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LITURGIES

Masses have been suspended amid
coronavirus out break for
March 22 & 29, 2020

Saturday
No Masses

Evening Vigils
NO Masses in Spanish

Sunday
NO Mass

Weekdays
M-F No Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays
3:30-4:30PM or
by appointment only
646-4338 X105

ADORER CHAPEL

No adoration until further notice

PRAYER LINE

805-276-3799 or
deaconphil@stacojai.org

WEDDINGS

Call for appointment with the Pastor
(No more than 10 people)

BAPTISMS

(Call for appointment)
Spanish-Father Fernando
English-Deacon Phil
(No more than 10 people)

FUNERALS

Please call the parish office
646-4338 X101

March 29, 2020



Fifth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life;
whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26



Pastor's Message
March 29, 2020

On this Sunday in this extraordinary Lenten season we find ourselves listening to the story of the raising of Lazarus. This is a day when Catechumens traditionally experience ritual of the Third Scrutiny on their way to initiation into the full

Sacramental life of the Church. This year the Scrutinies will not be taking place in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles due to the health crisis. I invite us all to keep our Catechumens in the Archdiocese in prayer in a special way this Sunday.

In solidarity let us offer the prayers below, which are taken from the Rite:

Father of life
and God not of the dead but of the living,
you sent your Son to proclaim life,
to snatch us from the realm of death,
and to lead us to the resurrection.
Free these elect
from the death-dealing power of the spirit of evil,
so that they may bear witness
to their new life in the risen Christ,
for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Lord Jesus,
by raising Lazarus from the dead
you showed that you came that we might have life and have it more abundantly.
Free from the grasp of death
those who await your life-giving sacraments
and deliver them from the spirit of corruption.
Through your Spirit, who gives life, fill them with faith, hope, and charity, that they may live with you always
in the glory of your resurrection,
for you are Lord for ever and ever.

May the ever-present God continue to manifest in your lives
and may you be attentive to God's promptings.

BULLETIN DEADLINES FOR EASTER

Tuesday, March 24

Bulletin for April 5 is due
(Palm Sunday issue)

Tuesday, March 31

Bulletin for April 12 is due
(Easter issue)

URGENT APPEAL TO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

We appreciate your continued financial support as you are able during this time. Your donations will allow our parish to support our community, pay our staff, and to continue to meet our financial obligations through these challenging times. You may mail in or drop off your contributions at the parish office or it might be the best time to consider online giving. It would take a few moments to set up. Please click on the link below this message to set up.

Donate Now go to our on-line bulletin to sign up



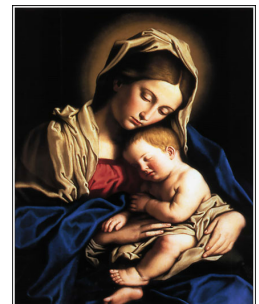
**The Religious classes
and Confirmation classes,
High school or Middle school youth groups**

have been suspended until April,
More information will follow.

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Brian Campos at (805) 646-4338 ext. 102
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visit our website: stacojai.org/confirmation

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday	Mar 29	9:30AM	Bud & Mary McTavish †	By: McTavish Family
Monday	Mar 30	9:00AM	Theresa Harnsberger †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Tuesday	Mar 31	9:00AM	Annette Cassidy †	By: Quackenbush Family
Wednesday	Apr 01	9:00AM	John Boniface Langley ☼	By: Joe Teichert
Thursday	Apr 02	9:00AM	Nicholas Spanola †	By: Charles Coscarelli
Friday	Apr 03	9:00AM	Paul J Steichen ☼	By: LeRoy & Donna Steichen
Saturday	Apr 04	8:00AM	Marie Coscarelli †	By: Charles Coscarelli



READINGS FOR THE WEEK**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then you shall know I am the Lord, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

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

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Den 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];
Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession);
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24;
Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVAN

