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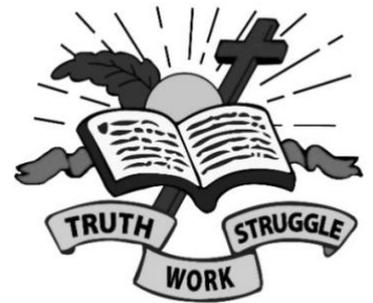
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March 26, 2023

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent / Passion Sunday**

### FAITH SHARING

Death with hope in resurrection, challenging us to be alive and not spiritually dead by mortal sin, is the central theme today.

Reporting his vision in the first reading, Ezekiel bears witness to the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for the return of the exiles to the Promised Land. He assures them that God's life-giving Breath will restore them, His people, will give them new life, and will resettle them in their land.

St. Paul, in the second reading, assures the early Roman Christians who were facing death by persecution, and us, surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us, will raise our mortal bodies to life on the Last Day. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus the basis for our Hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection.

For John, in today's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus, the sixth sign that he is the Deliverer, is a symbolic narrative of his Final Victory over death at the cost of his human life, and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world.

### Responsorial Psalm

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**



### ENTRANCE HYMN (Daniel 12:2-3)

V. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; Some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace.

**R. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever.**

V. Lord, for us Your wounds were suffered.

**R. O Christ Jesus, have mercy on us.**

### Gospel

**JN 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

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."

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept.

So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days."

Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth.

So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Today's Hymns

**Processional Hymn**  
195 Morning Hymn

**Hymn to the Holy Spirit**  
144 Come, Thou Creator

**Offertory Hymn**  
178 Jesus Bless Your Faithful People

**Communion Hymn**  
Jesus Christ, Bread of Life

**Recessional Hymn**  
Nearer My God to Thee

### WORSHIP SERVICES

**Sunday, March 26**  
Passion Sunday

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Sunday, April 2**

Palm Sunday

**12:00 Noon – Holy Mass**

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**Friday, April 7**

Good Friday

**3:00 PM – Liturgy of our Lord's  
Passion, Veneration of the Cross,  
Holy Communion, the symbolic  
Entombment**

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**Sunday, April 9**

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of our Lord

**12:00 Noon – Resurrection Mass**

### SECOND COLLECTIONS IN 2023

4/2 - For the Mission Fund

5/7 - For the Mission Fund

6/4 - For the Mission Fund

6/18 - Father's Day – For the Clergy  
Pension Fund

7/2 - For the Mission Fund

8/6 - For the Mission Fund

8/27 - Youth Sunday – For the Youth  
Fund

9/3 - For the Mission Fund

9/10 - Solemnity – Brotherly Love –  
For the Bp. Hodur Retreat Center

10/1 - For the Mission Fund

10/15 - Heritage Sunday – Outreach to  
Poland Collection

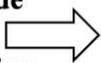
11/5 - For the Mission Fund

12/3 - For the Mission Fund

12/31 - Solemnity- Humble Shepherds  
– Seminary Fund

1/7 - For the Mission Fund

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

Let us pray for all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, especially: Howard Friedman, Michael and Patricia Havrilla, Gerry Brunson, Frank and Shellie Fisher, Gregg Smith, Clint Koch, Duane Schulte, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Stephanie Besterici, David Potts, Andrew Chernesky, Joan Piechota, John Smith, Ernie Hoffman, Peggy Harris, Ina Reese, Tom Goff, Donald Gavenda, Michelle Freer, Kay Stampone, Jan Cherneski, Ewelina Mendelewski-Filyushchenko, Richard Golazewski, Jane Aldorshoff, Elizabeth McAlanis, Dolores McGlone, Marianna Pelka

Please keep us informed that we might minister to those who are ill at home, in the hospital or nursing home.

### ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Most loving Jesus, I adore You in the Most Blessed Sacrament, in Which You are truly present. I love You above all things and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot receive You sacramentally, I ask You to come spiritually into my heart and heal my soul. I embrace You and unite myself with You; may I never be separated from You. In flame my heart with the fire of Your love, my Lord and Savior.

### THE RULES OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE FOR LENT

Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays in Lent including GOOD FRIDAY.

Everyone 18 years of age and under 60 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

### ALMSGIVING – OUR LENTEN OBLIGATION

Let us remember that Christ said, "Whatever you do for the least one of my brothers, you do it for Me." As Christians we are obliged to help. Look around you and seek for the opportunity to support those who find themselves less blessed than ourselves.

### FLOWER DONATIONS

If you would like to make a donation of flowers to adorn the Altars during Easter season. This is a beautiful way to remember a departed loved one or to honor a living loved one. Please contact Peggy for details.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Sunday during Lent after 12:00 Noon Mass.



### MASS INTENTION REQUEST FORM

Mass for \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mass stipend \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this form and the Mass stipend to Rev. Mariusz Mularczyk, 2330 Margaret St, Philadelphia, PA 19137