darkness—a grudge? resentment? old wound? am I holding on to?
- What would it cost me to welcome God's invitation to let it go?

Bringing Home the Word

New Life Awaits

By Fr. Paul Turner

P hil was recruiting fellow travelers for the missionary trip to Guatemala he made a few times a year. He wanted his friends and acquaintances at home to experience the discomforts of poverty in another part of the world. He wanted the poor of Guatemala to receive the

compassion and help of the faithful from the North.

People who responded to him opened their wallets to provide water filtration systems and other projects, but Phil wanted more than their money. He wanted their hearts. He wanted to build relationships.

He succeeded. Over the years, he introduced hundreds of people to the plight of Guatemalans. He opened the eyes of people in the first world to the difficult demands of life in the third. People came home from his trips with a new sense of their priorities.

Once, when asked why he did this, Phil told a story. He was planning a trip with friends,

and their connecting flight in Newark was delayed. The airline found seats on another flight for them to take. He doesn't know why, but the switch didn't feel right to him. He talked his friends out of getting on that plane.

It was United Airlines Flight 93. The day was September 11, 2001.

After escaping a horrifying death at the hands of terrorists, Phil decided he should do something positive with his life.

These reflections were excerpted from Daybreaks: Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter by Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, available from Liguori Publications. To learn more and review our complete list of Daybreaks authors, including Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI; Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR; Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA; and others, visit Liguori.org.

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He wanted others to have a chance at living better, too. He got inspired to help the poor in Guatemala. Once he made the trip, he fell in love with the country and its people. He knew that if he could get others to go, they would have the

> same experience. They did. Some people get a second chance at life. When that happens, they often suspect God has a grander purpose in mind for them.

> When Jerusalem was ransacked by Babylon, the people went into exile, and their city was destroyed. But they were invited to return to their homeland to rebuild it again. Suddenly they had a new purpose. They began to spread God's word through a message of hope.

When we witness someone's loss, we mourn with them. When we witness their surprising gain, we rejoice. After a horrifying experience, when people have a new mission for their lives, they may extend an invitation

for others to see the world as they do. It can open eyes.

We don't know what Lazarus did after he was brought out of the tomb. His home with Mary and Martha was a haven of hospitality for Jesus. Perhaps they continued to welcome Jesus' followers, disciples who needed rest and respite. We don't know, but it seems likely that it was a life well-lived. **†**



So that we may have the courage to heed your call to come out of the darkness, we pray—Lord, let us be like you.

The Redemptorists

WEEKDAY READINGS

March 27—April 1

Monday, Lenten Weekday: Dn 13:1–9, 15–17, 19–30, 33–62 or 13:41c–62 / Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday, Lenten Weekday: Nm 21:4–9 / Jn 8:21–30

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Friday, Lenten Weekday: Jer 20:10–13 / Jn 10:31–42

Saturday, Lenten Weekday: Ez 37:21–28 / Jn 11:45–56



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