

# fifth Sunday OF Lent

MARCH 29  
2020

THE TOMB OF  
LAZARUS  
AL-EIZARIYA  
(BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,  
"Lazarus, come out!"

JOHN 11:43

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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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Rev. Mr. Leonard "Len" Sanchez

### Celebration of the Sacraments:

**Mass:** Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 9:30 AM  
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 9:00 AM  
Wednesday: 5:00 PM

### Reconciliation:

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# Welcome Visitors!

*We hope that you have enjoyed celebrating Mass with us and felt welcomed in our church as your "home away from home." Whether you are new to the area or have lived here for years, you are invited to join our parish family. Please come again!*

***Bishop Strickland instructed us to share these spiritual opportunities with our parishioners.***

### **COVID-19 Resources from St. Philip Institute**

The St. Philip Institute has a web page with many resources and videos, including Mass with Bishop Strickland. This page is the hub for spiritual and educational resources during this time. It can be found at: <https://stphilipinstitute.org/faith-and-reason-resources-for-covid-19/>

### **Catholic Charities Nurse Hotline**

Catholic Charities-Diocese of Tyler has established a Nurse Hotline. Registered Nurses are available by phone (English and Spanish) to help parishioners in the diocese address any health issues, not just virus related. Please call (903) 258-9492 ext. 108 to leave a message for a nurse call back.

### **Special Grant of Plenary Indulgences**

Pope Francis has granted a plenary indulgence to the faithful suffering from the coronavirus disease, to those in quarantine, to healthcare workers, and to any of the faithful who offer certain prayers for an end to the epidemic. A summary of the indulgence following this page.

## **Plenary Indulgence Granted by Pope Francis** *On the Occasion of the Current World Epidemic*

A plenary indulgence is granted to:

- The faithful suffering from Coronavirus and those under quarantine if they spiritually unite through media to:
  - The celebration of Holy Mass, or
  - The recitation of the Holy Rosary, or
  - The pious practice of the Way of the Cross, or
  - Any other devotion.
- Health care workers, family members, and all those caring for the sick of Coronavirus and who are exposing themselves to the risk of contagion.
- Any of the faithful who offer one of the following to implore from Almighty God an end to the epidemic, relief for the afflicted, and eternal salvation for dead:
  - A visit to the Blessed Sacrament, or
  - Eucharistic Adoration, or
  - Reading the Holy Scriptures for at least half an hour, or
  - Recitation of the Holy Rosary, or
  - Recitation of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

To obtain this plenary indulgence, one must:

1. Have a spirit of detachment from any sin.
2. Recite the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and a pious invocation to the Blessed Virgin Mary (a Hail Mary), offering this trial in a spirit of faith in God and charity towards their brothers and sisters.
3. Have the will to fulfil the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion and prayer according to the Holy Father's intentions), as soon as possible.

A plenary indulgence is also granted under the same conditions to all those who join Pope Francis through media for a prayer service and the *Urbi et orbi* Blessing on Friday, March 27 at 6 p.m. Rome Time (12 p.m. U.S. Central Time).

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*Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452).” Perfect contrition requires:*

- *the love of God*
- *the sincere desire for forgiveness*
- *the ardent commitment to receive the sacrament of reconciliation when available*



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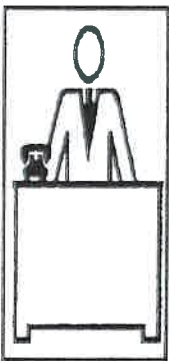
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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### We remember in our prayers all the sick, especially the following:

Jo Ann Crowell. Ann Richardson. Patricia Guy. Jacob Stephens. Randy Burriss. Albert Hernandez. Lucy Munoz. Karina Hawkins. Mike Fleming. Frankie Durst. Susie Strickland. Doug Lawson. Dana Moffatt. Emly Walker. Eva Corrigan. Francis Young. Mike Brown. Mary Margaret Ellison. John Kominis. Ester Coronel. Diane Stanley. Chase Larsson. Elise Sugg. Joann Rayl. Rose Kennedy. Judy Fazio. Marsha & Marty Blahitka. Carolyn Edwards. Joshua Larson. Avery Boultinghouse. Wanda Stephens. Wanda Thompson. Kathryn Allen. Jim & Geri O'Neil. We list the names of our sick Parishioners. Friends and Relatives for one month.

