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THE TOMB OF
LAZARUS
AL-EIZARIYA (BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

MARCH 29
2020

fifth Sunday
OF LENT

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It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general

resurrection of the dead on "the last day." Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as "the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour "when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—"Lazarus, come out!"—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Julia Ann Kalinowski †

MONDAY - March 30

8:00 am - Jacqueline Mahan †

TUESDAY - March 31

8:00 am - Hannah Angel Mozisek †

WEDNESDAY - April 1

8:00 am - Joe & Adella Mullino, Linda Uthoff †

THURSDAY - April 2

8:00 am - Pearl Fajkus †

FIRST FRIDAY - April 3 (Day of Abstinence)

8:00 am - Alfred Baros †
5:30 pm - Patrick Noll †

FIRST SATURDAY - April 4

8:00 am - James Ryan Janecka
4:00 pm - Franklin J. Sedlar †

SUNDAY - April 5 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

7:30 am - John Michael Hammack †
10:00 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]



Questions of the Week

How can I free myself from the burial bands in my life?
How can I help others release their own?



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemin, Cheryl Flood, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, Steve Serrill, Michael Johnson, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Rena Richter, Cheryl Barker, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Eunice Dove, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung, Wade Shumbera

THIS WEEK

Fr. Kristopher's Top Ten List For the Coronavirus Pandemic

As the country and the world continues to make provisions and plans to combat the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus), it is important that we not forget the actions and provisions we should take regarding our spiritual lives during this time.

10. **Limit Your Use of the Internet and Television** As schools and businesses close and social gatherings are canceled, many of us will find even more time at home wondering what to do. Don't turn to the internet or television out of boredom! Remember, "idle time is the devil's playground." Instead, do yard work, start your spring cleaning, work on a project or hobby, play board games with your family. The internet and television can be very useful during this time, but limit it mainly for necessary communication, school, and business purposes.

9. **Focus on your Lenten Resolutions** How's your Lenten promises coming along? Do you still need to make your plan for Lent? Now would be a good time to revisit and recommit to practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

8. **"Offer It Up"** There are beginning to be inconveniences and hardships as our normal routines are changed and interrupted. These can become opportunities to keep our perspectives on the eternal. Unite your sufferings to the sufferings of Jesus on the Cross and offer them for specific intentions.

7. **Obey Directives from Civil and Religious Authorities** We may not like or agree with some of the directives we have and will receive, but we should obey them out of love for those whom they are meant to protect. The virtue of obedience can be difficult, but it is necessary to respect decisions made for the common good.

6. **Call the Elderly and Lonely** Many people, especially the elderly, will need to be isolated from others. Give them a call to show your love and concern and to keep them from being lonely.

5. **Read** Read the Bible, the daily Mass readings, or a Spiritual Book.

4. **Pray** Pray the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Make an altar in your home and pray as a family. Pray for doctors and nurses. Pray for the sick. Pray for the government. Pray for an end to this virus. Pray!

3. **Be in a State of Grace** Make a daily examination of conscience. Make a perfect act of contrition. If possible, go to confession. Be holy! None of us knows the day nor the hour.

2. **Make Spiritual Communion** It may not be possible for everyone to receive our Lord physically in the Eucharist, so make spiritual communions throughout the day. Here is an Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori: *My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love Thee above all things and I desire Thee in my soul. Since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though thou wert already there, I embrace Thee and unite myself wholly to Thee; permit not that I should ever be separated from Thee.*

1. **Be Not Afraid** "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:4-7)



New Online Giving System

We have a new online giving system through our website. Click the Online Giving link and you will be taken to a secure site for payment. For you who have been giving online, you will notice a different look. For you who haven't yet given online, now might be a good opportunity to start. As we livestream Masses and keep you all in prayer, please remember that the expenses and charity requests to our parish continue. We thank you for your continuing generosity.



DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

It has been announced that Fr. Greg Korenek will be appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, effective July 1, 2020.

Look who's in the hot seat!

Coming
 May 8
 to the Cathedral Center
 in Victoria



Make plans now to attend. Information about table sponsorships will be coming soon.

Monsignor John Peters will be the honoree during the 3rd annual Roast and Toast to benefit

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SAVE THE DATE!

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Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Concerning the woman caught in adultery, Jesus said, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to ..."

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Answer: *throw a stone at her*

CREATE A FAMILY PRAYER SPACE AT HOME

In the coming weeks, families will be spending more time together at home. One good use of this time would be to pray together on a regular basis. This prayer time together can be enhanced by creating a place in your home dedicated to prayer. Making a place for prayer in our home can help us do what the Gospel tells us, to go into an "inner room" to pray (Matthew 6:6). Make your prayer place as quiet, uncluttered, and "desert-like" as possible. It can be the corner of a room or any unused space. Furnish your prayer place with a Bible, prayer books, cross, rosary, icons, and a candle. Encourage family members to use the prayer place for personal as well as family prayer.

You can bless your place of prayer, saying: Come, Holy God. Dwell in this place of prayer, and bless it with your peace and presence. Bless all who seek you here. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

If you are unable to go to Mass, one idea for prayer together is to find a resource with the prayers and reading for Sunday Mass and pray those together. You can find the readings online at www.usccb.org. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

Summer camp information is coming soon! Please save these dates: Camp David: June 14-19; Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp: July 5-8; Rocky Mountain High: July 11-19; Altar Server Olympics (NEW EVENT): July 29

St. Michael Catholic School in Weimar is currently accepting applications for the principal position. The candidate must hold a master's degree, preferably in educational administration or a related field, and must be a practicing Catholic. Applications are available on the Diocese of Victoria website and are to be mailed to:

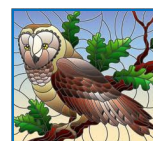
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Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like more information about the school or would like a tour, please contact the school at 361.573.6651 or email dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We look forward to meeting you!

JOB OPENING: Incarnate Word Convent, located at 1101 Northeast Water Street, is in the process of hiring a fulltime housekeeper. Chores include laundry and cleaning. To apply or for more information please call or contact Sr. M. Geraldine at 361-575-7111.

WISDOM

A wise old owl lived in an oak.
 The more he saw the less he spoke.
 The less he spoke the more he heard.
 Why can't we all be like that wise old bird?



—English nursery rhyme

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