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We are a faith-based Catholic community whose members are enriched by the celebration of the Sacraments and opportunities to deepen our prayer lives. Guided by the Word of God and family values, we strive always to be a beacon of light for the lost, the lonely, the marginalized, and all those seeking the truth as we walk in the footsteps of those first disciples of Jesus and our patron St. Polycarp.

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday

5:00 PM English

7:00 PM Vietnamese

Sunday

7:30 AM English

9:00 AM Spanish

11:00 AM English

1:00 PM Spanish

4:00 PM Vietnamese

6:00 PM Spanish

WEEKDAY MASSES

6:30 AM English (Mon-Fri)

8:30 AM English (Mon-Sat)

6:30 PM Spanish (Mon)

6:30 PM Vietnamese (Fri)

EUCCHARISTIC

ADORATION

9:00 AM - 10 AM (Fri)

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM (Sat)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

7:15 PM (Monday)

9:00 AM (Friday)

3:30 PM (Saturday)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sunday

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

1:30 PM - 3:30 PM



5th Sunday OF LENT

"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." Jn 11:43-45



POPE'S INTENTION - MARCH

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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MARCH 22, 2026

Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de marzo de 2026

- Domingo:** Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/
Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17.
20-27. 33-45
- Lunes:** Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13,
41-62/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Jn 8, 1-11
- Martes:** Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/
Jn 8, 21-30
- Miércoles:** Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10/Sal 39, 7-8. 8b-9.
10. 11/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38
- Jueves:** Gn 17, 3-9/Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 8, 51-59
- Viernes:** Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7/
Jn 10, 31-42
- Sábado:** Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13 /
Jn 11, 45-56
- Domingo:** Mt 21, 1-11 (37)/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20.
23-24/Is 50, 4-7/Flp 2, 6-11/
Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54

Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 22 de marzo

- Domingo:** 5º Domingo de Cuaresma
- Lunes:** San Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo
- Miércoles:** La Anunciación del Señor
- Domingo:** Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo;
Comienza la Semana Santa

(PRACTICANDO) CATÓLICA: RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Por Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Mini reflexión: Jesús podría haber resucitado a cualquier persona al azar de entre los muertos en este, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Entonces, si pudiese haber sido cualquiera, ¿por qué fue Lázaro?

Lo que Lázaro Quería

"Debe ser una locura, ser Dios", dijo uno de mis amigos en la escuela preparatoria. "¿Se siente como jugar a Los Sims todo el día? ¿Simplemente hacer que la gente haga cosas porque quieres ver qué pasa?"

Creo que todos a veces caemos en esta forma retorcida de pensar sobre la omnipotencia de Dios. Es comprensible, hasta cierto punto. La fragilidad de nuestra propia agencia en este mundo, nuestra capacidad real para impactar o cambiar cualquier cosa ... bueno, todo se siente especialmente insignificante cuando lo pones al lado del poder del Creador. "Oh Dios, tu mar es tan grande", dice la oración del viejo pescador. "Y mi bote es tan pequeño".

Pero hoy, al resucitar a Lázaro de entre los muertos, se nos recuerda que Dios quiere darnos albedrío.

Jesús podría haber resucitado a cualquier persona al azar de entre los muertos en este, el quinto domingo de Cuaresma. Su intención era clara: prefigurar su propia pasión, muerte y

resurrección, y exhibir la cercanía de Dios a los que lloran. "Esta enfermedad no va a terminar en la muerte", les dice a sus compañeros. "sino para la gloria de Dios, para que el Hijo de Dios sea glorificado por ella". (Juan 11:4)

Entonces, si pudiese haber sido cualquiera, ¿por qué fue Lázaro?