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: April Fool's Day

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola

Friday: First Friday; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

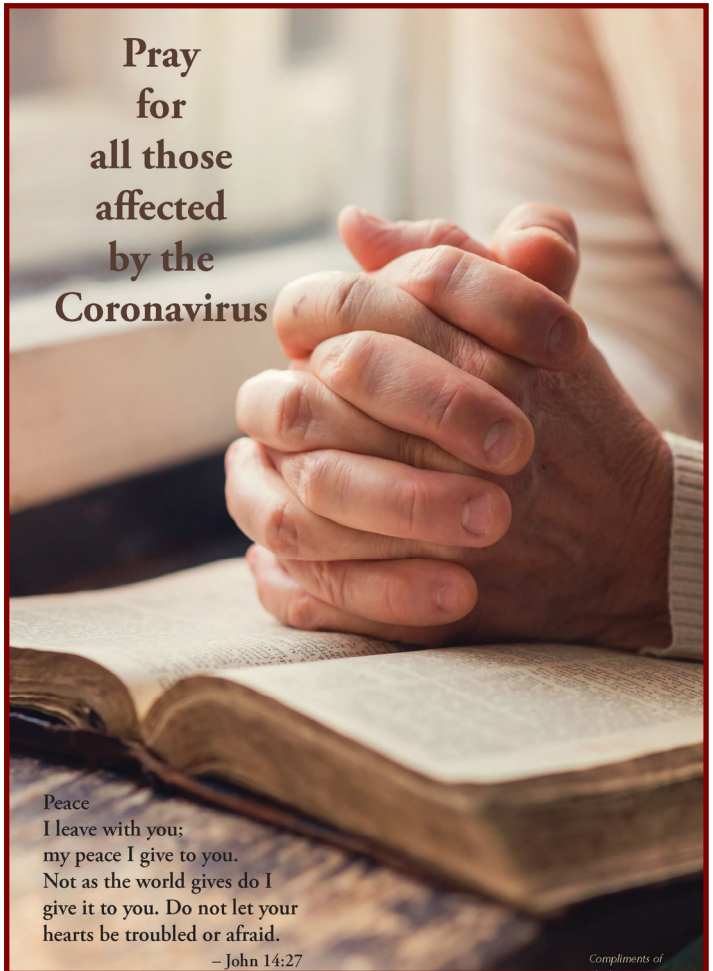
**GIVE GLORY TO GOD**

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

LOOKING AHEAD**Online Live-Stream of Mass - Sundays 9:30am**

The Archdiocese has suspended the public celebration of Mass as of March 16, 2020 until further notice. Likewise, all other parish activities are either on hold or transitioning to an online format at this time. In the meantime, Sunday Mass will be livestreamed on Sundays at 9:30am on our Parish Facebook Page beginning Sunday March 29, 2020. Daily Mass will be live streamed from the Cathedral of Our Lady of Angels and by Word on Fire.

**Pray
for
all those
affected
by the
Coronavirus**



Peace
I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I
give it to you. Do not let your
hearts be troubled or afraid.

— John 14:27

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**NO ADORATION WILL BE AVAILABLE
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
AMID THE
CORONAVIRUS BREAKOUT**

MENSAJE DEL PASTOR**INFORMACIÓN PARROQUIAL****Mensaje del Pastor**

Mensaje del Pastor
29 de marzo de 2020

En este domingo en este extraordinario tiempo cuaresmal nos encontramos escuchando la historia del levantamiento de Lázaro. Este es un día en el que los catácúses tradicionalmente experimentan ritual del Tercer Escrutinio en su camino a la iniciación en la vida sacramental completa del Cburch. Este año los Escrutinios no tendrán lugar en la Arquidiócesis de Los Angeles debido a la crisis de salud. Invito a todos a guardar a nuestros Catácúses en la Arquidiócesis en oración de una manera especial este domingo.

En solidaridad ofrezcamos las oraciones siguientes, que se toman del rito:

Padre de la vida

y Dios no de los muertos, sino de los vivos,
enviaste a tu Hijo a proclamar la vida,
para arrebatarnos del reino de la muerte,
y para llevarnos a la resurrección.

Libera a estos elegidos
del poder mortal del espíritu del mal,
para que puedan dar testimonio
a su nueva vida en Cristo resucitado,
porque vive y reina para siempre.

Señor Jesús,
levantando a Lázaro de entre los muertos
usted demostró que usted vino que podríamos tener vida y
tenerla más abundantemente.
Libre de las garras de la muerte
aquellos que esperan tus sacramentos que dan vida
y librarlos del espíritu de la corrupción.
Por medio de tu Espíritu, que da vida, llénalas de fe, esperan-
za y caridad, para que vivan con ustedes siempre
en la gloria de tu resurrección,
porque ustedes son Señor para siempre y para siempre.

Que el Dios siempre presente siga manifestándose en vues-
tras vidas y que estéis atentos a las impresiones de Dios.

