

# TAKE UP AND READ

ST. AUGUSTINE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, April 7, 2019

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

*Jn 11:25a, 26*

## TODAY'S READINGS

*5th Sunday of Lent*

**First Reading:** Ez 37:12-14

**Responsorial:** Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Second Reading:** Rom 8:8-11

**Gospel:** Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

*PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION*

**First Reading:** Is 50:4-7

**Responsorial:** Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

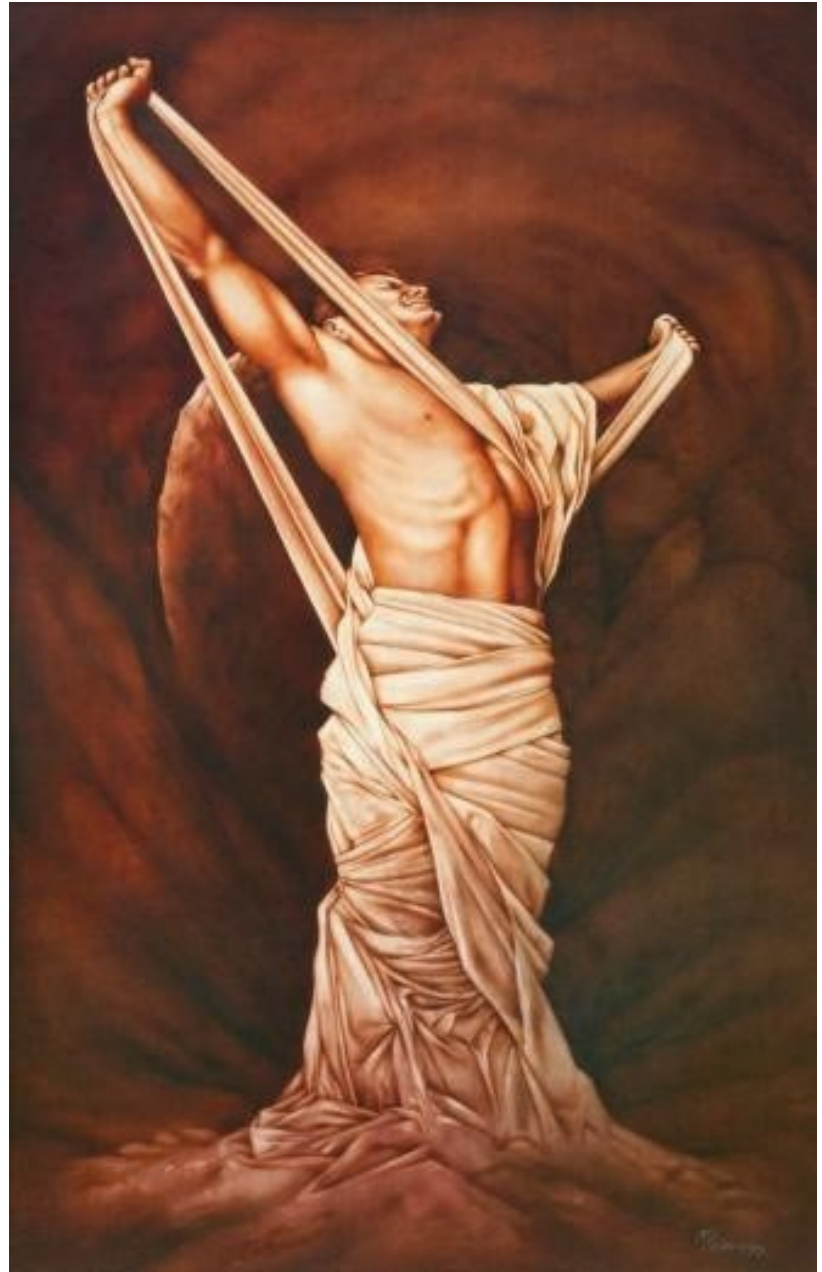
**Second Reading:** Phil 2:6-11

**Gospel:** Luke 22:14—23:56

In the Gospel today when Jesus had finished praying he said, “Lazarus, come out!” (John 11:43) Jesus says to each of us also, “Come out of your tomb, come out your bondage. Do not live in the darkness, live in the light. Do not live in fear, live in faith.” When Lazarus came out of the tomb, Jesus then said, “Unbind him, let him go free.” Jesus also says to each of us, “Be unbound and go free. Live with my life.” (John 11:44)

Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead physically in his body. He had been dead for four days. Jesus had previously raised the daughter of Jairus (Luke 8:41-42, 49-56) and the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17) and in the Old Testament Elijah and Elisha raised people from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24; 2 Kings 4:17-37). But nowhere is there

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## LAZARUS COME OUT

WE, THE PEOPLE OF ST. AUGUSTINE AND ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE A MULTI-CULTURAL INNER CITY PARISH DEVOTED TO THE LOVE AND HONOR OF GOD. OUR MISSION IS TO ANNOUNCE THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST BY USING AND DEVELOPING OUR TALENTS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.

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Valeon Waller  
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## FROM THE PASTOR

**Praised be Jesus Christ.** Jesus raises a man from the dead, the last of His great signs, and for this, his enemies decide He must die. If we are members of Jesus' Body, if we are disciples of Jesus, we will face opposition, go through apparent failure, AND RISE! Everybody faces opposition and failure. When Jesus is in us, when He works and His Spirit breathes in us, we will rise, if we allow Him to do the Father's will in us.



**Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 7/** 9:30 AM Confessions and Rosary/10 AM Mass/12:30 Confessions at 12:30 5 PM Youth ministry

**Monday, April 8th,** 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

**Tuesday, April 9th.** 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing/ 7PM Young Adults /8:30 PM Holy Hour

**Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass/8:30 PM Holy Hour

**Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>** / 8:30 PM Holy Hour

**Friday, April 12th,** 11-7 Lenten Fish Fry/6 PM Stations

**Saturday, April 13th,** No morning Mass/10 Confirmation/10:30 Evangelization visits

**Fourth Sunday of Lent, April 14<sup>th</sup>,** 9:30 AM Confessions and Rosary/10 AM Mass/ Youth Ministry at 5.

**Prayers.** Please be praying for God's graces for those preparing for the Easter Sacraments, for First Communion and Confirmation.

**Lenten Bible Study Renewing Our Call to Holiness - Wednesdays.** Mr. Joseph Jones, member of our parish who has a Master's degree in theology from the seminary, will lead a Bible Study on the Wednesdays of Lent. The Bible Study will begin at 6:30 and go for an hour.

On **Fridays**, Mass and Stations at 6 PM.

**A blessed week! *Father Dan***

### NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

THE LITURGICAL  
COLOR IS RED

Everyone is invited to participate in the liturgy and wear red as we enter into the Passion of Our Lord.

### ELEVATOR UPDATE

**DUE TO MECHANICAL ISSUES THE ELEVATOR IS CURRENTLY NOT OPERATIONAL.**

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Thank you.

an instance of someone being raised from the dead after four days. This is the crowning miracle of Jesus' ministry. In fact in John's Gospel it becomes the main reason leading to Jesus' death. (John 11:45-53) If Jesus can restore a body that had been in the tomb for four days and has begun to decompose he can certainly mend the brokenness and wounds of our lives. Jesus said to Martha,

*"I am the resurrection and the life,  
Whoever believes in me, even if he dies will live,  
And everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)*

Jesus asks the same question of us also, "Do you believe this? Do you believe that I am the resurrection and the life? Do you believe that I can mend all the brokenness and wounds of your life? Do you believe that I not only offer you resurrection in the future but also the fullness of life now in the present?" Jesus proclaims that he is both the resurrection and the life. He promises future resurrection but also invites us to share now in the fullness of his life. The resurrection of Lazarus is not just a promise about the future of each of us. It is also an invitation from Jesus to enter into the fullness of his life in the present, right now, and that life will continue in us after death.

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Do you believe that Jesus calls you to enjoy the fullness of his life now? Do you believe that Jesus is now calling you out of any tomb you may be in? Do you believe that even now Jesus is saying to you, "Be unbound and go free?" Let us today accept Jesus' invitation, let us walk out of any tomb we may be in and allow ourselves to be unbound and go free.

How do we achieve this freedom? How do we get out of our tombs? Notice that Martha and Mary sent a message to Jesus. We too have to send a message to Jesus and we do this by spending time with Jesus in prayer and sharing with him our wounds, hurts and anxieties. One of the psalms says, "I kept it secret and my frame was wasted." (Ps 32:3) Let us keep no secrets from Jesus but lay all bare before him. That is the only way to the mature relationship with Jesus. The motto chosen by the Catholic Church for the Jubilee 2000 was, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." (Heb 13:8) Since yesterday is the same as today for Jesus, as we share our wounds and anxieties with Jesus we ask him to walk back in time with us to that moment of wounding and to heal it. Then Jesus calls us out of the tomb to new life.

Notice that when Jesus received the message about Lazarus' illness he stayed where he was for two more days. We expect God to answer prayer in our time but sometimes God's time is different to ours. Also sometimes we may be tempted to despair and say God cannot do anything for me. This is like Martha in the Gospel who objected to the stone being

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

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Tues, Wed. 10:30 am—1:00 pm

## Fifth Sunday of Lent by Fr Tommy Lane (Cont.)

removed. But Jesus replied, "Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (John 11:40) Jesus is constantly calling us to new life in him; to come forth from whatever is keeping us in bondage. Sometimes a hurt we thought had been healed in prayer may surface again months or years later. This is a grace from God, God is now inviting us to a deeper healing of that situation.

Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb but Jesus himself did not unbind him, others unbound Lazarus. When you meet Jesus in prayer he calls you out of your tomb, and your spiritual director unbinds you. You must begin the process of sending a message to Jesus like Martha and Mary by spending time in prayer and inviting the Lord into every aspect of your life and then answering his call to come out of the tomb. Your spiritual director will not be able to unbind you if you do not firstly accept Jesus' invitation to come out of the tomb. Then, with the grace of Jesus, your spiritual director unbinds you and sets you free. But your spiritual director can do nothing if you do not firstly send the message to Jesus and answer his invitation.

What a wonderful invitation Jesus offers us. And in your future ministry you will, please God, extend this invitation on behalf of Jesus to all those to whom you minister. Let us today accept Jesus' invitation, let us walk out of any bondage in the tomb, be unbound and go free.

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*This homily was delivered in Mount St. Mary's Seminary, Emmitsburg, Maryland.  
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**MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS,** Every Friday of Lent, **6:00 pm, Fish Fry 11 am—7 pm**

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**Wed. & Sat. 8 am, Mass, 9 AM**

**NIGHT PRAYER,** Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30 pm

**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Mondays, 6:30 pm** with Genevieve Kocourek

**MEN'S FAITH SHARING, Tuesdays, 6:00 pm** with Deacon Chris

**YOUNG ADULT'S FAITH AND SERVICE TEAM,** Tues, 7 pm

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, Renewing Our Call to Holiness,** with Joseph Jones, **Wednesdays, 6:15 pm**

**CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sundays** after Mass, with Deacon Chris

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