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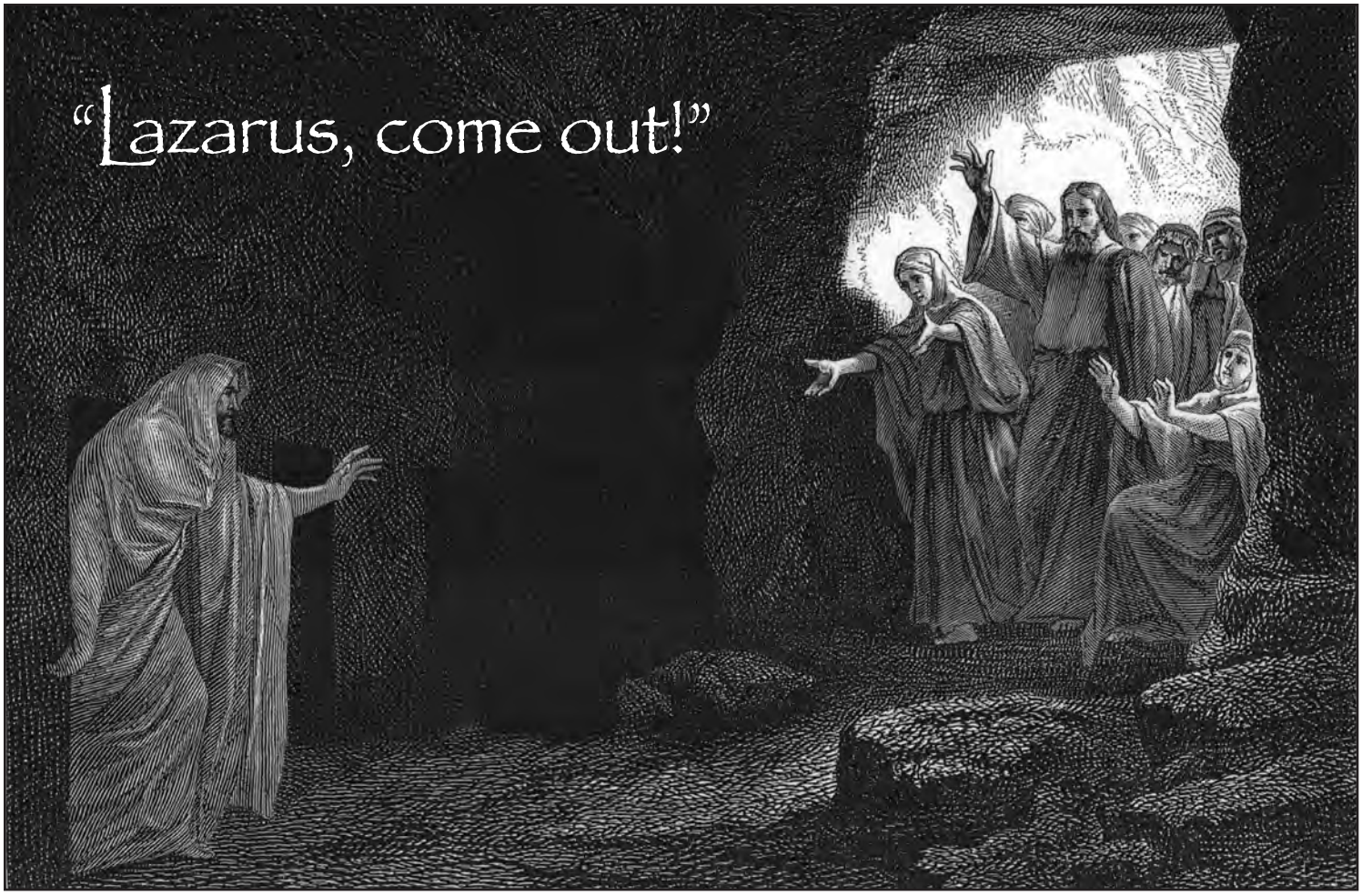
MARCH 22, 2026 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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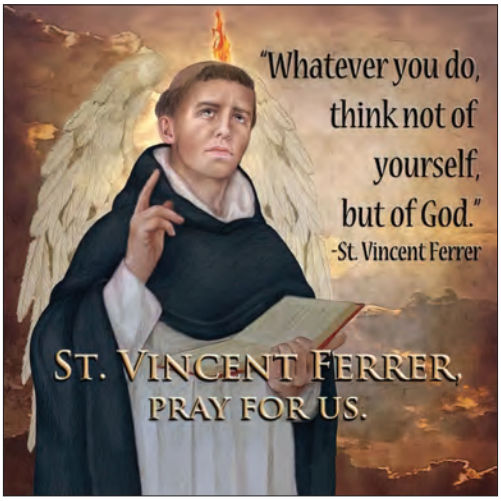