Creo que la respuesta tiene que ser que esto fue algo con lo que Lázaro estuvo de acuerdo. Quizás no de una manera explícita, porque no conocía la mente ni los planes de Dios. Pero en su amistad con Jesús, en la fuerza de su fe y la profundidad de su devoción a Dios, en cada oración que pronunciaba —"Señor, hágase tu voluntad"— estaba de acuerdo. Una y otra vez, en lo que decía y lo que hacía, Lázaro, amado amigo de Cristo, dijo: "Señor, te amo. Señor, úsame".

En esta última semana completa de Cuaresma, digámoslo con él: "Señor, te amo. Señor, úsame".

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO – ALENTAR UN ENTENDIMIENTO MÁS PROFUNDO DE LA ESCRITURA

Está por terminar la Cuaresma; un domingo más y estaremos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos. Cuarenta días de preparación para la Pascua están por concluir. Hemos acompañado a Jesús que pasó por las tentaciones en el desierto; luego subimos con Él al monte de la Transfiguración; fuimos al pozo de Jacob con la mujer samaritana y encontramos el Agua Viva; llegamos a la piscina de Siloé y fuimos curados de nuestras cegueras. Y hoy, celebramos el domingo en el que resucitaremos junto con Lázaro. La resurrección de Lázaro es un triunfo sobre la muerte. Pero antes de este milagro, Marta, la hermana de Lázaro, sale al encuentro de Jesús y, en su diálogo, Él le dice: *"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida. El que cree en mí, aunque muera, vivirá"* (Juan 11:26). Jesús nos hace hoy la misma pregunta que le hizo a Marta: *"¿Crees esto?"* ¿Qué le respondes tú? ¿Has experimentado algún cambio en tu corazón durante esta Cuaresma?

Si nuestra fe es madura, viviremos como resucitados desde ahora, no solo al final de nuestra vida. Demos, pues, a Jesús una respuesta profunda y comprometida con nosotros mismos y con quienes nos rodean. Respondamos como Marta y como Pedro: *"Sí, Señor, creo"*. Señor, ayúdanos a ser parte de tu proyecto de vida, a construir un mundo mejor donde reine la paz. Queremos ser testigos de esperanza, donde tu amor exista a través de nuestra vida y nuestro caminar hacia Ti. Jesús nos dice hoy a cada uno de nosotros: *"¡Lázaro, sal fuera!"* (Juan 11:43).

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Ngày Lau Lá

Chung tay chuẩn bị cho Lễ Lá

Thứ Tư - 25/3/26

ngay sau Thánh Lễ 8:30 sáng
tại Hội Trường Giáo Xứ.

Kính mời cộng đoàn cùng đến phụ giúp lau và chuẩn bị lá dừa cho các thánh lễ Chúa Nhật Lễ Lá.

Đây là sinh hoạt hằng năm quy tụ đông đảo thiện nguyện viên, cùng nhau rửa lá, tía lá và chuẩn bị cho từng thánh lễ trong tinh thần phục vụ và hiệp nhất. Vừa làm việc Chúa, vừa có dịp gặp gỡ nhau trong tinh thần.

Giáo xứ chân thành tri ân sự dẫn thân và lòng quảng đại của quý ông bà anh chị em.

Như một lời cảm ơn, giáo xứ sẽ chuẩn bị pizza và nước uống dành cho tất cả các thiện nguyện viên.

Phân Ưu

Giáo Xứ Thánh Polycarp xin thành kính phân ưu cùng Tang Quyển trước sự ra đi của:

Chị ANNA TRƯƠNG THU HÀ

đã được Chúa gọi về ngày 3 tháng 3 năm 2026

"Ta là sự sống lại và là sự sống."

"Ai tin vào Ta thì dù đã chết cũng sẽ được sống."

(Ga. 11,25)

Nguyện xin Thiên Chúa giàu lòng thương xót

sớm đón nhận linh hồn **ANNA**

vào hưởng Nhan Thánh Chúa,

và xin Người ban ơn nâng đỡ, ủi an Tang Quyển trong lúc đau buồn này.

Cộng Đoàn thành kính phân ưu.