DEADLINES DE BULLETIN PARA EASTER

Martes 24 de marzo El Boletín para el 5 de abril está
previsto (número del Domingo de Ramos)

Martes 31 de marzo Boletín para el 12 de abril está
previsto (número de Pascua)

**LLAMAMIENTO URGENTE A NUESTRA
COMUNIDAD PARROQUIAL**

Apreciamos su apoyo financiero continuo especialmente si es posible durante este tiempo difícil. Sus donaciones permitirán a nuestra Iglesia continuar cumpliendo con nuestras obligaciones financieras para seguir apoyando a nuestra comunidad en estos tiempos difíciles. Si puede seguir apoyando con sus donaciones, por favor hágalo enviándolo por correo, dejándolo en la oficina parroquial o por nuestra nueva opción en línea. Para donar en línea de una forma segura hágalo en este sitio web. Presione aquí para obtener más información sobre esta opción.

Donar Ahora ve a nuestro boletín en línea para registrarte



Las clases religiosas
y clases de confirmación,
Grupos de jóvenes de secundaria o de escuela
media han sido suspendidos hasta abril,
Más información seguirá.

Para obtener más información, póngase en contacto con
Director de Educación Religiosa,
Aina Yates al 805-646-4338 X111
o aina@stacojai.org por correo electrónico
Brian Campos en (805) 646-4338 ext. 102
o brianc@stacojai.org de correo electrónico.
visite nuestro sitio web: stacojai.org/confirmation

Remember
our
prayers
are
powerful!



Recordar
Nuestro
Oraciones
Son
¡Poderoso!

LECTURAS PARA LA SEMANA**LECTURAS DE HOY**

Primera lectura — Abriré sus tumbas; pondré mi espíritu en ustedes para que tengan vida (Ezequiel 37:12-14).

Salmo — Con el Señor hay misericordia y redención completa (Salmo 130 [129]).

Segunda lectura — El Espíritu de vida mora en nosotros (Romanos 8:8-11).

Evangelio — Yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida (Juan 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Martes: Nm 21:4-9; Sal 102 (101):2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Miércoles: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Jueves: Gn 17:3-9; Sal 105 (104):4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Viernes: Jer 20:10-13; Sal 18 (17):2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Sábado: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

Domingo: Mt 21:1-11 (procesión); Is 50:4-7; Sal 22 (21):8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Fil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

LOS SANTOS Y OTRAS CELEBRACIONES

Domingo: Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma

Miércoles: Día de los inocentes

Jueves: San Francisco de Paula

Viernes: Primer viernes; Abstinencia

Sábado: San Isidoro; Primer sábado

**DA GLORIA A DIOS**

En el Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma, justo antes de entrar en la Semana Santa, somos llamados a Betania. Si

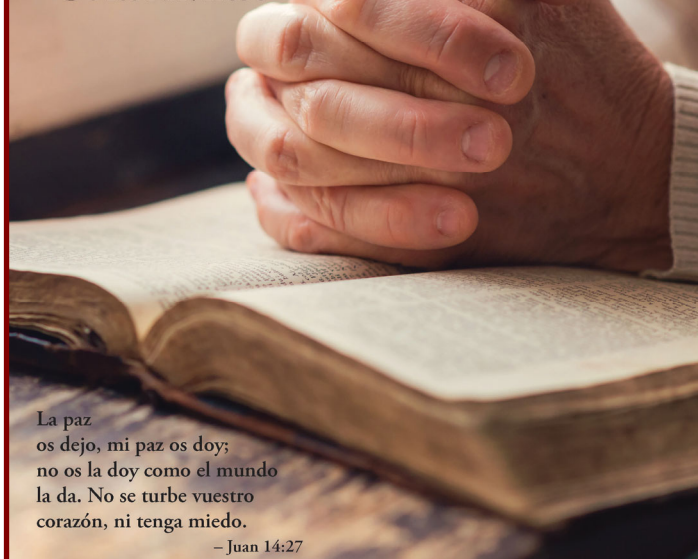
hubiéramos sido amigos de María, Lázaro y Marta, y nos hubiéramos enterado que Lázaro estaba gravemente enfermo, probablemente lo habríamos dejado todo para estar con ellos. Eso es lo más sorprendente del comportamiento de Jesús. Pese a que era su amigo cercano, eligió mantenerse alejado, para que la gloria de Dios se manifestara. Este es un tema persistente en el Evangelio de Juan. Hasta el mismo final, las obras de Jesús son para dar gloria al Padre. A medida que nuestra jornada de Cuaresma llega a su apogeo, recordemos que, como personas que “se han revestido de Cristo” en el Bautismo, también somos llamados a dar gloria a Dios en nuestras actitudes y acciones.

