

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 29, 2020

In his Gospel, John emphasizes that God is made manifest in even the most difficult and tragic circumstance. Over the last two Sundays, we have heard Jesus emphatically tell his disciples that neither disability nor death are obstacles to God's life-giving touch. In that era, blindness was thought to be the result of sin. The only question was whether it was his own or his parent's. No, says Jesus, "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him" (John 9:3). After Lazarus's sudden death, some of the townspeople all but accused Jesus of failing to do something to prevent it. But Jesus had said that the illness and death "is for the glory of God" (John 11:4). Just as blindness was not the end of the man who came to believe in Jesus, death was not the end for Lazarus. Jesus made the divine manifest to both.

In this world nothing is more powerful than death. It cannot be undone. It happens to everybody and everyone who lives. Whether plant or animal, baby or elder, it is absolute and it is final. In this world. But all three readings assert God's ultimate power over it. God will open our graves and have us rise from them. God will give life to the mortal bodies. God will bring us forth from the tomb. If God has this kind of power, how can any evil in this world conquer us? With the Spirit dwelling in us, even death is overcome.

Some of us may have had an experience that felt like being released from a tomb. Perhaps it was a tomb of alcoholism or addiction. Perhaps it was a tomb of despair or hopelessness. Perhaps in our tomb we felt as if death were the only answer. There is no better person to help those still buried in those tombs than someone who knows the way out. Heed Jesus' words and work to remove the stones and bands of those still buried.



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8:30a.m. Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Elodie Gabriel – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Betty Cates – Tu Tran – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Memory Britsch – Calvin Tate – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux

Monday, March 30, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Mr. Mrs. Ernest Jacob, Sr. – Intentions of Earl and Iris Pierre

Tuesday, March 31, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Intentions of Stacey Martin – In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, April 1, 2020

8:30a.m. Albert G. Pierre – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Nugyen – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – Intentions of Stacey and Vernon Martin – Henry Martin – Fr. Cyril Buyeera

Thursday, April 2, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Nagan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Anthony Pierre – Intentions of Cheryl Thomas – Henry Martin – Stacey Martin

Friday, April 3, 2020

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran

Saturday, April 4, 2020

8:30a.m. Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.



Blessed Mary our mother please intercede for us.



**He never gives you more than you can stand.
So... stand on his word!**

Bible Study – Lord Increase My Faith? Deacon Terrel Broussard will continue to publish the Bible Study and post it on the parish website. **To attend the Bible Study by Conference Call**, dial into the conference line at **7:00p.m. Monday Night** for a discussion of the Sunday readings. **The Dial in Number is: (425) 436-6314. The Access Code is: 601575.** The Word of God can move us from fear to faith. This week, we continue our Lenten preparation and study of the Word of God with the **General Theme: Lord Increase My Faith?** During week 5 we ask: **Lord, Give Me a Faith That Is Alive?**

The Bible Study this week is based on the readings for the Fifth Sunday in Lent Year A. **Reading I: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Responsorial Psalm: 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Reading II: Romans 8:8-11; Gospel: John 11:1-45.**

These readings challenge us to come out of the tombs of our fears into a life in Jesus Christ. Jesus gives life to all who believe in Him. He gives life to dead and dying faith. Lord, give me faith that is alive. **Is your faith alive? How do you know?**

Continuing Faith Formation and RCIA Sessions will meet by conference call on Wednesday night at 7:00p.m. The dial in number is (425) 436-6314. The access code is: 601575. Topic: Baptism, why water? Why anointing? What does it mean to be enlightened with grace and truth? “Catechism of the Catholic Church 1216” This bath is called enlightenment, because those who receive this [catechetical] instruction are enlightened in their understanding” Having received in Baptism the Word, “the true light that enlightens every man,” the person baptized has been “enlightened,” he becomes a “son of light,” indeed, he becomes “light” himself.

Baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift. . . .We call it gift, grace, anointing, enlightenment, garment of immortality, bath of rebirth, seal, and most precious gift. It is called gift because it is conferred on those who bring nothing of their own; grace since it is given even to the guilty; Baptism because sin is buried in the water; anointing for it is priestly and royal as are those who are anointed; enlightenment because it radiates light; clothing since it veils our shame; bath because it washes; and seal as it is our guard and the sign of God's Lordship.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Msgr. Earl Gauthreaux. The Sanctuary Lamps in the Chapel this week will burn in memory of Gloria Lewis and Charles Cager, Sr.



Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are 18 years of age until the age of 59. Only one meal should be eaten on those days and **No** meat. Those who are bound to fast may also take only one full meal. Two small meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. **Abstinence** from meat is to be observed by all Catholic 14 years or older on All Fridays of Lent.

USCCB Responds to Coronavirus

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas. We fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