Thánh Turibius Mogrovejo

LỄ THÁNH: 23 THÁNG 3

Turibius Alfonso đang giữ vai trò Chánh Án Tòa Thẩm Tra tại Tây Ban Nha thì Vua Philip II ra lệnh tấn phong cho ngài làm tổng giám mục thừa sai của một thuộc địa ở Tân Thế Giới. Ngài chưa từng là linh mục, sao ngài có thể được tấn phong làm tổng giám mục? Bất chấp những lời phản đối kịch liệt, Turibius vẫn lãnh nhận chức thánh. Hai năm sau, ngài được tấn phong giám mục và rời lên đường đi Tân Thế Giới, được bổ nhiệm làm tổng giám mục của thuộc địa Peru thuộc Tây Ban Nha.

Sự thánh thiện và nhân cách mạnh mẽ của Turibius đã được khẳng định rõ ràng. Từ nhỏ, ngài đã chuyên tâm đọc kinh Mân Côi mỗi ngày và cầu nguyện Kinh Nhật Tụng Kính Đức Mẹ Maria, cũng như siêng năng ăn chay và bố thí. Ngài tiếp tục thực hành những điều này suốt cuộc đời mình.

Sau khi đến thuộc địa mới, Turibius đã thực hiện cuộc hành trình dài khoảng 600 dặm từ bờ biển vào sâu trong đất liền đến Lima. Trên đường đi, ngài thuyết giảng, ban Bí tích Rửa Tội và Bí Tích Thêm Sức cho những ai tìm kiếm Chúa Ki-tô, trong đó có Thánh Rosa Lima. Trong phần lớn cuộc đời 25 năm làm tổng giám mục, Turibius đã đi khắp tổng giáo phận rộng lớn để học các phương ngữ, cùng cử hành Thánh lễ với người dân và tổ chức xây dựng đường sá, trường học, nhà nguyện và bệnh viện.



1538-1606

Thánh Turibius được biết đến như một người bảo vệ quyền lợi của người bản địa vào thời kỳ chủ nghĩa thực dân đang ở giai đoạn khắc nghiệt nhất. Sự vận động kiên trì và nhấn mạnh vào phẩm giá của họ đã góp phần làm giảm bớt phần nào tình trạng áp bức. Ngài cũng chấn chỉnh những hành vi lạm dụng trong hàng giáo sĩ.

Vào năm 1584, Turibius đã biên soạn một cuốn sách giáo lý ba ngôn ngữ để hỗ trợ việc dạy giáo lý cho người dân địa phương. Và khi ngài thành lập chủng viện đầu tiên ở bán cầu Tây, ngài đã ra quy định bắt buộc những người tham dự phải học các ngôn ngữ bản địa.

Sau 25 năm phục vụ trung thành cho Tổng Giáo Phận Lima, Turibius đã qua đời vào năm 1606 và được phong thánh vào khoảng 100 năm sau. Sự tận tâm của ngài trong việc bảo vệ phẩm giá vốn có của mỗi con người và những nỗ lực không mệt mỏi để dẫn dắt các linh hồn đến với Chúa đã khiến ngài trở thành vị thánh bảo trợ cho quyền của các dân tộc bản địa và là thánh bảo trợ của Peru.

Lạy Thánh Turibius, xin cầu cho chúng con!

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CHƯƠNG TRÌNH PHỤNG VỤ

MÙA CHAY & PHỤC SINH 2026



Tinh Tâm Mùa Chay

24	Tháng 3	Thứ Ba	6:00pm - Thánh Lễ
25	2026	Thứ Tư	6:45pm - Giải lao/ăn nhẹ
			7:00pm - Tinh Tâm

Chúa Nhật Lễ Lá

Thứ Bảy 28/3/2026	6:50PM	Làm Phép Lá trước nhà thờ.	7:00PM	Thánh Lễ
Chúa Nhật 29/3/2026	3:50PM	Làm Phép Lá trước nhà thờ.	4:00PM	Thánh Lễ