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 22, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21 **5:00 p.m.**
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam
Requested by Saint Vincent Ferrer Parish

Sunday, March22 **8:00 a.m.**
Fifth Sunday of Lent
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.
Lydia Ford — Birthday Blessings

Hazel Jordon — Birthday Blessings

Rev. Mother Doreen Pearline Forbes — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie-Ange Bernier

Neriza Vilbon — In Memoriam
Requested by Aline Vilbon

Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Michael Bruno and the Parishioners of Saint Vincent Ferrer

Maria Blackburn — In Memoriam
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Monday, March 23 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Jerome Logan — In Memoriam

Tuesday, March 24 **9:00 a.m.**
Lydia Ford — Birthday Blessings and Healing
Requested by Marie-Ange Bernier

Wednesday, March 25 **9:00 a.m.**
The Annunciation of the Lord
Rev. Father Dennis J. Farrell — In Memoriam
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

Thursday, March 26 **9:00 a.m.**
Davey Payne — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Irmin Payne

Friday, March 27 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Jean Souffrant — In Memoriam
Requested by Father Antonius P. Gopaul

Saturday, March 28 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Vincent Ferrer
Pearly Gopaul — Birthday Blessings
Requested by Margaret and James Bambara

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Lydia Ford — Birthday Blessings

Altar Candles
Brigina Pharoan — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Sulette Baron — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Jean and Kenneth Chase — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
June Goggin — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel
Roy Redhead — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Monica Walker — Blessings and Healing

MINISTERS' MEETING

In preparation for Holy Week
and the Easter Season,
there will be a meeting of all ministers
on
Saturday, March 28
following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Please make every effort to attend.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 29 (Palm Sunday): **Easter Gift to My Church**
April 5 (Easter Sunday): **Retired Priests**
April 11/12: **Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day Novena**

Please be generous.

Scripture Reflection

Today, the fifth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel presents to us the resurrection of Lazarus. It is the last of Jesus' miracles narrated before Easter: the resurrection of his friend Lazarus. Jesus knows that his dear friend Lazarus is about to die. He sets out on his journey, but arrives at his house four days after the burial, when by then all hope had been lost. His presence, however, rekindles a little confidence in the hearts of the sisters Martha and Mary. They cling to this light, to this small hope, despite their suffering. Jesus invites them to have faith and asks for the tomb to be opened. He then prays to the Father and shouts to Lazarus: "Come out!". And the latter comes back to life and comes out. This is the miracle, just like that, simple.

