



# IMMACULATE HEART OF *M*ARY

— Parish Mission + Mision Parroquial —

*With Mary, we seek to know Christ better and to make him better known through our words and actions.  
Con María, deseamos conocer mejor a Cristo y darlo a conocer por medio de nuestras acciones y palabras.*

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — MARCH 26, 2023



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Dear families of the Immaculate Heart of Mary,

As we approach Holy Week, our readings speak of a God who, in the midst of death, brings new life to the people. In Ezekiel, we hear that God will open the graves of the people of Israel, who faced near extinction. In the Gospel of John, Jesus gives new life to Lazarus in a manner that prefigures the resurrection of Jesus. Paul tells the Romans that in Christ, God will not only give life to our bodies after death, but God offers us abundant life here and now.

We observe that the external conditions for the people described in these readings did not radically change. Israel was still in exile. Lazarus would eventually face death again. But now God's presence and power are revealed. Even when our situation in life is difficult and perhaps not likely to change soon, we remember that the Spirit dwells within us.

It is the Spirit dwelling within us that helps us when we have struggles, situations in our life, and just the daily needs. This is when we need know how much God loves us and is there for us. We must remember to trust and walk with Jesus. God sent His son to show us human weakness but also how we can be strong if we remember the Holy Spirit is with us always.

We will be having a Penance/Reconciliation Service on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00pm. There will be no 6:00pm Confessions that evening.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Fr. Quang

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Queridas familias del Inmaculado Corazon de Maria,

Al acercarnos a la Semana Santa, nuestras lecturas hablan de un Dios que, en medio de la muerte, trae nueva vida al pueblo. En Ezequiel, escuchamos que Dios abrirá las tumbas del pueblo de Israel, que se enfrentaba a la casi extinción. En el Evangelio de Juan, Jesús da nueva vida a Lázaro de una manera que prefigura la resurrección de Jesús. Pablo dice a los romanos que, en Cristo, Dios no sólo dará vida a nuestros cuerpos después de la muerte, sino que nos ofrece vida abundante aquí y ahora.

Observamos que las condiciones externas de las personas descritas en estas lecturas no cambiaron radicalmente. Israel seguía en el exilio. Lázaro acabaría enfrentándose de nuevo a la muerte. Pero ahora se

revelan la presencia y el poder de Dios. Incluso cuando nuestra situación en la vida es difícil y tal vez no es probable que cambie pronto, recordamos que el Espíritu habita en nosotros.

Es el Espíritu que mora en nosotros el que nos ayuda cuando tenemos luchas, situaciones en nuestra vida, y simplemente las necesidades diarias. Esto es cuando necesitamos saber cuanto Dios nos ama y esta ahí para nosotros. Debemos recordar confiar y caminar con Jesús. Dios envió a su hijo para mostrarnos la debilidad humana pero también como podemos ser fuertes si recordamos que el Espíritu esta siempre con nosotros. Tendremos un Servicio de Penitencia/

Reconciliación el martes 28 de marzo a las 7:00pm. No habrá confesiones a las 6:00pm.

Inmaculado Corazón de María, ruega por nosotros.

Padre Quang

#### Weekday Masses/Misas Diarias

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00AM (English) - Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:00AM (Bilingual)

#### Saturday Vigil Mass

5:00PM (English)

#### Sunday Mass/Domingo Misa

7:30AM (English) - 9:00AM (English) - 10:45AM (Español) - 12:30PM (English) - 2:00PM (Español)

5:00PM - Traditional Roman Rite (Latin)

#### Confessions

Tuesdays 6:00PM - 7:00PM & Saturdays 3:30PM - 4:30PM

## Prayers & Weekly Scriptures/Oraciones y Lecturas de la Semana

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK INTENCIONES PARA MISAS DE LA SEMANA

#### Saturday March 25th

8:00 am Gonsalvez Family - Special Intention  
5:00 pm † Shane Rojo

#### Sunday March 26th

7:30 am † Federico Taffuri Calderon  
9:00 am † Michael Burke  
10:45 am Las Familias del Movimiento Familiar  
Cristiano Catolico - Special Intention  
12:30 pm † Antonio & Eliza Villaroman  
2:00 pm † Margarita Martinez  
5:00 pm IHM Parishioners

#### Monday March 27th

8:00 am Alfonso Ochoa - Birthday

#### Tuesday March 28th

8:00 am † Francisco Sr. & Francisco Jr. Garcia

#### Wednesday March 29th

8:00 am Dusten & Violet Hand - Birthday

#### Thursday March 30th

8:00 am † Antal Erdos

#### Friday March 31st

8:00 am † Frank Heinisch

#### Saturday, April 1st

8:00 am Amelia Gutierrez—Special Intention

Please join us the first  
Saturday of each month at Holy  
Cross cemetery for a Mass at  
11:00am.



