

God Raises People from the Dead!



In today's Old Testament reading God promised His people that He would raise them from their graves. In the Gospel story Jesus raised His friend Lazarus from the dead. At the end of time God will raise everyone from the dead.

God does not like death. We all have to die because we are sinful, but God wants to raise us from the dead, like Lazarus.

Did you know that there is something worse than dying? Sinning is worse than dying, because when you commit a mortal sin you kill God's life in your soul. When you die you know that your body will rise again, but if you are not sorry for any serious sins then your soul will go to Hell because it doesn't have God's life in it. In Lent we should try to get rid of all the sin in our souls by going to Confession so that our souls will have God's life in them and be ready to celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter!



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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP



God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy."

- Pope Francis



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Yet Shall We Live!

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary, that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial. His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering, all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb. Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead men", for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today. Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God". And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe.

If we believe, we will see that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in the First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in the Epistle.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in the Gospel - that Jesus is the resurrection and the life - even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in the Psalm, that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

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SUNDAY READINGS

First Reading

Ex.37:12-14

Second Reading

Rom.8:8-11

Gospel

Jn.11:1-45



MASS TIMES

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Morning Prayers:
5:45a.m.



MONDAY:

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



TUESDAY:

6:00 a.m.



WEDNESDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.
G/Riviere: 6:00 p.m.



THURSDAY

6:00 a.m./12:30 p.m.



FRIDAY

6:00 a. m./12:30 p.m.



SATURDAY

6:30 a.m./6:00 p. m.



SUNDAY

Gros Islet/G. Riviere
7:30 a.m.

Gros Islet/Monchy
10:00 a.m.



HOLIDAY

Variable



CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday
9.00 - 10.00 a.m.
&
by appointment



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Lenten Reflections: Family Prayer

One of the challenges that we too often find in our busy lives is time to pray together as a family. Here are a few ways a family might pray together during Lent or at any time of the year:

In the Morning: It can be quite transformative of family bonds to pause briefly to pray together. Brief prayer doesn't have to be without substance or power. This might be a spontaneous prayer while we are lying in bed with our spouse or perhaps when the family is rushing around each other in the kitchen grabbing breakfast. It can be wonderful to pause to pray, simply asking the Lord to be with each of us in what we are about to do that day.

In the Car: So many of us spend a fair amount of time in the car, often with other members of our family. Begin or end each trip with a brief prayer.

Before Meals: One of the most natural times to pray is as we sit down to eat. This prayer could be a traditional mealtime prayer to say together.

Other Times: We can say brief prayers for any given occasion. We can pray together for birthdays, anniversaries, the beginning and ending of a school year, school examinations or when one of the family is beginning any new endeavor. We may want to add some special prayer time if one of the family is experiencing a personally anxious time or crisis. We might place a special candle on the dining room table and light it each evening as we remember that person in our prayer.

The most important part of family prayer is perhaps the easiest to overlook - how we hold each other up to the Lord. Even when we are not physically together, we need to pray for each other. In reality this means that we create a pattern of talking with the Lord about the people we love most dearly, each and every day. They become part of our very relationship with God. Whether we are a married couple with young or if the children have grown up and begun lives of their own, this aspect of family prayer is so important.

Perhaps the whole family doesn't share our faith; perhaps one spouse doesn't pray at all; but we can talk with the Lord about our spouse and family every day, sometimes asking for help or just expressing gratitude, sometimes begging for the gift of faith for our family.

May our Lord bless our praying in the community of our family these days of Lent.

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"The family that prays together stays together."

Fr. Patrick Peyton

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Patsy Crafton
Iris Macauldy
Marie Joseph
Anne Marie Felicien

DECEASED

Conrad Lorde
Camelia Jones
Theresa Daniel
Frederick Joseph
Rose Anna Clovis
Elizabeth Gaspard
Veronica Alexander

WEEKDAY READINGS

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MONDAY
Dn.13:1-9,15-17
19-30,33-62
Jn.8:1-11

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TUESDAY
Nm.21:4-9
Jn.8:21-30

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WEDNESDAY
Is.7:10-14;8:10
Heb.10:4-10
Lk.1:26-38

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THURSDAY
Gn.17:3-9
Jn.8:51-59

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FRIDAY
Jer.20:10-13
Jn.10:31-42

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SATURDAY
Ez.37:21-28
Jn.11:45-56

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MASS INTENTIONS

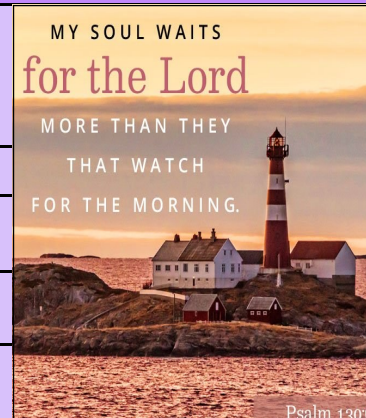
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INTENTIONS

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

Sat Mar 21 - 6:00 p.m.



B'day: William Dussiel
Anselma O'Neil
Thks: Felix Finistere & family

Sun Mar 22 - 7:30 a.m.

MISSA PRO POPULO

10:00 a.m.

B'day: Terrel Monplaisir
Thks: Felicia Hyacinth & family

Grande Riviere -7:30 a.m.

Int: Parish Youth

Monchy - 10:00 a.m.

Thks: Margerie Philip & family
Anne Marie Felicien

WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Mar 23- 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Linus Clovis
Sr. Adinase Mumba

Dc'd: Lennox Belrose

12:30 p.m.

B'day: Sybil James

Tues Mar 24 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Vincent Arulanandam
Rev. Girard Glace
Sr. Mary Muskosa

Dc'd: Christiane Laurent Dussiel

Wed Mar 25 - 6:00 a.m.

Annunciation of the Lord

Fr. Konrad Mair
Fr. Kenneth Haakyav
Fr. Henry Nmor

B'day: Mary Sidoine, Theresa Herman

12:30 p.m.

Dc'd: Members of the Sylvester family
Holy Souls in Purgatory

Grande Riviere - 6:00 p.m.

Parishioners

Thu Mar 26- 6:00 a.m.

Rev. Nathalbert Husbands
Sr. Stephania Banda

Dc'd: Members of the Verdant family
Members of the Glace family

12:30 p.m.

Deliv: Marcus Joseph

Fri Mar 27 - 6:00 a.m.

Fr. Kevin Murray
Rev. Gabriel Geoffrey

Thks: Bernadette Pamphile
Int: Anthony Robinson, Pearl Leonty

12:30 p.m.

Thks: Janne-Eve d'Auvergne
Mary Wellington & family
Wedd Ann: Cajetan & Agatha Danzie

Sat Mar 28- 6:30 a.m.

Fr. John Milton

Dc'd: Charmaine Blanchard-Johnson