The message is clear: Jesus gives life even when it seems that all hope has gone. It happens, at times, to feel hopeless — this has happened to us all — or to meet people who have given up hope; embittered by bad experiences, the wounded heart cannot hope. Because of a painful loss, an illness, a bitter disappointment, a wrong or a betrayal suffered, a grave error committed… they have given up hope. At times we hear some say that "there is nothing more to be done!", and they close the door to all hope. They are moments when life seems to be a sealed tomb: everything is dark, and we can see only sorrow and despair around us. Today's miracle tells us that it is not like that, this is not the end, that in these moments we are not alone. On the contrary, it is precisely in these moments that He comes closer than ever to restore life to us. Jesus weeps: the Gospel tells us that Jesus wept in front of Lazarus' tomb, and today Jesus weeps with us, as he was able to weep for Lazarus: the Gospel repeats twice that he is moved, emphasizing that he burst into tears. And at the same time Jesus invites us not to stop believing and hoping, not to let ourselves be crushed by the negative feelings that take away our tears. He approaches our tombs and says to us, as then: "Take away the stone". In these moments, it is as though we have a stone inside, and the only one capable of removing it is Jesus, with his words: "Take away the stone".

Jesus says this to us too. Take away the stone : the pain, the mistakes, even the failures. Do not hide them inside you, in a dark, lonely, closed room. Take away the stone : draw out everything that is inside. "Ah, but I am ashamed". Throw it to me with confidence, says the Lord; I will not be scandalized. Throw it to me without fear because I am with you, I care about you and I want you to start living again. And, as he did with Lazarus, he repeats to each one of us: Come out ! Rise again, get back on the path, regain your confidence! How many times, in life, did we find ourselves like this, in this situation of not having the strength to get up again. And Jesus: "Go, go on! I am with you". I will take you by the hand, says Jesus, like when you were a child learning to take your first steps. Dear brother, dear sister, take off the bandages that bind you; please, do not give in to the pessimism that depresses, do not give in to the fear that isolates, do not give in to the discouragement caused by the memory of bad experiences, do not give in to the fear that paralyses. Jesus tells us, "I want you to be free. I want you alive, I will not abandon you and I am with you! Everything is dark, but I am with you! Do not let yourself be imprisoned by pain, do not let hope die. Brother, sister, come back to life!". "And how can I do this?". "Take my hand", and he takes us by the hand. Let yourself be pulled out — and he is capable of doing it — in these bad moments that happen to us all.

Dear brothers and sisters, this passage in chapter 11 of the Gospel of John which does a great deal of good to read, is a hymn to life, and it is proclaimed when Easter is near. Perhaps we too in this moment carry in our heart some burden or some suffering that seems to crush us; something bad, some old sin we cannot bring out, some youthful mistake, you never know. These bad things need to come out. And Jesus says, "Come out!". So, it is the moment to take away the stone and to go out towards Jesus, who is close. Can we open our hearts to him and entrust our worries to him? Do we do it? Are we able to open the tomb of problems — are we capable — and look over the threshold, towards his light, or are we afraid of this? And in turn, as small mirrors of God's love, do we manage to illuminate the surroundings in which we live with words and gestures of life? Do we bear witness to the hope and joy of Jesus — we, sinners, all of us? And also, I would like to say some words to confessors: dear brothers, do not forget that you too are sinners, and you are in the confessional not to torture but to forgive, and to forgive everything, just as the Lord forgives everything. May Mary, Mother of Hope, renew in us the joy of not feeling alone and the call to bring light into the darkness that surrounds us.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26, 2023

Daily readings for The Fifth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 22
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Monday, March 23
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24
Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21
John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25
Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

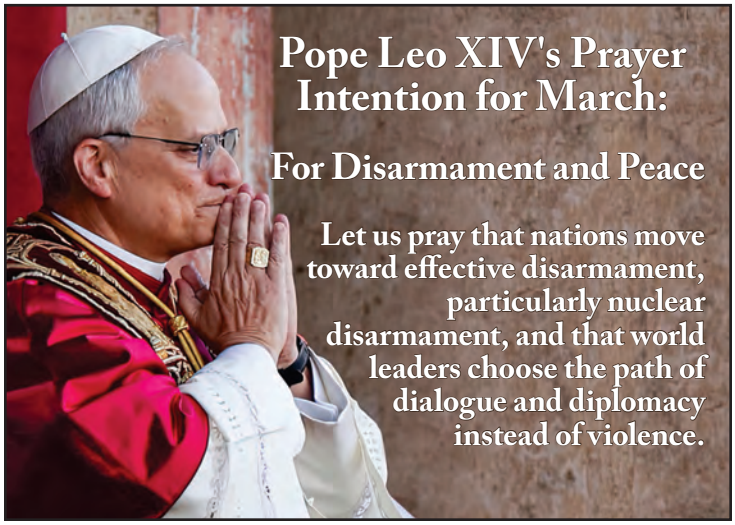
Thursday, March 26
Genesis 17:3-9
Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
John 8:51-59