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Vengan el primer sabado del mes al  
Cementerio de Holy Cross a la Misa de las  
11:00am.

### Sick Relatives & Friends Parientes y Amigos Enfermos

Lyndsey Burrow, Ryan McLeod, Ramon Antonio Toledo, Giselle Honore, Clarence Cichon, Marion Cichon, Joseph Oliver, Therese Brantome, Trevor Rogers, Carlos Arias, Dennis and Teresa Saunders, Sergei, Susan and Galina, John Lee and Family, Bohakel Family, Shields Family, Cyrina Salem, Ponticelli Family, Salem Family.\*\*\*

Antonio Mattos, Mary Abbott, Carol Chavez, Val Alfaro, Sheila, Victoria Sierra, Everett Gentry, Ken Klovee, Dona Colucci, Michalina Siedliski, Andrea Reeves-Linzky, Marge Cragle, Nuhad Levasseur, Ruth Weber, Britany Gooch, Donna Heaney, Shannon Morton, Irene Nixon, The Barreto Family, Shannon Morton, Carol Williams, Carol Smith, Solange Patino-Patroni, Nicole Patino-Patroni, Gloria Almeida, Jesus Flores, Alberto Matias, Ismael Render, Ali Render, Randy Autentico, Brandon Diaz, Inga Stevie, Jorge Juarez II, Ana Laura Urrutia Prugua, Bertie McGraw, Cody James, Olivia Vega, Frank Vargas, Paul Dunavant, Dora Castillo, Manuel Pastor, Rod Gallegos, Nicholas Orosco, , Dianne Davi, Rosauo Diaz, Chris Moller, Freddie Plake, Dawn Lanphere, Carolyn Daddona, Tina Louise Cruz, Dr. Bruce R. Carlton., Dee Trotta, Tina Vazquez, Angelica Lowen, Jacqueline Benitez A., Jorge Almeida, Nancy Lizarbe, Sydney Reed, Joe Del Chiaro, Suzanne Mowry, Kathy Childs, Cristobal Valladares, Rita Garcia Elda Rosario Becerra., Al and Sergio Jensen, Gerald and Carmen Rogers, Jessica Shaw, Efren Halol, Jorio Amaral, Nicole King.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17 19-30, 33-62  
Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 252: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21  
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: 253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
(Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: 254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9  
Jn 8:51-59

Friday: 255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7  
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: 256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13  
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday: 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18,  
19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11  
Mt 26:14—27:66

## Entrance Hymn

Return to God  
Marty Haugen

Refrain

Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and  
mer-cy; come seek the ten-der faith-ful-ness of God.

Verse 1

1. Now the time of grace has come, the day of sal-  
va-tion; come and learn now the way of our God.

Verse 2

2. I will take your heart of stone and place a heart with-  
in you, a heart of com-pas-sion and love.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 130 • Marty Haugen

With the Lord there is mer-cy, and full-ness of re-dem-p-tion.

Verses

1. From out of the depths, I cry unto you,  
Lord, hear my voice, come hear my prayer;  
O let your ear be open to my pleading.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
then who could stand within your sight?  
But in you is found forgiveness for our failings.
3. Just as those who wait for the morning light,  
even more I long for the Lord, my God,  
whose word to me shall ever be my comfort.

Text: Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Marty Haugen, © 1983, GIA Publications, Inc.; refrain trans. © 1969, ICEL  
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## Gospel Acclamation

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

Praise to you, Lord Je-sus Christ, King of end-less glo-ry!

*I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord /  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die R.*



## Preparation of the Gifts Dear Lord and Father of Mankind REPTON

1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways.  
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise,  
in deeper reverence praise.
2. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee,  
rise up and follow thee.
3. O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love.  
Interpreted by love.
4. Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace,  
the beauty of thy peace.
5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake,  
wind and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.  
O still small voice of calm.



