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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT— MARCH 26TH, 2023

*“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die”*



Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life. Loyola Press

V DOMINGO DE CUARESMA- MARZO 26, 2023

*Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, dice el Señor;
el que cree en mí no morirá para siempre”*

La lectura del Evangelio de hoy relata otra señal, o milagro, que se encuentra en el Evangelio de Juan, la resurrección de Lázaro. A medida que nuestros catecúmenos se acercan a la celebración de sus Bautismos en el Triduo, la lectura de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre lo que significa llamar a Jesús la Resurrección y la vida.

En esta escena de confrontación, María y Marta, las hermanas de Lázaro, envían un mensaje a Jesús de que su amigo está enfermo. Se dice que Jesús amaba mucho María, Marta y Lázaro, pero retrasa su viaje dos días. La demora aumenta el drama y muestra la obediencia de Jesús a Dios, quien será glorificado por la resurrección de Lázaro. Cuando Jesús finalmente declara que viajará a Betania, sus discípulos temen por su vida. Tomás declara que él y los otros discípulos deben prepararse para morir con Jesús.

La escena descrita en Betania es triste. Marta se encuentra con Jesús llorando y diciendo que si Jesús hubiera estado allí, Lázaro no habría muerto. Sin embargo, sigue confiando en que Dios hará todo lo que Jesús le pida. Martha afirma su creencia de que habrá una resurrección de los muertos en los últimos días. Entonces la hermana de Marta, María, se acerca a Jesús con la misma confianza, diciendo que Jesús pudo haber curado a Lázaro. Jesús pide que lo lleven a la tumba de Lázaro donde ora y llama a Lázaro fuera de la tumba. Ante esta señal, muchos llegan a creer en Jesús, pero otros llevan la palabra del milagro a las autoridades judías, quienes inician sus planes para la muerte de Jesús.

Con el telón de fondo de la muerte inminente de Jesús, muchos elementos de la resurrección de Lázaro presagian las buenas nuevas de la propia resurrección de Jesús. Jesús, ante el conflicto con las autoridades judías, actúa en completa obediencia a Dios. Al resucitar a Lázaro, Jesús muestra su poder sobre la muerte para que cuando Jesús muera, aquellos que creen en él puedan recordarlo y tener esperanza. Así como Jesús pide que se quite la piedra de la tumba de Lázaro, así también los discípulos encontrarán que se quita la piedra de la tumba de Jesús.

Con nuestros catecúmenos preparándose para su Bautismo en Pascua, el Evangelio de hoy nos llama a reflexionar sobre el Bautismo como un morir y resucitar con Jesús. En el Bautismo morimos al poder del pecado sobre nosotros, resucitando como hijos de Dios. En el Bautismo nos unimos a Cristo, que venció la muerte de una vez por todas para que los que creemos en él tengamos la vida eterna. Con Marta y María, estamos llamados a profesar nuestra creencia de que Jesús es ciertamente la Resurrección y la vida.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will now take the second collection to help those impacted by the storms and flooding that has left many poor families in the Pájaro Valley with their homes and belongings destroyed. Thank you for your generosity.

Manna Ministry would like to provide a half ham or three pound "chunk" to families they served for Easter delivery. We will be collecting them after each Mass on April 1st and 2nd as well as Monday April 3rd from 1-4pm. Thank you in advance for supporting our ministry.

Join in us decorating the church on Holy Saturday morning at 9:00. We are requesting lilies and any other cut or potted spring flowers to be brought to the church beginning Wednesday, April 5th through Saturday morning, April 8th. We welcome anyone who can spend an hour or more helping with the Easter decorating. We will be finished by noon.

Our Mass intention schedule is wide open over the next few months. Please call or stop by the office to have a Mass said for a beloved deceased family member or special intention.

EASTER SEASON 2023

Palm Sunday, April 2nd : Regular Weekend Schedule

Vigil Sat: 4:30pm

Sun: 9:00 & am 11:15am; 5:00 pm Spanish (**Blessing of Palms**)
before Masses at the Covid Memorial Garden)

Wednesday of HolyWeek, April 5th 12 noon Mass.

Holy Thursday, April 6th: 6:30 pm Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper,
(washing of feet) followed by Eucharistic Adoration
until 10pm in the Parish Hall. (No noon Mass)

Good Friday, April 7th: 3:00 pm Stations of the Cross (No noon Mass)
3:30 pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord: Adoration
of the Cross, & Holy Communion
6:00 pm Santo Viacrucis Los Siete Dolores de la
Virgen Maria. (Cachagua Community Park)

Holy Saturday, April 8th: (NO 3:30PM Confessions NO 4:30 pm Mass)

**8:00 pm Bilingual Easter Vigil - Blessing of the Fire at
the Covid Memorial Garden.**

Easter Sunday, April 9th: 9:00 am Mass; 11:15 am Bilingual Mass
(No 5pm Spanish Mass)

HOLY
WEEK



SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — Friday, 12 noon

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil at 4:30 PM

Sunday at 9:00 and 11:15 AM in English, 5:00 PM in Spanish

Reconciliation

Saturday at 3:30 PM and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday — Friday:

10 AM - 12 PM; 2 - 4 PM

The church is open Wednesday — Sunday from 10 AM to 4 PM for personal prayer.

“At the heart of silence is prayer. At the heart of prayer is faith. At the heart of faith is life. At the heart of life is service.” St. Teresa of Avila

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intentions March 25th - 31th 2023

Sat. March 25th 4:30pm: Health of: - **Jose Rodriguez**

Sun. March 26th 9:00 am:

Health of: - **Adrienne DiGirolamo**

11:15 am: + **Edith Davis (13th Anniversary)**

1pm **Confirmation Mass Bishop Daniel Garcia**

No 5:00 Spanish Mass

Wed. March 29th 12 noon: + **Alexander Gray**

Thurs. March 30th 12 noon: + **Faithful Departed**

Fri. March 31st 12 noon: + **Robert Carmona**

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest

WEEKLY COLLECTION

March 18-19 2023

General Fund & EFT: **\$1,993.57**

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish Community

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- **RCIA / Adult Faith Formation:** John Condon

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The Diocese has set our minimum contribution to them this year at \$10,900.

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Our target for AMA 2023 is \$41,000, and we hope to exceed this amount.

As of the end of this past week, we have donations to AMA 2023 from **31 parish families totaling \$17,328**, or 42% of our financial goal.

Thank you for your generosity to our Parish Community

2023 Annual Ministry Appeal
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