### Please pray for the men and women active military service

from our parish community: 2LT Joseph Chandler, U.S. Army (Nephew of Mike & Margaret Jernigan) Seaman Logan Adkinson (great grandson of Fr. Mike). Jay Guajardo, Navy Rescue School (Great Nephew of Lex & Liza Forster). Airman First Class Natalie York (Daughter of Steve & Julie York). Pvt First Class Randall Scheaffer US Army (Grandson of Carlos & Pat Gallardo). Lt. Col. William P Shea. (Nephew of Deacon Sam and Nancy Mullen). Colonel John Anthony Fontana. U.S. Army (Son of John & Mary Fontana). Ensign Gary Buchanan; 2ndLt. Blake Gaughan (Nephews of Jess & Eva Corrigan). E-3RJames Morgan (SonInLaw of Kathy & Dale Boman) Paul Moreno USCG (Grandson of Kathy & Dale Boman). Staff Sergeant Daniel Hodan. U.S. Army (Grandson of Ron & Barbara Eamma). Warrant Officer Michael Hauck (brother of Jeff & Cathy Ellis) & Seaman Rainer Hauck (nephew of Jeff & Cathy Ellis).

### Fr. Mike's Private Mass—Intentions

**Sat 3/28** For those that have lost their jobs or laid off

**Sun 3/29** Parishioners

**Tue 3/31** Community Mom & Pop Business

**Wed 4/01** Truckers & Delivery Services

**Thurs 4/02** HLR Neighbors

**Fri. 4/03** Medical & Public Health Professionals

**Sat 4/04** Civic leaders

### NOTICE: Confessions & Visiting the Church

Sat., 4:00-5:00pm; Sun., 8:00-9:00am; Tues., 10:00am—12:00Noon and Wed., 5:00—6:00pm  
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

### PARISH SUPPORT

<b>Required Weekly Funds</b>	<b>\$ 3,962</b>
<b>Offerings March 22nd</b>	<b>\$ 1,329</b>

One can Give without Loving...But one cannot Love without Giving

Due to the suspended public masses amid the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), collections will be posted on a weekly basis.

Our expenses are continuing while all these decisions with the COVID-19 Virus is impacting significantly our financial situation. Please remember to support our Parish financially by mailing in your contributions. Now, might be the time to set up automatic bill pay with your bank on a weekly/monthly basis.

### GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

### POPE'S UNIVERSAL INTENTION FOR APRIL

#### Freedom from Addiction

That those suffering from addiction may be helped and accompanied.

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading:** Thus says the Lord GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm:** With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading:** If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel:** Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### 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]

## EVENTS AND NEWS

**March 2020 Second Collections:** 29th: "Special Collection for Puerto Rico (Dominican Sisters of Fatima and Diocese of Mayaguez)".

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**Note from Fr. Mike:** We are all affected by the COVID-19 by one way or another. I appreciate your parish support from those of you who have automatic bank drafts; hand delivered or mailed your contributions to Holy Spirit. I am so very grateful during this evolving situation.

God Bless and stay safe.

Have you forgotten we have our beautiful outdoors Meditation Garden that you may visit, pray and say the stations of the cross anytime.

If you have an emergency or would like to set up an appointment for Fr. Mike to hear your confession call him on his cell # 903-490-3883.

**Note from Bishop Strickland:** I still plan to provide a public update at the beginning of April, but nothing official until we hear from Governor Abbott. While I remain hopeful for a quick return to normal, we will simply have to wait and see what this constantly changing situation brings.

The Gardens Nursing Home in Hawkins is in need of body wash, deodorant, disposable razors, wash cloths & bath towels, body lotion, bars of soap, shampoo and dental items. Drop off items in marked box between church and parish hall. Questions: call David Kelly 903-857-9868.

### PUBLIC MASSES, ACTIVITIES, ETC. SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE BY ORDER OF BISHOP STRICKLAND

Men's Bible Study will start back up hopefully after Easter. Deacon Len is organizing a Woman's Bible Study. Please watch your bulletin for more information.

### MARCH EVENTS & NEWS

**Sat., Mar. 28th:** Confession & Individual Prayers 4:00-5:00pm. *Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distance.*

**Sun., Mar., 29th:** Confession & Individual Prayers 8:00-9:00am. *Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distance.*

**Tues., Mar., 31st:** Confessions: 10:00am—12:00 Noon  
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### APRIL EVENTS & NEWS

All Liturgical events have been cancelled till further notice by Bishop Strickland.

**Wed., Apr. 1st:** Confession & Individual Prayers 5:00-6:00pm. *Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distance.*

**Sat., Apr. 4th:** Confession & Individual Prayers 4:00-5:00pm. *Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distance.*

**Sun., Apr. 5th:** Confession & Individual Prayers 8:00-9:00am. *Please be mindful of the 6 feet social distance.*

with the Ceremony of the Washing of the Feet.

**Good Fri. Apr. 10th:** Church open from noon—3:00pm.  
3pm Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross & Communion.

**Sat. Apr. 11th:** Vigil Mass at 8:30pm .

**Easter Sun., Apr. 12th:** Mass of the Resurrection at 9:30am.

### 10th Annual Casino Dinner

Due to current circumstances, our April 25th Casino Dinner is being postponed until it is safe to reschedule. We will draw winners of the raffle at the rescheduled date.

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