## Holy, Holy, Holy

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

Holy, Holy, Holy

Lord, God of Hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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## Memorial Acclamation

Mass of St. Frances Cabrini

We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection  
until you come again.

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## Great Amen

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Amen, Amen, Amen.

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## Lamb of God

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*miserere nobis, miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*miserere nobis, miserere nobis.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
*dona nobis pacem, dona nobis pacem*

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## Communion Hymn

Take and Eat  
Michael Joncas

Take and eat; take and eat; this is my bod - y

giv-en up for you. Take and drink; take and drink:

this is my blood giv-en up for you.

1. I am the Word that spoke and light was made;  
I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heaven above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

2. I am the way that leads the exile home;  
I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead;  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.

3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;  
I am the gate that guards you night and day;  
You are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid;  
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;  
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;  
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.

5. I am the light that came into the world;  
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the morning star that never sets;  
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine.

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## Servants of Your Peace

Ephrem Feeley

1. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace:  
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith;  
3. Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek  
4. May we not look for love's re - turn,  
5. Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born

1. where there is hate, may we sow love;  
2. where all is gloom, may we sow hope;  
3. to be con - soled, but to con - sole,  
4. but to seek love un - self - ish - ly,  
5. through death's dark night to end - less day;

1. where there is hurt, may we for - give;  
2. where all is night, may we sow light;  
3. nor look to un - der - stand - ing hearts,  
4. for in our giv - ing we re - ceive,  
5. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace,

1. where there is strife, may we make one.  
2. where all is tears, may we sow joy.  
3. but look for hearts to un - der - stand.  
4. and in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.  
5. to wake at last in heav - en's light.

## Recessional Hymn

We Adore You, O Christ  
Steven Van Wye

We a - dore you, O Christ, and we bless you.

You have re - deemed the world!

**Entrada****Misericordia, Señor**  
Joaquin Madurga

Mi - se - ri - cor - dia, Se - ñor, por tu bon -  
dad, mi - se - ri - cor - dia.

*Estrofas*

1. Pie - dad de mí, Se - ñor, por tu bon - dad,
2. Cre - a en mí un nue - vo co - ra - zón,
3. De - vuél - ve - me la a - le - gría de tu a - mor

1. por tu in - men - sa ter - nu - ra bo - rra mis pe - ca - dos.
2. un es - pí - ri - tu nue - vo pon den - tro de mí.
3. y de - vuél - ve - me el go - zo de ser un hom - bre bue - no.

1. Lá - va - me de to - dos mis de - li - tos
2. No me re - cha - ces le - jos de tu ros - tro
3. En - se - ña - ré a to - dos tus ca - mi - nos,

*al Estribillo*

1. y de mis cul - pas pu - ri - fi - ca - me.
2. y no re - ti - res de mí tu San - to Es - pí - ri - tu.
3. los pe - ca - do - res vol - ve - rán a ti.

**Salmo Responsorial**

Sa. 129 • Bob Hurd

R. Del Se - ñor vie - ne la mi - se - ri - cor - dia, la re - den -  
ción y co - pio - sa. Del Se - ñor vie - ne la mi - se - ri -  
cor - dia, la re - den - ción co - pio - sa.

**Aclamación del Evangelio***Misa de Santa Maria del Lago*

A - la - ban - za a ti, O Cris - to Rey de eter - na glo - ria.

*Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, dice el Señor /  
el que cree en mí no morirá para siempre R.*

**Preparación de las Ofrendas****Donde Hay Caridad**  
Joaquin Madurga

Don - de hay ca - ri - dad ya - mor, a - llí es -  
tá el Se - ñor, a - llí es - tá el Se - ñor.

*Estrofas*

1. U - na sa - la y u - na me - sa, u - na co - pa,
2. In - vi - ta - dos a la me - sa del ban - que - te
3. Es - te pan que da la vi - da y es - te cá - liz

1. vi - no y pan, los her - ma - nos com - par -
2. del Se - ñor, re - cor - da - mos su man -
3. de sa - lud nos re - ú - nen a los her -

1. tien - do en a - mor y en u - ni - dad.
2. da - to de vi - vir en el a - mor.
3. ma - nos en el nom - bre de Je - sús.

