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Fifth Sunday of Lent, Third Scrutiny

March 22, 2026



Lazarus, come out!

JOHN 11:43

May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fifth Sunday of Lent

What is the significance of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:1-45)? It is more than a miraculous event. It is a "sign" of God's promise to raise up all who have died in Christ to everlasting life. That is why Jesus asked Martha if she believed in the resurrection from the dead. The Christian creed, which is the profession of our faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and in the saving power of God, culminates in the proclamation of the resurrection of the dead on the last day and in life everlasting. This is our faith and our hope. "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit which dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

The name Lazarus means "God is my help". Jesus' parable about the poor man Lazarus, who died and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom (Luke 16:19-31), ends with a warning: "If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead." Through Lazarus' sickness and subsequent death, God brought glory through his Son the Lord Jesus, who raised his friend from the dead in anticipation of his own death and resurrection. God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit that we may be made alive in Christ. Even now we can experience the power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit is ever ready to change and transform us into men and women of faith, hope, and love. Do we believe that the power of Jesus' resurrection is at work in our life today? Let the Holy Spirit strengthen within us the life and joy of God and the hope of heaven.

Readings for Next Sunday,

Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-7

Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 26:14-27:66

Saint of the Week... St. Oscar Romero

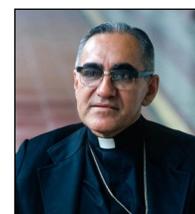
Born in 1917, St. Oscar Romero became the "voice of the voiceless" in El Salvador. He entered seminary at age 13, and for most of his priesthood, he was quiet and unassuming. Then, civil war broke out, and the poor were being oppressed. Fellow priests were being killed around him.

Leading up to his appointment as Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977, he realized that as a follower of Christ he needed to stand against the government's human rights abuses. He spoke out on his radio show and called for the protection of the poor and marginalized. His weekly radio sermons, broadcast throughout the country, were regarded by many as the most trustworthy source of news available.

On March 23, 1980, Archbishop Romero spoke on his radio show, imploring soldiers to follow God's law above their military orders to kill unarmed civilians. "No soldier is obliged to obey an order that goes against the law of God," he said. "I beseech you. I beg you. I command you! In the name of God: 'Cease the repression!'" Romero was fully aware of the risk of violence and death that faced him when he bravely spoke out. The next day, while celebrating Mass in a hospital chapel, a car pulled up and a gunman fired a single shot, striking and killing Romero.

The Archbishop's funeral was celebrated in the plaza outside the cathedral and drew an estimated 250,000 mourners. In 2015, Pope Francis authorized a decree recognizing him as a martyr for the faith; he was beatified later that year. When St. Oscar Romero was canonized in 2018, Pope Francis wore the same blood-stained belt that Romero wore the day he was assassinated. Romero is remembered for always speaking out for the poor, and he's inspired individuals and institutions to continue his work long after his death.

Sources: hallow.com and franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day March 24



Gerri Bennett, Jan Biser, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Kara Breedlove, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Braely Burton, Hailey Claire, Abby Clark, Raymond Clark, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Curtis Drew and family, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Lucas Dupuis, Scott Furey, Wanda Gahr, Marilyn George, Kathy Golaski, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Steve Grubbs, Donna Hanlin, Shawn

Harbaugh, Bob Harman*, Shawn Hartman, Marion Hollingsworth, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Charity Jones Kasraoui, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Francly Lyons, Rhonda Martin, Margaret McGee, Blain McLaughlin, Cindy Mills, Steve Miner, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Arjun Padha, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Diane Parrish, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carole Rhodes, Carla Riggelman, George Rosedale, Charlotte Sanders, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Toni Shillingburg, Esther Shockey, Crystal Snitz, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Nathaniel Taylor, Barbara Tenney, Nick Trager, Shawn Whetzel, Courtney Whiteman, Becky Whitlock*, Barbara Willis, Davis Wilson.

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This Week's Birthdays

March 23 Mike Labonte

March 25 Joe Maybury

If we have an incorrect date or if we miss your birthday, please let us know so we can update our records! If you would prefer that your birthday not be listed, please contact the Parish Office.

Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6 p.m., Assumption Church
Fr. Giles, Fr. Dan, Fr. Thomas

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday	Holy Thursday	Good Friday	Holy Saturday	Easter Sunday
Saturday, 4:00 pm Sunday, 8:30 am	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	Vigil Mass 8:00 pm	8:30 am
MARCH 29	APRIL 2	APRIL 3	APRIL 4	APRIL 5



Thank you to Mike, Liam & Lucas Dupuis for assisting with the Stations of the Cross last week!