Tam Nhật Thánh

Thứ Năm Tuần Thánh 2 / 4 / 2026	5:00PM	Thánh Lễ Tiệc Ly
	8:15PM	Chầu Thánh Thể trong Hội Trường
Thứ Sáu Tuần Thánh 3 / 4 / 2026	5:00PM	Đi Đàng Thánh Giá
	5:30PM	Tưởng Niệm Cuộc Thương Khó Của Chúa
Thứ Bảy Tuần Thánh 4 / 4 / 2026	5:00PM	Thánh Lễ Vọng Phục Sinh

Chúa Nhật Phục Sinh

5 / 4 / 2026
4:00PM Thánh Lễ Mừng Chúa Sống Lại

SAINT POLYCARP WARMLY INVITES THE ENTIRE PARISH COMMUNITY TO JOURNEY TOGETHER IN PRAYER AND REFLECTION ON THE PASSION OF CHRIST THROUGH THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AS WE WALK TOGETHER IN FAITH DURING THIS LENTEN SEASON.

SCHEDULE

EVERY FRIDAY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 20, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 27, 2026

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | ENGLISH
6:00 PM – 6:30 PM | VIETNAMESE
7:30 PM – 8:00 PM | SPANISH



SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH



Pro Sanctity Movement



Lenten Prayer Group

Join us weekly on Thursday mornings for coffee and refreshments as we pray with the Sunday Gospel.

Where: St. Polycarp Room
When: Thursday Mornings (Feb. 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26) after 8:30 AM Mass until 10:30 AM

No registration is needed.
Please contact Cathy McDonnell for any questions at 714-496-9597

Pro Sanctity is an international Catholic lay movement founded by the Servant of God, Guglielmo Giaguinta, in 1947. Its mission is to lead our brothers and sisters on the path of holiness and to elicit in everyone a total response of love to God's infinite love. Pro Sanctity offers people specific spiritual opportunities to help them respond to this universal call in three ways: personal holiness, communal holiness, and societal holiness. The Apostolic Oblates are consecrated women who support and spread the message of Pro Sanctity, assisting in bringing about a "world of saints, a world of brothers and sisters."

BLESSING TO SEE

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.

Remind us that heartaches and hopes can outshine outward show.

That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.

That Your Light can break like the dawn.

Amen.

**JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY IN MARCH! /
JÚNETE CON NOSOTROS
TODOS LOS DOMINGOS DE MARZO!
9AM – 2 PM**

MARCH 22/22 MARZO
Presentado por Discípulos Misioneros Adolescentes.

MARCH 29/29 MARZO
POZOLE, TACOS (DORADOS), QUESADILLAS
Presentado por Ríos de Agua Viva

SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

PALM CLEANING DAY

Our annual cleaning of the palm leaves in preparation for our Palm Sunday celebration will be on **Wednesday, 3/25/2026**, in the parish hall **from 9 AM until 1 PM**. We will be providing pizza for lunch to all those who volunteer.

Thanks in advance for your support!

SAINT POLYCARP CATHOLIC CHURCH

EASTER LILIES

The Knights of Columbus will be selling Easter Lilies after all Masses on March 28 & 29. Lilies will be \$15 or 2/\$25 and can be donated back to the church for decoration or taken home.

THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

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Sunday 8 AM—3 PM

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Saturday 10 AM—1 PM

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Holy Week 2026



HOLY THURSDAY 4/2/2026

- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER
- 5:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - VIETNAMESE
- 7:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - ENGLISH/SPANISH
- 8:15 PM ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



HOLY SATURDAY 4/4/2026

- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER IN ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM EASTER VIGIL - VIETNAMESE
- 7:30 PM EASTER VIGIL - ENGLISH/SPANISH

GOOD FRIDAY 4/3/2026

- 8:00 AM GATHER IN THE HALL. REPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
- 8:30 AM MORNING PRAYER - ENGLISH
- 3:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ENGLISH
- 3:30 PM THE LORD'S PASSION - ENGLISH
- 5:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS - VIETNAMESE
- 5:30 PM THE LORD'S PASSION - VIETNAMESE
- 7:30 PM SERMON DE LAS 7 PALABRAS - ESPAÑOL
- 8:00 PM CELEBRACIÓN DE LA PASIÓN DEL SEÑOR - ESPAÑOL
- 9:00 PM PROCESIÓN EN SILENCIO Y ORACIÓN A LA VIRGEN DOLOROSA - ESPAÑOL



EASTER SUNDAY 4/5/2026

NORMAL SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE



Dear brothers and sisters, good morning and welcome!

The Conciliar Constitution [Dei Verbum](#), on which we are reflecting during these weeks, indicates in the Sacred Scripture, read in the living Tradition of the Church, a privileged space for encounter where God continues to speak to the men and women of every time, so that, by listening, they can know him and love him. The biblical texts, however, were not written in a heavenly or superhuman language. Indeed, as daily life teaches us, two people who speak different languages cannot understand each other, cannot enter into dialogue, and are unable to establish a relationship. In some cases, making oneself understood to others is a first act of love. This is why God chooses to speak using human languages and thus, various authors, inspired by the Holy Spirit, have written the texts of Sacred Scripture. As the Conciliar document reminds us, “the words of God, expressed in human language, have been made like human discourse, just as the word of the eternal Father, when He took to Himself the flesh of human weakness, was in every way made like men” ([DV](#), 13). Therefore, not only in its content, but also in its language, the Scripture reveals God’s merciful condescension towards men, and his desire to be close to them.

Throughout the course of Church history, the relationship between the divine Author and the human authors of the sacred texts has been studied. For several centuries, many theologians were concerned to defend the divine inspiration of the Sacred Scripture, almost considering the human authors merely as passive tools of the Holy Spirit. In more recent times, reflection has re-evaluated the contribution of hagiographers in the writing of sacred texts, to the point that the Conciliar document speaks of God as the principal “author” of Sacred Scripture, but also calls hagiographers “true authors” of the sacred books (cf. [DV](#), 11). As a keen exegete of the last century observed, “to reduce human activity to that of a mere amanuensis is not to glorify divine activity”. [\[1\]](#) God never mortifies human beings and their potential!

If, therefore, the Scripture is the word of God in human words, any approach to it that neglects or denies one of these two dimensions proves to be partial. It follows that a correct interpretation of the sacred texts cannot dispense with the historic environment in which they developed and the literary forms that were used; on the contrary, to renounce the study of the human words that God used risks leading to fundamentalist or spiritualist readings of the Scripture, which betray its meaning. This principle also applies to the proclamation of the Word of God: if it loses touch with reality, with human hopes and sufferings, if an incomprehensible language is used, uncommunicative or anachronistic, it is ineffective. In every age, the Church is called to re-propose the Word of God in a language capable of being embodied in history and reaching hearts. As [Pope Francis](#) reminds us, “Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today’s world”. [\[2\]](#)

Equally reductive, on the other hand, is a reading of Scripture that neglects its divine origin and ends up understanding it as a mere human teaching, as something to be studied simply from a technical point of view or as a text “only of the past”. [\[3\]](#) Rather, especially when proclaimed in the context of the liturgy, Scripture is intended to speak to today’s believers, to touch their present lives with their problems, to enlighten the steps to be taken and the decisions to be made. This becomes possible only when believers read and interpret the sacred texts under the guidance of the same Spirit who inspired them (cf. [DV](#), 12).