1. Nos re - ú - ne la pre - sen - cia y el re - cuer - do
2. Co - mul - ga - mos en el Cuer - po y en la San - gre
3. A - nun - cia - mos su me - mo - ria, ce - le - bra - mos

1. del Se - ñor, ce - le - bra - mos su me -
2. que Él nos da; y tam - bién en el her -
3. su pa - sión, el mis - te - rio de su

*al Estribillo*

1. mo - ria y la en - tre - ga de su a - mor.
2. ma - no, si lo a - ma - mos de ver - dad.
3. muer - te y de su re - su - rrec - ción.

## Santo

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Santo, Santo, Santo  
es el Señor, Dios del universo.  
Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria.  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en el cielo.  
Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor,  
Hosanna en el cielo, hosanna en el cielo.

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## Aclamación Conmemorativa

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Anunciamos tu muerte, proclamamos tu resurrección.  
Ven, Señor, Jesús.  
Ven, Señor, Jesús.

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## Gran Amén

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Amén, Amén.

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## Cordero de Dios

Misa de Santa Maria del Lago

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
ten piedad de nosotros.

Cordero de Dios, que quitas el pecado del mundo,  
danos la paz.

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## Comunión

Cuando Comemos Tu Pan


Jose Polanco



1. Es - te pan que tú nos das nos brin - da fe -  
2. Si co - me - mos de tu pan nues - tro cuer - po  
3. Si co - me - mos de tu pan, tu cuer - po nos



1. li - ci - dad. Él nos tra - e la ver -  
2. lim - pio es - ta - rá de pe - ca - dos, de mal -  
3. lle - na - rá, nues - tros pa - sos gui - a -



1. dad, nos lle - na de a - mor y paz.  
2. dad: la ver - dad lo ha - bi - ta - rá.  
3. rá: con no - so - tros vi - vi - rá.

### Estribillo



Ca - da vez que co - me - mos de tu pan, Se - ñor, se nos



lle - na nues - tra vi - da de a - mor. vi - da de a - mor.

## Levántate

Cesareo Gabaráin

Estribillo: Cantor; Todos repiten



Le - ván - ta - te que es - tá lle - gan - do. El Se -



ñor vie - ne ya. ya. ya. El Se -



ñor vie - ne ya. El Se - ñor vie - ne ya.

Estrofas: Cantor



1. Nos tra - e - rá su res - plan - dor, nos tra - e -  
2. En el Se - ñor con - fia - ré. Él nos da -  
3. Al mis - mo Dios re - ci - bi - ré. En mi in - te -  
4. Lo pro - me - tió, lo cum - pli - rá. El Dios de a -



1. rá la luz, la paz. paz.  
2. rá la sal - va - ción. ción.  
3. rior se sem - bra - rá. rá.  
4. mor nos sal - va - rá. rá.

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## Salida

Perdona a Tu Pueblo

Tradicional de España



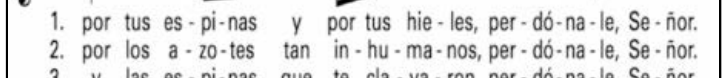
Estribillo  
Per - do - na a tu pue - blo, Se - ñor, per - do - na a tu pue - blo, per -



Estrofas  
dó - na - le, Se - ñor. 1. Por tus pro - fun - das lla - gas cru - e - les,  
2. Por las he - ri - das de pies y ma - nos,  
3. Por los tres cla - vos que te cla - va - ron,  
4. Por las tres ho - ras de tu a - go - ní - a,  
5. Por la a - ber - tu - ra de tú cos - ta - do,



al Estribillo



1. por tus es - pi - nas y por tus hie - les, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.  
2. por los a - zo - tes tan in - hu - ma - nos, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.  
3. y las es - pi - nas que te cla - va - ron, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.  
4. en que por Ma - dre dis - te a Ma - ri - a, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.  
5. no es - tés e - ter - na - men - te e - no - ja - do, per - dó - na - le, Se - ñor.