Friday, March 27
Jeremiah 20:10-13
Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7
John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28
Ezekiel 37:21-28
Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13
John 11:45-56

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
7:00p.m. in Church



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year.

Solemnities during Lent: The solemnities of Saint Joseph and the Annunciation should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

Reconciliation Monday: Our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on **March 30, 2026, the Monday of Holy Week**. As in recent years, this initiative provides generous opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — March 30, 2026
3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
* NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection on Easter to help our retired priests.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR MARCH-APRIL 2026 **CORRECTED**		
Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
March 21	**March 22**	**March 22**
Jean	Brenda	Kim
March 28	**March 29**	**March 29**
Jocelyn	Daisy	Joan
April 2 — Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM		**April 3 — Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7PM**
Pat		Margaret
Glorious Saturday April 4 Solemn Vigil of Easter 7PM	**Easter Sunday April 5 8AM Mass**	**Easter Sunday April 5 11AM Mass**
Marie-Ange	Francesca	Eric
April 11	**April 12**	**April 12**
Mary	Claudia	Gillian

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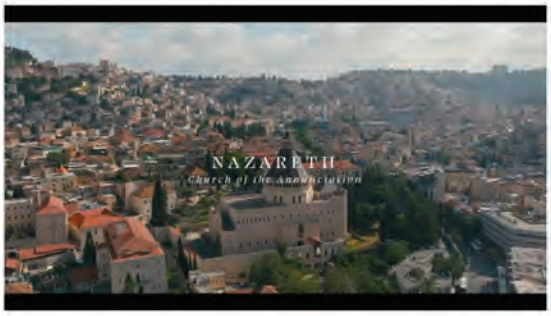
Week of March 22, 2026



The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.

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Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb.
He was alive!

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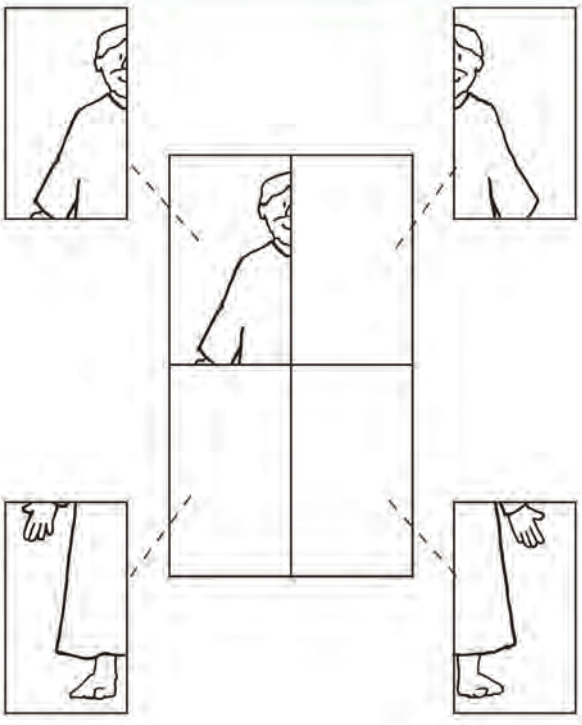

Then Jesus asked Martha, "Do you believe this?"
How did Martha answer?

Write the letter in the alphabet that follows each one given below.

Example: c / b

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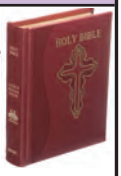

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