

PARISH EVENTS and LITURGIES

Sunday, March 22

- 8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
- 9:00 am Religious Education, FLC & SH
- 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - Joan Otto †**
- 11:30 am Children's Choir
- 11:30 am Roanoke Catholic School in Commons
- 12:00 pm Franciscans, SH & FLC
- 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Monday, March 23

- 12:00 pm Mass - Norene Beach (Intentions)**
- 7:00 pm Liturgy Committee, SH

Tuesday, March 24

- 11:00 am Confessions
- 12:00 pm Mass - William Murray †**
- 5:00 pm Lenten Confessions & Adoration
- 7:00 pm Valleywide Reconciliation Service
at Basilica of St. Andrew

Wednesday, March 25

- 3:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration (3-6:15pm & 7-9pm)
- 5:00 pm Confessions
- 6:30 pm Mass - Fr. Joseph Hai Nguyen †**

Thursday, March 26

- 12:00 pm Mass - Daniel Akers (Special Intention)**
- 7:00 pm OLPH Adult Choir
- 7:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

Friday, March 27

- 12:00 pm Mass - For 24 Hour Adoration**
- 1:00 pm 24 Hours of Perpetual Adoration**
- 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

- 12:00 am 24 Hours of Perpetual Adoration**
- 10:00 am First Communion Prep, SH
- 12:00 pm Mass - Closing of 24 Hour Adoration**
- 3:30 pm Confessions
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass - OLPH Parishioners**

Sunday, March 29

- 8:30 am Christian Initiation, FLC
- 9:00 am Religious Education, FLC & SH
- 10:30 am Preschool, FLC
- 10:30 am Mass - Roz Parker †**
- 11:30 am Making Palm Crosses & Cards, SH
- 5:00 pm Roanoke College Mass

**March 27 - Mass at 12:00 Noon
24 Hours of Adoration to
March 28 - Mass at 12:00 Noon**

Please come let us pack the church with this incredible 24 hours of Adoration. What an honor to have Our Lord so readily available, what graces for our parish to receive.

	March 28 Saturday Mass 5:00 pm	March 29 Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Altar Servers	Joshua Rodruquez Jacob Rodriquez	James Fukumoto Victoria Fukumoto
Lectors	Cathy Wizorek Nancy Harbach	Susan Thompson Kathryn Anderson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Christine Stanley Peggy Miller Parish Deacon	Vicky Rowland Barbara O'Connell Jenna Taylor Christina Stephenson Parish Deacon Laurie White Dexter Mukuni
Linen Washer		JoAnn Boucher
Ushers	Scott Kuhn Jack Miller Al Scalera Garry Secor	Bryan Boggs Maria Carrier David Hafey Greg St.Clair
Bus Driver		Mike McGuire

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK
March 22 - March 29, 2026**

- Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
- Monday:** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
- Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
- Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday:** Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
- Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
- Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13Jn 11:45-56
- Next Sunday:** Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Please pray for our sick, that they may be strengthened by the love of Christ.

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| Rob Ahlers | Placido de Guzman | Joseph Mukuni |
| Louise Amato | Therese Huynh | Judith Perrine |
| Joe Birkenmaier | Marita Keener | Nancy Rondeau |
| Fr. Tom Collins | Bernie Langheim | Jax & Janie Tamandl |
| Johanna Espelage | | John Wizorek |

March 22, 2026
5th Sunday of Lent
John 11:1-45

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, *Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "Lazarus, come out!" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns.* And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. **Not at first.** Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, *"Untie him and let him go"* (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

Lenten challenge: Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

~ Father John Muir

RECEPTION FOR AFTER THE EASTER VIGIL



One of the most important nights of the year is the Easter Vigil. This is when the Elect are baptized and

received into the Catholic Church along with those who will be making a profession of faith and will join us as well at the table of The Lord. After the vigil there is a reception in the Social Hall to celebrate. We are looking for people to donate items for this special event. In the pew you will find forms to fill out with what you might be able to bring. Please fill out and then leave them in the pew and they will be picked up later. Thank you for your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Any time we have an event we always need people to help. The reception for the Easter Vigil is one of these events. People are needed for set-up, serving and clean-up. Please see where you can be of service on the above form and sign-up. Many thanks for everything that you do. We couldn't do these things without volunteers.

WEEKLY OFFERING	March 14 & 15, 2026	JULY 1YTD
Sunday - Holy Days	\$13,283.00	\$477,819.00
Total Income Budgeted	\$10,710.00	\$402,717.00
Better or Worse	\$ 2,573.00	\$ 75,102.00
Capital Improvement	\$ 570.00	\$ 52,486.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.
 Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.
 Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.
 Where the ground feels dry,
 break through with life anew.
 ~ Amen.