March 26, 2023

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ez 37:12-14 | Rom 8:8-11 | Jn 11:1-45

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

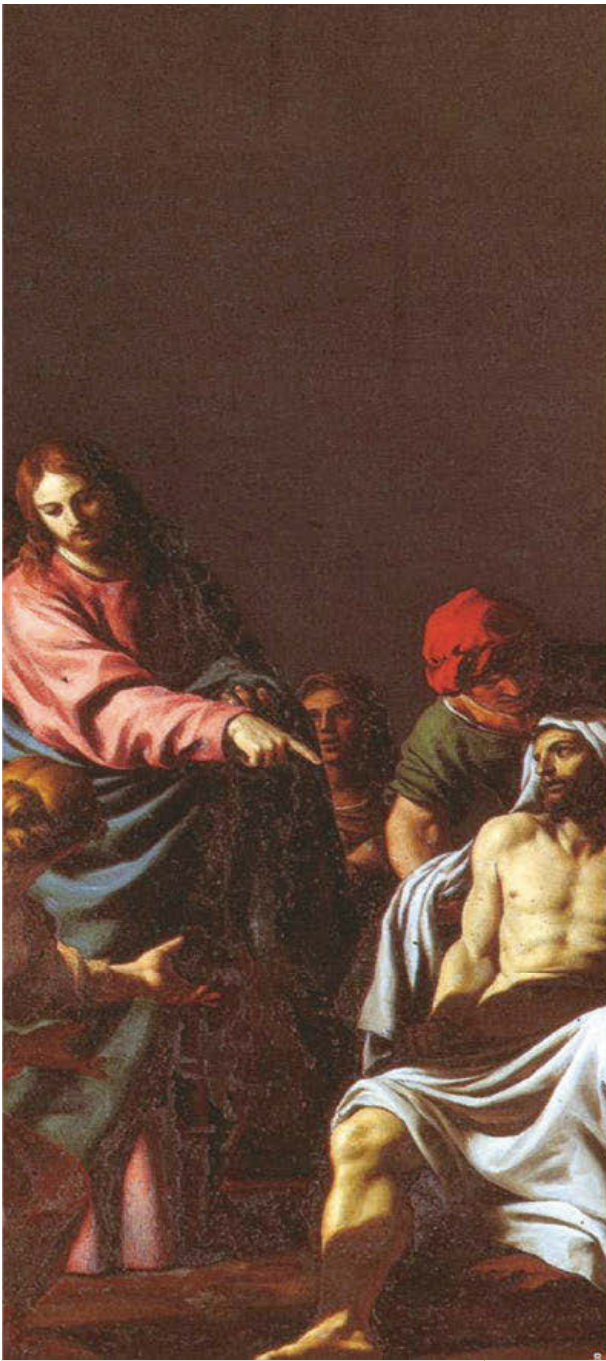
In today's Gospel, we see so clearly the fully human nature of Jesus even in the midst of him revealing his divine nature in raising Lazarus from the dead. On hearing that his friend Lazarus had died, Jesus "wept," and he became "perturbed and deeply troubled." We see his love for Martha and Mary, and the freedom he gives them to love him fully in return, and to expect things of him. Each of them confronts Jesus, exasperated: Had you come earlier, our brother would not have died! Yet in the same breath, they express their faith that Jesus is the resurrection and the life. As we continue our Lenten journey, we can rest assured that Jesus is never far from us and that he understands our human longings, struggles and pain. Like Martha and Mary, we can place our faith in Jesus here, now and for eternity.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The raising of Lazarus foreshadows Christ's death and resurrection and reminds us of God's enduring power over death. That can, at times, seem a small comfort as we confront our own mortality or mourn the loss of those dear to us. Yet, just as Jesus showed his love for Lazarus, Martha and Mary, we, too, can extend our love and support for others in their grief. We can show our love through our simple presence, a thoughtful card or an offer to pray for the deceased person and their family. In these ways, we can strengthen our own faith and that of others. As we hear in today's Gospel, "Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him."

**ACTION** As we grow closer to Holy Week, now is a good time to participate in the sacrament of reconciliation. Has it been a while? The U.S. Bishops provide a helpful guide on their website: [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).



### Oracion San Miguel

San Miguel Arcángel,  
defiéndenos en la batalla.  
Sé nuestro amparo contra la  
perversidad y asechanzas del  
demonio. Reprímale Dios,  
pedimos suplicantes,  
y tú Príncipe de la  
Milicia Celestial,  
con el divino poder de Dios,  
arroja al infierno a Satanás  
y a todos los espíritus malignos  
que andan dispersos  
por el mundo  
para la perdición de las almas.  
Amén.