MIRANDO HACIA EL FUTURO

Transmisión en vivo en línea de misa - domingos 9:30am

La Arquidiócesis ha suspendido al público celebración de la Misa a partir del 16 de marzo de 2020 hasta nuevo aviso. Del mismo modo, todas las demás actividades parroquiales están en espera o en transición a un formato en este momento. Mientras tanto, la misa dominical se retransmitirá en directo los domingos a las 9:30 a.m. en nuestra página de Facebook de la Parroquia a partir del domingo 29 de marzo de 2020. La misa diaria será transmitida en vivo desde la Catedral de Nuestra Señora de los Ángeles y por Word on Fire.

**OREMOS
POR
TODAS
LAS PERSONAS
AFECTADAS
POR EL
CORONAVIRUS**



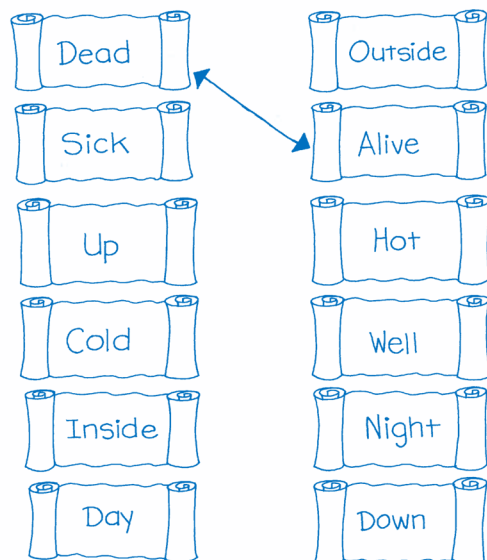
La paz
os dejo, mi paz os doy;
no os la doy como el mundo
la da. No se turbe vuestro
corazón, ni tenga miedo.

— Juan 14:27



**NO HABRÁ ADORACIÓN DISPONIBLE
HASTA NUEVO AVISO
AMID EL
CORONAVIRUS BREAKOUT**

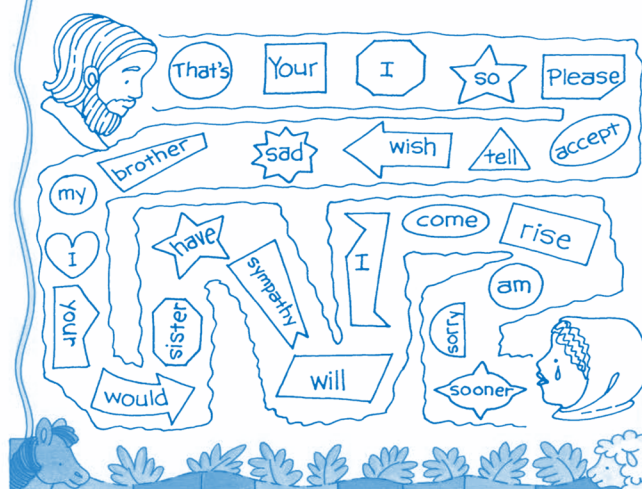
Jesus' friend Lazarus was dead.
But at Jesus' command, he became alive again.
"Dead" is the opposite of "alive."
Match the other words on the left to their opposites
on the right with arrows as shown.



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Two sisters, Martha and Mary, sent word to Jesus that their brother, Lazarus, was sick. After a few days, Jesus and the disciples began to travel to Bethany, the village where the family lived.
Begin at Jesus and follow the road to meet Martha.
Along the way, circle only shapes with four sides.
They will tell you what Jesus said upon hearing that Lazarus had died.
You can read this story in your Bible at John 11:1-45.



fifth Sunday OF LENT

MARCH 29
2020

THE TOMB OF
LAZARUS
AL-EIZARIYA
(BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
"Lazarus, come out!"

JOHN 11:43

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It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general

resurrection of the dead on "the last day." Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as "the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour "when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—"Lazarus, come out!"—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8;
Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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*Let us all remember to support and encourage one another
 and keep each other in prayer. God's peace and good health
 be with you!*

*Recordemos que todos nos apoyamos y animamos unos a
 otros y nos mantenemos en oración. ¡La paz y la buena salud
 de Dios estén contigo!*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by
 prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your
 hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. ~ Philippians 4:6-7
 You may make a prayer request by contacting the parish office at
 805-646-4338.

No se preocupe por nada, pero en cada situación, por
 oración y petición, con acción de gracias, presentar sus peticiones a Dios.
 Y la paz de Dios, que trasciende todo entendimiento, protegerá vuestros
 corazones y vuestras mentes en Cristo Jesús. • Filipenses 4:6-7
 Puede hacer una solicitud de oración poniéndose en contacto con la
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