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## FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 26, 2023



### 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."  
- Jn 11:25

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#### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday: Morning Prayer-8:30 am .

Mass 7:00 pm , Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament, 8-11 pm.

Good Friday: Morning Prayer -- 8:30 am.

Passion Service — 3:00 pm

Youth Stations of the Cross—7:00 pm.

Holy Saturday: Morning Prayer—8:30 am.

Blessing of Easter Food 12:00

Easter Vigil—8:00 pm.

#### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses at 7:30, 10:00 & 11:30 am.

Vietnamese Mass—8:30 am.

#### Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. *Amen.*

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### MASS TIMES

**Saturday Vigil Sat 4:00 pm.**

**Sun: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30.**

**(Vietnamese), 8:30.**

**Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.**

**Confession Thurs. 3:00-4:00  
and 7:00-7:30 pm.**

**The church is open 7:30 am to  
9:00 pm to visit the Lord for  
quiet prayer.**

**Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.**

**Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the  
rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet.**

**Benediction: 11:55 a.m.**

**Call the parish for any need,  
anointing of the sick or home  
visits for communion. Office  
hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

### Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this

**Lent in the communal form of the Sacrament at  
these times....**

**St. Michael Archangel, Mon. March 27rd, 4:00 pm.**

**St. Thomas Aquinas, Tue. March 28th—4 pm.**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch, Wed. March 29th 7 pm.**



### STATIONS of the CROSS

**Come pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 on the  
Fridays of Lent. My Lord, Jesus Christ, You have  
made this journey to die for me with unspeakable  
love. Yet, I have many times ungratefully aban-  
doned You. Now I love You with all my heart. I am  
sincerely sorry for ever having offended You. Have  
mercy me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey.  
You go to die for love of me; I want to follow you, to die to myself for  
love of You. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You..**

### *Noticing God in Our Everyday Lives.*

*Thank you picking up a book to join  
us in this adventure to simply no-  
tice God in new ways that will bring  
a lasting impact from the book  
"And That Got Me to Thinking".  
Lent is coming to an end. It is our  
hope that groups might continue  
to meet during the weeks of East-  
er. We hope to work with you as our  
parish take on the practice of no-  
ticing God in our daily life.*

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. 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.

**Parish Staff—Pastor, Fr. William Fickel, SSS; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Long, SSS**

**Parish Administrator, Christine DeLieto; Stewardship, Laura Worhacz;**

**Faith Formation Director, Charlene Vassalli; Choir Director, Tierra Carson Booth;**

**Secretary, Anabella Batista; Maintenance, Rocky Hieu Nguyen; Chef/Hall Rental, Mark Brose**



## PARISH GIVING MARCH 12, 2023

Sunday Offering	\$8,513.00
Candle Money	\$ 269.00
<b>Total (Thank You!)</b>	<b>\$8,782.00</b>

Visit [www.svdpl.com](http://www.svdpl.com) for online giving.

### Mass Attendance 768

4:00 p.m.	230	\$1667.00
7:30 a.m.	82	\$ 985.00
8:30 a.m.	128	\$ 668.00
10:00 a.m.	189	\$1198.00
11:30 a.m.	139	\$1392.00
Mail In		\$1279.00
Additional		\$ 584.00
<b>Easter Flowers</b>		<b>\$ 740.00</b>

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

The Mass is live streamed on Sat. at 4:00 p.m.



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**NEXT ORDER: April 3, 2023**

## Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Thank you for worshipping with us!**

**Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week,**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 26</b>
7:30am	Joanie Lichtsteiner+ (family)
8:30AM	Parishioners
10:00am	Marivic & Regina Tigla+ (Marilyn Tigla)
11:30am	Marc Georgio+ & Jerry Georgio+ (Marie Picone)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 27</b>
8:30am	Margaret & Ray Flanders, special intention (Edd & Ann Richardson) and Rev. J. T. Lane, SSS, healing (Lay Associates)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 28</b>
8:30am	Jose Kutty Kurian+ (Leelama Jose) and Espie Steward, special intentions (Edd & Ann Richardson)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 29</b>
8:30am	William Leach+ (Anita McMahon) and Mary Margaret Flack+ (Dian McGowan)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 30</b>
8:30am	Margaret Jordan+ (Joan Rosamilia) and Ray & Sylvia Archibold, anniversary blessings (Margaret & Ray Flanders)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 31</b>
8:30am	Luigi Zunino, conversion (M. Zunino) and Mary Brady (Edd & Ann Richardson)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 1</b>
8:30am	Mothers of the Blessed Sacrament and John Riordan+ (Jean Flynn)
4:00pm	Jose Perez+ (family)

## Readings for the Week

### Readings for the week of March 26, 2023

Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/ Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/ Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/ Phil 2:6-11/Mt26:14-27:66

## Finance Corner

### Where does the money go? A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying these bills: Phone and Internet (Office) \$487.95, Internet (Church) \$38.16, School Assessment \$951.92, Cathedraticum \$634.62, Mass Cards \$106.23, Repair AC in Rectory \$2400, Property and Liability Insurance \$4368.34, Water & Sewer \$166.96, Employee Benefits \$2444.09, Payroll \$6281.10 and Payroll Taxes \$1261.02.