### Prayer to St. Michael

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle,  
be our protection  
against the wickedness and  
snares of the devil.  
May God  
rebuke him we humbly pray;  
and do thou, O Prince of the  
Heavenly host,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan  
and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking  
the ruin of souls.  
Amen



## Information/Información

### St. Vincent de Paul for Friday's Food Pantry

For the weekend of April 2, please bring mac and cheese. THANK YOU!

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Para el fin de semana del 2 de abril, por favor traigan macarron con queso. GRACIAS!

### SCHEDULE OF SECOND COLLECTIONS

April 2 - Facility Improvement  
April 9 - Easter

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### FECHAS DE SEGUNDAS COLECTAS

2 de abril - Fondo del Mejoramiento  
de las Instalaciones  
9 de abril - Para la Pascual



The World Youth Group will be selling Palms in the Plaza after all Masses on April 1 and 2.

### NOTICE/ANUNCIO

As April 2, is Palm Sunday, we will not have the pancake breakfast.

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Como el 2 de abril es El Domingo de Ramos, no tendremos el Desayuno de panquecas.



### **DINE-IN !! FISH FRY FRIDAYS 4-7 pm**

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## Eucharist Real Presence – Part 2

Last week we examined how God creates out of nothing through his Word. We saw how the Bread of Life discourse in the Gospel According to John caused many of his followers to leave Jesus and return to their former way of life. This week we will see how the Real Presence is brought forward today.

At the Last Supper, Matthew writes, "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke it and giving it to his disciples said, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, 'Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins.'" (Matthew 26:26-28)

What was said at the Bread of Life Discourse happens now at the Last Supper. Jesus, the Word of God, whose words cause reality, says, "This is my body" and "This is my blood." In reality, this causes the bread and wine to become His Body and Blood. Just as Jesus was not speaking symbolically in the Bread of Life Discourse, this change in substance is not symbolic.

This change in the substance and essence of the bread and wine is called transubstantiation. It means that the substance of the bread and wine becomes the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus. The appearance is not altered, but the innermost reality is.

At the Last Supper, Jesus told the apostles to "Do this in memory of me." (Luke 22:19). The *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 1341, says, "The command of Jesus to repeat his actions and words 'until he comes' does not only ask us to remember Jesus and what he did. It is directed at the liturgical celebration, by the apostles and their successors of the *memorial* of Christ, of his life, of his death, of his Resurrection, and of his intercession in the presence of the Father." The Bishops of the Church are the successors of the apostles.

When a bishop ordains a priest in the Sacrament of Holy Orders, that priest receives the ability to act in the person of Christ (*In persona Christi*) in the liturgy and when celebrating the sacraments. When you go to confession, it is not the priest who absolves you of your sins; Christ is acting through the priest. It is the same at Mass. The priest acting *in persona Christi*, calls the Holy Spirit down on the bread and wine so they may become the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The priest speaks the institution narrative in the words of Christ because he is speaking *in persona Christi*.

St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican priest and theologian, said, "That in this sacrament are the true Body of Christ and his true Blood is something that cannot be apprehended by the senses, but only by faith, which relies on divine authority." All the Sacraments are made efficacious by Christ's divine power. Only the Eucharist contains Christ Himself. This is why the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life.

When we come forward to receive the Eucharist, the priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of the eucharist says, "The Body of Christ." We reply, "Amen." Amen means it is so. We are acknowledging our belief in the Real Presence. The reality of the Real Presence is why Catholics are not worshipping an idol in Mass and when in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

If your faith in the Real Presence is weak, pray the words that the apostle Thomas said, "I believe, Lord, help my unbelief."

## **Eucaristía Presencia Real - Parte 2**

La semana pasada examinamos cómo Dios crea de la nada a través de su Palabra. Vimos cómo el discurso del Pan de Vida en el Evangelio según San Juan hizo que muchos de sus seguidores abandonaran a Jesús y volvieran a su anterior forma de vida. Esta semana veremos cómo se presenta hoy la Presencia Real.

En la Última Cena, Mateo escribe: "Mientras comían, Jesús tomó pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y, dándoselo a sus discípulos, dijo: "Tomad y comed; este es mi cuerpo". Luego tomó una copa, dio gracias y se la dio diciendo: 'Bebed todos de ella, porque ésta es mi sangre de la alianza, que será derramada en favor de muchos para el perdón de los pecados' (Mateo 26:26-28).

