

St. William

March 28, 2020

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28th

+Barbie Thompson
by Joannie and Chrissie Thompson

Saturday, April 4th

+Rich Thompson
by Family



Weekly Contributions

March 28, 2020

Adult Envelopes.....	\$.00
Loose.....	\$.00
Online Giving.....	\$	200.00

Thank you for your generosity

All Mass Intentions will be said privately.

Liturgical Roles

Thank you to all our Communion Ministers, Readers, Ushers, Servers and Sacristans. Your service is greatly appreciated.

Pray for Their Health and Welfare

Krista Hudacek Lambert
Julia Dalbec
Fr. Ron Olson
Judy Ross
Bill Ross
Francis Hall
Maryann Grymala

Mary Kuntz
Patricia Lindquist
Erma Harty
Wendy Johnson
Carolyn Ward
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Pray for Those in the Armed Forces

Nathaniel Grymala
Nathan Blair

Joe Austin
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- Our website for weekly bulletins and undated information: superiorcatholics.org
- Use the myParish app (instructions to download are listed on the back)
- Online at Formed.org (instructions to download are listed on the back)
- Facebook pages: Cathedral of Christ the King, Cathedral School, St. Anthony-Superior, Holy Assumption, St. Anthony-Lake Nebagamon, St. William
- My website for daily homilies and presentations: studyprayserve.com
- And for those of you who do not use online resources: read your Bible, pray the Rosary, use the devotionals that were mailed to your home, or read any of the books handed out at Christmas and Easter



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jesus told her, "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?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

- Jn 11:25-27

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CSA Parish Goal Summary 2020
as of March 4, 2020

CSA – 2020 Goal	\$ 5,129.00
Total Payments & Pledges:	2,665.00
Remaining to Raise	\$ 2,464.00

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic Services Appeal obligation.

WEEKLY MEDITATION

Let's take a step back and look at the readings:

- **1st** - Ezekiel tells the people that the Lord will give them his spirit to rise from their graves
- **Psalm** - "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption."
- **2nd** - St Paul states that we will rise from the dead because the Spirit is in us
- **Gospel** - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

Life and death. Throughout the readings this week these powerful realities weave together, reminding us that how we live and face our death has eternal consequences.

Throughout the earthly ministry of Jesus he consistently taught that our lives provide precious opportunities to serve and care for one another. Forgiveness, mercy, compassion, service, healing and outreach to the poor are themes that surface repeatedly throughout the Gospels. **WHAT** we do and **HOW** we do it reveal the depth of our discipleship and our willingness to follow the Lord through this life.

Yet we also know that death is an experience that comes to us all. We have stood at the graves of our loved ones, grieved for those who have gone before us, and dealt with the ache in our hearts when someone we care about is no longer with us. Death reminds us that our opportunity to share our lives on earth has a limit, that we only have so much time on this rock before we are called into eternity.

And the fact that something awaits us after death is a conviction that shapes both how we live and die. God gives us immortal souls, created to be united in the great Heavenly chorus. Yet even this is a choice; out of love the Lord gives us the freedom to choose...will we follow the Lord or a different path?

Fr. Andrew



With the Lord there is mercy,
and fullness of redemption.

Question for Children: How do your actions show that you put your faith and trust in Jesus?

Question for Youth: Lazarus received a second chance at life through Jesus. How have you experienced second chances in your own life?

Question for Adults: The death from which we are called is healing from those things which bind us and hold us back: memories, fears, rejection, or other such things. What binds you? What keeps you from fully being your own most true self in Christ?

ONLINE GIVING



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Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/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 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/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/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Ls 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/ Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Although the Catholic Charities Building is closed to the public, our Society continues to serve those in need. We have had to change the way we meet with people - telephone conference calling is now one way in which we are reaching out to those in need. We are serving many families with children who are homeless as shelters are full with long waiting lists. Please continue to hold these families and individuals in your prayers. Imagine trying to quarantine yourself when you have no home.

If you or someone you know is in need please have them leave a message at 715-398-4039. We cannot accept goods at this time, but financial donations can be sent to SVDP 1416 Cumming Ave. Superior, WI 54880



A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC



The ancient fresco of Madonna del Soccorso (Our Lady of Help) in St. Peter's Basilica was restored with the support of the Knights of Columbus to mark the Year of Faith (2012-2013). Photo courtesy of Fabbrica di San Pietro/M. Falcioni.

O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.

*Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.*

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?*
- ★ *In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?*

*You shall know that I am
the LORD, when I open your
graves and make you come
up out of them, my people!*

EZEKIEL 37:13

Dear Padre,

I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?

Being judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org



Calendar

Monday

MARCH 30
Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62
or 13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 31
Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

APRIL 1
Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14–20,
91–92, 95
Jn 8:31–42

Thursday

APRIL 2
Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

APRIL 3
Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

APRIL 4
Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

APRIL 5
*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*
Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66
or Mt 27:11–54



A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"

—HOMILY, APRIL 6, 2014