We are open seven days a week and serve many people in the area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

## HALL RENTAL

*St. Vincent de Paul* can meet your hall rental need with our spacious *Father Farrell Hall* for small or large events. Call the parish, or speak with Chief Mark Brose to reserve a date for your special occasion. We are happy to host you.

**We are here to open and share with you during a Year of Eucharistic Revitalization. You will enjoy and are welcome to join our First Friday Book Study. Join us in prayer and an option of dinner followed by an hour and half Book Study, held every First Friday.**

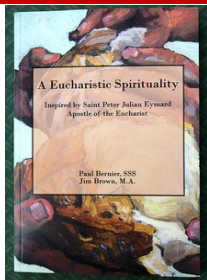
The First Friday in April is Good Friday, so we will meet on the 14th.

The book title; *A Eucharistic Spirituality*, Inspired by Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist. The Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament, take a walk with Fr. Paul Bernier, S.S.S. and Jim Brown, chapter by chapter to deepen your love for the Eucharist.

Read a chapter a month, offered by the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sign Up** on the website or contact Gloria Jung, Margaret Flanders, or Marge Harris, [info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org](mailto:info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org) Website:

[www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org](http://www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org)

**Evening Prayer 4:40 pm.** ~Benediction ends at 5 pm, **Dinner Option** ~ from 5 pm to 6 pm, **Book Study Time** ~ from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **SIGN UP NOW**— Limited Books for sale in the parish office or order a book on line.



## Gospel Reflection

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life" whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do You Believe this?"*

This statement is perplexing. A person of this world who does not know God or Jesus will find it difficult to fathom its meaning. A person who knows God and Christ will understand what this is all about. In God there is no death.

In the heavenly context, people of this world are intrinsically dead until they begin to know God, love Him, serve Him, praise and glorify Him. This is why when Jesus says He is the resurrection and life, He means that when you believe in Him and then die the physical death, you will continue living.

This is because He will raise you spiritually and give you new life since He is the resurrection and life. This is reinforced by the fact that our spiritual life after physical death is more important than the physical life we have right now. It still means if you believe in Jesus Christ while you are still physically alive, then your soul is alive and it will never die after the body dies.

Martha, knew too well about the resurrection of the dead, that is why she told Jesus, "I know he [Lazarus] will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." But Jesus then taught us about the different resurrection and life that He is. Jesus is not interested so much on our short-lived physical life but the everlasting life that our souls will enjoy after our physical death.

Let us realize today that Jesus Christ came to teach us about the Kingdom of Heaven, so that He can raise us from the death we are in. Let us put into practice the teachings of Christ so that we can continue knowing God, loving him, serving and praising Him. By doing so, Jesus guarantees us everlasting life after our physical death.

**Prayer:** Lord Jesus Christ, we believe that You are the resurrection and life. We ask You to grant us strength to push through the challenges of this world without giving in to the temptations of the evil one. May You, during the last day, raise us to the new heavenly life where we will praise You, The Holy Spirit and our Heavenly Father, in communion with the Angels and Saints. **Amen.**



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In today's Gospel, Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead. In doing so, he forecasts two events: his return from the dead and ours. Death, and the events that follow, are challenging and often hide at the edge of our consciousness. It drives us to avoid aggressive drivers, work harder, or hold close the ones we love at goodbyes. As difficult as death is, the Resurrection is our hope and Lent is our time to pray, give and spread the word! "I am the Resurrection and the Life," says Jesus (John 11:25). When you support our Catholic Ministry Appeal, you enable us to deliver this same hope and mercy to those in need.

We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal! VISIT: [givetoministry.dosp.org](http://givetoministry.dosp.org):

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Please join our Catholic Ministry Appeal so that we may fulfill Jesus' command in today's Gospel to "do the works of God" (John 9:4). There is no higher work than liturgy. The word Liturgy means "work for the people." God's work works for us, too! Help our Catholic Ministry Appeal, so we can keep doing them. God bless you for it.



### Lenten Retreat at the House of Prayer

The Marian Servants of Divine Providence are hosting a weekend retreat, 711 S. Bayview Ave., Clearwater 33759, **March 31, 2023 thru April 2, 2023**. The theme of the retreat is: "And I will give you new hearts" and it will be presented by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV. The invitation of this Lenten retreat is to discover how our hearts have been broken, and how they can be healed & transformed by the power of His merciful gaze and live a more abundant life. For more information and to register for the retreat please visit: [divineprovidence.org/events](http://divineprovidence.org/events); email: [info@divineprovidence.org](mailto:info@divineprovidence.org) or ph. 727-797-7412. Flyer available at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/48nd64sx>.

### Strong Catholic Family Faith (SCFF)

Website, Pinterest Page and Facebook Page



Designed to help **Parish and School Leader** to partner with parents in bringing home the faith!