Lo que se dijo en el Discurso del Pan de Vida sucede ahora en la Última Cena. Jesús, la Palabra de Dios, cuyas palabras causan la realidad, dice: "Este es mi cuerpo" y "Este es mi sangre". En realidad, esto hace que el pan y el vino se conviertan en Su Cuerpo y Su Sangre. Así como Jesús no estaba hablando simbólicamente en el Discurso del Pan de Vida, este cambio en la sustancia no es simbólico.

Este cambio en la sustancia y esencia del pan y el vino se llama transubstanciación. Significa que la sustancia del pan y del vino se convierte en el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de Jesús. No se altera la apariencia, pero sí la realidad más íntima.

En la Última Cena, Jesús dijo a los apóstoles: "Haced esto en memoria mía". (Lucas 22:19). El *Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica*, párrafo 1341, dice: "El mandato de Jesús de repetir sus acciones y palabras 'hasta que venga' no sólo nos pide que recordemos a Jesús y lo que hizo. Se dirige a la celebración litúrgica, por los apóstoles y sus sucesores, del memorial de Cristo, de su vida, de su muerte, de su resurrección y de su intercesión en la presencia del Padre." Los obispos de la Iglesia son los sucesores de los apóstoles.

Cuando un obispo ordena a un sacerdote en el Sacramento del Orden, ese sacerdote recibe la capacidad de actuar en la persona de Cristo (In persona Christi) en la liturgia y al celebrar los sacramentos. Cuando te confiesas, no es el sacerdote quien te absuelve de tus pecados; es Cristo quien actúa a través del sacerdote. Lo mismo sucede en la Misa. El sacerdote, actuando in persona Christi, invoca al Espíritu Santo sobre el pan y el vino para que se conviertan en el Cuerpo, la Sangre, el Alma y la Divinidad de Jesucristo. El sacerdote pronuncia el relato de la institución con las palabras de Cristo porque habla in persona Christi.

Santo Tomás de Aquino, sacerdote y teólogo dominico, dijo: "Que en este sacramento están el verdadero Cuerpo de Cristo y su verdadera Sangre es algo que no puede ser aprehendido por los sentidos, sino sólo por la fe, que se apoya en la autoridad divina." Todos los Sacramentos se hacen eficaces por el poder divino de Cristo. Sólo la Eucaristía contiene a Cristo mismo. Por eso la Eucaristía es fuente y culmen de la vida cristiana.

Cuando nos acercamos a recibir la Eucaristía, el sacerdote, el diácono o el ministro extraordinario de la Eucaristía dice: "El Cuerpo de Cristo". Nosotros respondemos: "Amén". Amén significa que es así. Estamos reconociendo nuestra creencia en la Presencia Real. La realidad de la Presencia Real es la razón por la que los católicos no están adorando a un ídolo en la Misa y cuando están en adoración al Santísimo Sacramento.

Si su fe en la Presencia Real es débil, rece las palabras que dijo el apóstol Tomás: "Creo, Señor, ayuda mi incredulidad."





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10:30am Library Open

#### Mon. Mar. 27th

8:45am	Men's Fellowship	Library
5:00pm	Legion of Mary/Eng	Library
6:00pm	Lady of Guadalupe Monthly	Mark
7:00pm	Bible Study/Sp	Hall A
7:00pm	Emmaus Women/Sp	Matt
7:00pm	Men of St. Joseph	Library
7:00pm	Escuela de la Cruz	Luke

#### Tues. Mar. 28th

10:00am	IHM Crafters	Library
12:00pm	CCC Food Bank	Parking Lot
6:00pm	Legion of Mary/Sp.	Chapel
7:00pm	Penance Service	Church

#### Wed. Mar. 29th

#### Thurs. Mar. 30th

10:00am	Women's Faith Sharing	Library
4:30pm	Widow and Widowers Group	Library
7:00pm	Confirmation Teen Parent Mtg.	Church
7:00pm	RCIA/Faith Formation	Mark
7:00pm	Confirmation/Adult	Library
7:00pm	C.O.V. Coordinators Monthly Mtg.	Luke

#### Fri. Mar. 31st

8:00am	St. Vincent de Paul	Hall A/B/C
4:00pm	KofC Fish Fry	Hall A/B/C
5:30pm	CDA Meeting	Mark
7:00pm	Confirmation Adult/Sp/RICA	John
7:00pm	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Luke
7:00pm	Stations of the Cross	Church