Join us this Friday for Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations which will be led by members of the Parish Council (the last one this season).

Volunteers are needed for washing of feet at Holy Thursday Mass. If you are able to participate in this symbolic service (men, women or children), please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!

Easter Flower Offering

The annual Easter Flower collection continues. Please be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory of (a list will be included in the Easter bulletin). Names can be accepted through March 29.

Attention Volunteers!

VIRTUS Safe Environment Requirements

All those who serve our parish as a catechist (including OCIC), adult altar server, and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the nursing home or homebound (not at the altar), are required to maintain compliance with the VIRTUS Safe Environment database. Both a background check and awareness training must be completed every three years, and many of our volunteers are now due for renewal. If you received an email from the parish this week about taking action, that means you are out of compliance. Please take a few minutes to log in to your VIRTUS account to complete the necessary steps. Thank you!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 21	4:00 pm	Souls of John & Hazel Coffman	Cindy & Jim Alt
		Deceased Members of the John Ross family	Carole Rhodes
Sunday, March 22	8:30 am	People of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Monday, March 23	No Mass		
Tuesday, March 24	No Mass		
Wednesday, March 25	6:00 pm	<i>Lenten Penance Service (No Mass)</i>	
Thursday, March 26	12:00 pm	Soul of Gina DeMasi	The DeMasi Family
Friday, March 27	6:00 pm	Soul of Dan Labonte	Anita Tetreault
Saturday, March 28	4:00 pm	People of Assumption Parish	Assumption Parish
Sunday, March 29	8:30 am	Soul of Mary Ella Minnich	The Minnich Family

Last Call for Donations of Food and Toiletry Items

To fulfill the community service requirement, our Confirmation candidates are sponsoring a food drive to benefit the Faith in Action food pantry, along with a toiletry drive to benefit the Family Crisis Center. Donations can be left in the Vestibule or at the Parish Office through this Friday, March 27.

Thank you for supporting our young people and their project, and please keep them in your prayers as they near their Confirmation date!



It's Donut Sunday!

Please join us after Mass this Sunday (March 22) at St. Mary's Hall for donuts, coffee, fellowship! Thank you to the Ladies Guild for hosting this month.

Easter Meals for Homebound

The Ladies Guild will be preparing an Easter meal for the homebound people of our parish. If you or someone you know would enjoy this outreach, please contact the Parish Office by Thursday, March 26. The meals will be delivered on Thursday, April 2.

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 14-15, 2026

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,725
Loose Donations.....	\$630
Easter Flowers.....	\$423
Total	\$3,778

Attendance

Saturday, 3/14.....	77
Sunday, 3/15.....	121
Total	198

Parish Prayer List

Our parish prayer list is shared weekly in the bulletin (see page 2) as well as on our website. Please take a minute to review it. To add or remove a name, please call or email the Parish Office, or simply drop a note in the offertory basket.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, March 28

Lector: Tess Maybury
 Servers: Sue Harber & Paul Bogdan
 EMs: Bill Lupis, Eric Hatfield (c), Mary Wagoner (c)
 Cantor: Linda Marsh
 Greeters: Bill Lupis & Mary Wagoner

Sunday, March 29

Lector: Geoff Newlin
 Servers: Jude Barrick, Tucker Newlin & Harper Newlin
 EMs: Tina Stephen, Beverley Iser (c), Rosie Landis (c)
 Cantor: Patrick George
 Greeters: Paul Bogdan & Janet Corley

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

March 26 Jean Harber
 April 2 Jean Harber

Sacramental Needs

Baptism/Eucharist & Reconciliation/Confirmation
 Contact the Parish Office for specific information on requirements, preparation, and dates for the sacrament you are requesting.

Marriage
 Contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance of your wedding date so that the appropriate preparation can be scheduled and completed.

Anointing of the Sick
 Contact the Parish Office if you would like Fr. Thomas to give you or a loved one an anointing. This sacrament is also given quarterly after Mass (date announced in the bulletin).

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children
 Are you worshipping with us on a regular basis and would like to become Catholic? Were you baptized Catholic but not Confirmed? If you are an adult or have a child age 8 or older, our OCIA/OCIC programs are for you. Please contact the Parish Office for details.

Annulments
 Confused or intimidated by the annulment process? Contact the Parish Office to determine your needs. We will help you through the process!

