

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2026

From His holy temple,  
the Lord has heard my voice!

La resurrección de Lazaro (EVANGELIO), que fue un anuncio de la resurrección de Cristo y de nuestra propia resurrección, es el lazo que mantiene la unión entre las lecturas de la Misa de hoy. El Padre, que otorga a su Hijo el poder de resucitar a Lazaro de entre los muertos (SEGUNDA LECTURA), hizo que habitara en nosotros su Espíritu de vida. El mismo fue el que cumplió, el día de Pentecostés, la promesa que había hecho a Israel por boca del profeta Ezequiel (PRIMERA LECTURA), pero dándole una dimensión mucha más amplia, puesto que no solo ofrece la salvación a un pueblo, sino a todos los hombres que reciban el Espíritu del Señor.



## Masses For The Week

- sab 21** Vigilia del V Domingo de Cuaresma  
04:30 pm Missa Pro Populo
- Sun 22** V Sunday of Lent  
11:30 am +Isidro J. Soto – 18<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Javier Soto)  
+Pablo & Rosa María Gallegos (Herminia Torres)  
+Jose F. Macias (Su Familia)
- Mon 23** NO MASS
- Tue 24** Lenten Weekday  
08:00 am +Maria Eugenia Rich (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 25** The Annunciation of the Lord  
08:00 am +Esperanza Henson (Herminia Torres)
- Thu 26** Lenten Weekday  
08:00 am +Margarito Requejo (Family)
- Fri 27** Lenten Weekday  
08:00 am +Imelda Davila (Herminia Torres)
- Sat 28** Lenten Weekday  
08:00 am For the Health of Laura & Kevin Cortez (Herminia Torres)

## The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning

En Acción de Gracias a San Judas Taddeo (María Perusquia)

# Good News!

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Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45  
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God's dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the "kingdom of God." Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today's gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets' hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." In other words, Martha believes in the coming "kingdom of God." But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: "I am the resurrection and the life." That is, "I am the kingdom of God."

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the autobasileia. The term comes from two Greek words: auto, meaning "self," and basileia, meaning "kingdom." It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God's dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God's dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is "the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." ●

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# Dear Padre

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*I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?*

It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●

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## THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, as has been our custom in the past, we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm. **however, Stations will be suspended if attendees are less than 3.**

### El Via Crucis

*Durante la Cuaresma, como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, rezaremos el Via Crucis los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde sin embargo, las estaciones se suspenderán si los asistentes menos de 3.*



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## Holy Week Schedule

March 31 – April 05

Tuesday & Wednesday—Weekday Mass at 8a - English

Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8p - Bilingual

Good Friday—Liturgy of the Word/Veneration of the Cross/Communion at 8p - Bilingual

Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil of the Holy Night at 10p- English

Domingo de Pascua—La Resurrección del Señor - 10:30a -- Spanish

I am the  
**RESURRECTION**  
and the **LIFE**

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## LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Vladimiro Checchin.



## THE SPIRIT OF GOD DWELLS IN YOU

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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 2,255.00

Loose: \$ 151.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 3.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,409.00

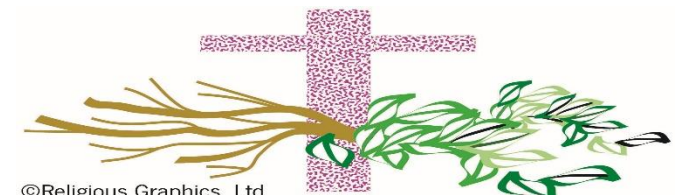
Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 1,541.19

## FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE

Our church—the main body of worship space—is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Father Nolasco.

### Recuerdo Amistoso Sobre la Etiqueta en la Iglesia y la Misa

Nuestra iglesia—el cuerpo principal de culto—es muy sagrado y el respeto apropiado debe observarse. Silencio antes y durante la Misa debe mostrarse. Los teléfonos celulares y localizadores de audio no son artículos apropiados para traer a la Misa. Puesto que la Misa es una celebración solemne y la forma más alta de culto de la comunidad para los Católicos, el atavío apropiado también debe utilizarse. Camisas sin mangas, pantalones cortos, blusas cortas y vestido impropio no son aceptables. Le agradecemos su cooperación continuada en estas materias. Gracias. Padre olasco.



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## WHEN YOU MOVE

... please inform the Parish Office, 724-6881, of your new address as soon as possible. It costs the Parish for each piece of mail sent out with a wrong address. If your phone number has changed, please call the office with that information as well.

### Quando Usted Se Mueve

... por favor informarle a la Oficina de la Parroquia, 724-6881, de su nueva dirección lo más pronto posible. Le cuesta a la parroquia por cada pedazo de correo mandado a su dirección incorrecta. Si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, por favor llame a la oficina también con esa información.



If the SPIRIT of GOD  
who raised JESUS from the dead  
dwells in you, GOD will give life  
to your mortal body also,  
through his SPIRIT dwelling in you

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