#### Sat. Apr. 1st

10:30am	Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle	Library
10:30am	Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group	Mark
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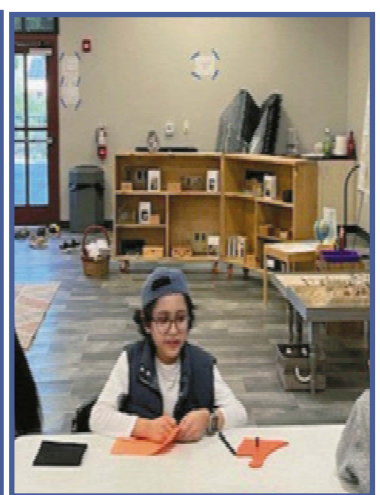
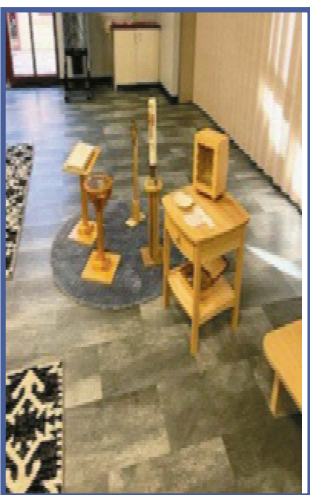
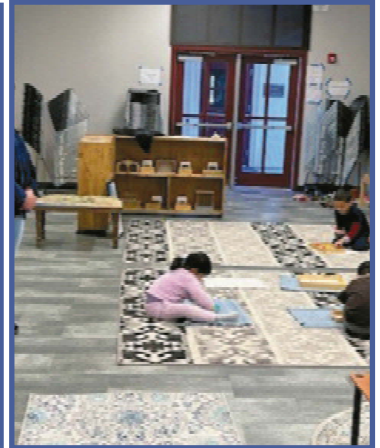
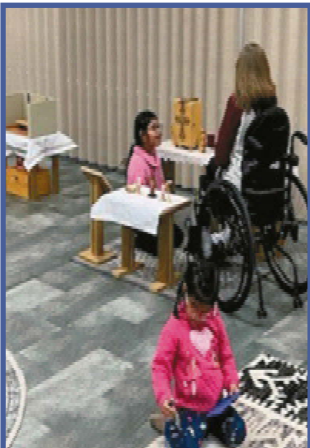
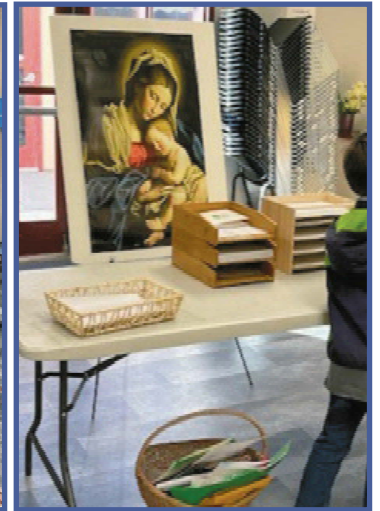
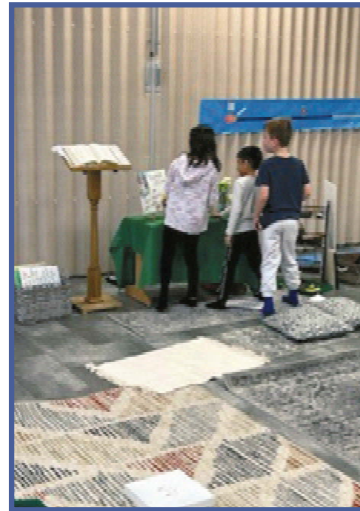
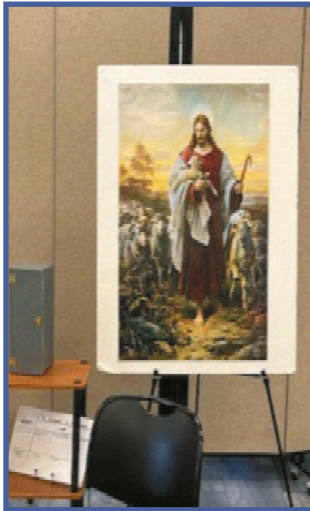
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