**Find Resources especially for Lent *HERE*.**

[www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/](http://www.catholicfamilyfaith.org/)

[www.pinterest.com/SCFamilyFaith/](http://www.pinterest.com/SCFamilyFaith/)

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**The Marriage Encounter Experience** is a skill-building enrichment program where together, you, as husband and wife, learn how to be the best couple you can be. Over a weekend, the **Marriage Encounter** experience will give you the tools to remain strong as a couple and be a united force to provide a stable and loving environment for your children. As you become empty-nesters, you can use the same tools to continue growing and thriving in your relationship, living a lifetime love.

To inquire about **WWME Weekends**:

Call 813-270-7832 or [wwme.org/apply](http://wwme.org/apply)

**Upcoming Weekends:**

**April 14-16, 2023, Residence Inn, Lutz, FL**

**July 7-9, 2023, Franciscan Center, Tampa, FL**

**November 17-19, 2023, Franciscan Center, Tampa, FL**

*Many people today are bombarded with too much stimulation that they miss what is right in front of their eyes. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus helps us see what is truly important in life. Look not to what is passing away. Set your vision on all that will endure. God's love is everlasting.*





The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness.

**This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 306 families, providing 12218 pounds of food, \$3,760 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

**God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.**

***Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.***

**Arts and Crafts Spring Sale on Friday**  
**March 31, 9:00-2:00 pm and 4:00-6:00 pm, and Saturday April 1, 9:00-2:00 pm.** We have something for Every Occasion: Easter, First Communion, mothers Day, Teacher Appreciation to name a few. Raffle tickets are available before and after all Masses, Prizes are \$100, \$75 and \$50.

We are looking for Chocolate wrapped donations for our Chinese Auction are appreciated. We look forward to greeting you at the sale!!!



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Friday Nite Dinners** Come be with us on Friday to enjoy an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" dinner for \$12.95. Spread the word and help us to put a flyer in your club house. Richard will give you one when you come to dinner. Join the Knights of Columbus. We thank all the Knights for showing up for our monthly meeting on the **Third Monday** of each month.



## *The Paschal Mystery of our Salvation*

liturgy of the Church, the celebration of the sacraments, and the seasons of Lent and Easter are particular times when we pay attention to what Jesus Christ has done for us through his passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension. Yet these are not the only times when we experience **the Paschal Mystery**. It is a part of our everyday life; it is the undercurrent of all that we do and all that we are.

What does this mean? How do I *experience* the Paschal Mystery? How does it affect me on a day-to-day basis? How do I become aware of its presence in my life in a real way and not just something I know about?

First, let's look at the Paschal Mystery in general terms, without any religious lingo. The Paschal Mystery is basically the process of dying and rising, death and new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives.

For example, we experience the process of dying and rising each year as we go through the different seasons. Summer is a time of vibrancy and life, which then gives way to fall, when leaves on the trees die and fall away and many plants seem to die. Winter comes and with it the frost and chill that seem to halt all growth and life. But after winter, when it seemed as if everything had died away, spring arrives. New life surrounds us. Daffodils and crocuses begin to push through the once-frozen ground. The bare branches of trees begin to show signs of new leaves.

We are a part of nature too. Not only do we experience the seasons and see the process of dying and rising, we also have our own dyings and risings. Sometimes these are obvious—for example, a grandparent dies or a baby is born. But other dyings and risings are less obvious. An experience of dying might be when you have an argument with a friend that leaves you feeling upset, or you see a homeless mother and child and don't know what to do to help. An experience of rising might be reconciling with someone you hurt or who hurt you, talking with your family about the homeless mother and child and discovering that an organization like the St. Vincent de Paul Society has the people and the resources to care for people who are homeless. These are some of the dyings and risings that we experience every day.

Now when we look at the Paschal Mystery in the context of our religious beliefs and the life of Jesus Christ, we come to a deeper meaning of dying and rising. Jesus Christ's passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension are the ultimate event of dying and rising, of death and new life. We learn from Jesus that new life can come from death, that we can find meaning in tough times, that there really is light in the darkness. We learn that all life has this rhythm of dying and rising and that God is with us in good times and in bad. Christ's experience of suffering, death, and new life has forever changed us and given us a different way of living. Death no longer has the last word. Plus, when we encounter tough times, we have the comfort of knowing that God has "been there, done that" and the power of hope that new life will come from death. Becoming conscious of our own dyings and risings helps us have a greater sense of compassion for others and a greater willingness to reach out.

Think about your own life. What is a dying or rising that you have experienced today, this week, this year? Reflect on that experience in light of the event of Jesus Christ's passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension.

You are invited to the **Annual Celebration of Divine**

**Mercy Sunday** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. On Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 pm. The program includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praises of Divine Mercy, Scripture Readings and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

A reception will follow in the Social Hall. Light refreshment and beverages will be provided. Church members are encouraged to bring their special dishes, finger foods or drinks to share.

Divine Mercy candles will be for sale, for placement at the Shrine. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 7. We will pray together after the daily 8:30 am Mass, every day except Easter Sunday (you will need to pray privately at home), until the novena ends on Saturday April 15th.