In this regard, the Scripture serves to nurture the life and charity of believers, as Saint Augustine recalls: “Whoever ... thinks that he understands the Holy Scriptures ... but puts such an interpretation upon them as does not tend to build up this twofold love of God and our neighbour, does not yet understand them as he ought”. [\[4\]](#) The divine origin of the Scripture also recalls that the Gospel, entrusted to the witness of the baptized, despite embracing all the dimensions of life and reality, transcends them: it cannot be reduced to a mere philanthropic or social message, but is the joyful proclamation of the full and eternal life that God has given to us in Jesus.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us thank the Lord because, in his goodness, he ensures our lives do not lack the essential nourishment of his Word, and let us pray that our words, and even more so our lives, do not obscure the love of God that is narrated in them.

[\[1\]](#) L. Alonso Schökel, *La parola ispirata. La Bibbia alla luce della scienza del linguaggio* (*The Inspired Word. The Scripture in the Light of Language and Literature*), Brescia 1987, 70.

[\[2\]](#) Francis, Apostolic Exhortation [Evangelii gaudium](#) (24 November 2013), 11.

[\[3\]](#) Benedict XVI, Post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation [Verbum Domini](#) (30 September 2010), 35.

[\[4\]](#) St. Augustine, *De doctrina christiana* I, 36, 40.

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,
and I will settle you upon your land;
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (Ps 130)

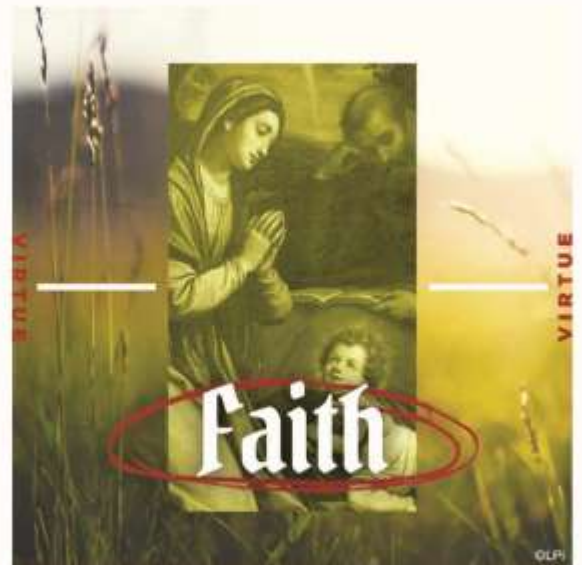
Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,
the one who raised Christ from the dead
will give life to your mortal bodies also,
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

Gospel:

"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."
(Jn 11:25-26)

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Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

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.

Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb. These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference. Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

- Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;
Holy Week begins

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

What Lazarus Wanted

"It must be so crazy, being God," one of my friends said in high school. "Does it feel like playing The Sims all day? Just making people do stuff because you want to see what happens?"

I think we all sometimes fall into this warped manner of thinking about God's omnipotence. It's understandable, to a degree. The flimsiness of our own agency in this world, our real ability to impact or change anything ... well, it all feels especially puny when you put it next to the power of the Creator. "Oh God, thy sea is so great," goes the old fisherman's prayer. "And my boat is so small."

But today, in the raising of Lazarus from the dead, we are reminded that God is all about giving us agency.

Jesus could have raised any random person from the dead on this, the Fifth Sunday of Lent. His intention was clear: to foreshadow his own passion, death and resurrection, and to exhibit the closeness of God to those who mourn. "This illness is not to end in death," he tells his companions. "But is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." (John 11:4)

So if it could have been anyone, why was it Lazarus?

I think the answer has to be that this was something Lazarus agreed to. Perhaps not in an explicit way, for he didn't know the mind or the plans of God. But in his friendship with Jesus, in the strength of his faith and the depth of his devotion to God, in every prayer he ever uttered — "Lord, let your will be done" — he was agreeing to it. Over and over, in what he said and what he did, Lazarus, beloved friend of Christ, said, "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

In this last full week of Lent, let us say it with him: "Lord, I love you. Lord, use me."

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

Answer:

A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair.



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