

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 2, 2017

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!*

— Psalm 130:1

### JESUS' MINISTRY SUMMARIZED

The story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead is the single longest story (apart from the Passion) in the Gospel of John. In it we find a summary of most of Jesus' ministry. We see his very human nature as he is moved by Martha and Mary's sorrows and as he himself weeps at the tomb of Lazarus. He is the wisdom of God's Word made flesh as he explains to his followers that the death of Lazarus will serve as a sign of the glory of God. He crowns the miracles he works in John's Gospel (which began with the most "human" miracle of making new wine at Cana's wedding) by raising Lazarus from the dead—a "preview," if you will, of his own death and resurrection to come. This portrait of Jesus reminds us, as we near the end of our Lenten journey, that he is with us, knows us, understands us in every moment of our lives. He knows the joy of our human feasting, he knows the sorrow of our weeping. As we prepare to walk with him through the days of Holy Week, we are filled with faith that—through Christ—God's glory will be with us in every moment of our lives and—with Christ—in our life everlasting.

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### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (*Ezekiel 37:12-14*).

**Psalm** — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (*Psalm 130*).

**Second Reading** — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (*Romans 8:8-11*).

**Gospel** — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (*John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]*).

### OUR GIFTS RECORD

	Offertory	Development
<b>Last Week's Collection</b>	\$3,499.10	\$2,754.10
Number of Families contributing	138	114
Total Pledge for 2017	\$175,815.00	\$188,514.00
Pledged to Date (13 Weeks)	\$43,320.00	\$47,254.00
Received to Date	\$43,631.20	\$36,934.20
Envelopes Outstanding	(\$311.20)	\$10,319.80

### LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$410.00	\$4,379.00

Foty-six ladies made a contribution last week.

### BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL WEEKLY REPORT

2017 Parish Goal	
Amount Received to Date	\$2,707.00
Amount Outstanding	

Three people made a B.A.A. contribution last week.

### HALL RENOVATION FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2017
\$135.00	\$4,431.00

Five people made a Hall Fund contribution last week.

**PARKING LOT** totaled \$10.00.

48 **CHILDREN** contributed \$175.00.

**POOR BOX** totaled \$57.00.

The **ATTENDANCE** for last Saturday 4:00 P.M. Mass was 320, 7:00 P.M. Mass was 115 and Sunday 10:00 A.M. Mass was 110.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**A very poor man lived with his wife. One day, his wife, who had very long hair, asked him to buy her a comb for her hair to grow and to be well-groomed. The man felt very sorry and said no. He explained that he did not even have enough money to fix the strap of his watch he had just broken. She did not insist on her request.**

**The man went to work and passed by a watch shop, sold his damaged watch at a low price and went to buy a comb for his wife.**

**He came home in the evening with the comb in his hand ready to give his wife. She had sold her hair and was holding a new watch band.**

**Tears flowed simultaneously from their eyes, not for the futility of their actions, but for the reciprocity of their love.**

*To love is nothing, to be loved is something but to love and to be loved by the one you love, that is EVERYTHING.*

*Never take love for granted.*

### FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. Pat Riley and Teri in thanks for Savvy and in loving memory of Eddie O. Riley on the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
2. the Family of John and Bessie Riley in loving memory of them on the Anniversaries of their deaths;
3. and the Skully's in loving memory of Skully's Pat on his 53<sup>rd</sup> Birthday and Bonnie on her 49<sup>th</sup> Birthday;
4. the Family of Johnny Boy Riley in loving memory of him on the 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death;
5. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** during Lent, will be held every Friday after 7:00 p.m. Mass. The Stations of the Cross will be led on Friday: **Apr. 7: Society of Mary Immaculate**

**Apr. 14: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

**PARISH MISSION** The Parish Mission this year will be held in the Holy Week, Mon. Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> thru Wed. Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Thomas who did the Healing Service on Thanksgiving Day will preach the Parish Mission. Parish Mission is a time for spiritual revival. Let everyone be ready to attend the mission fully.

### ADMIT THE WRONG

When you've done something **WRONG**, **ADMIT** it and be **SORRY**. No one in **HISTORY** has ever **choked to death** from **SWALLOWING** his pride.

**MASTER'S TABLE** Jacqueline's Legion Group, Our Lady of Epiphany, is scheduled to prepare and serve a hot meal to the clients of the Master's Table in Augusta on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to participate in this very rewarding opportunity, please contact Jaqueline.

**THANK YOU** to a member for a donation in honor of St. Gerard; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite, the Infant Jesus of Good Health, and the Blessed Mother; and four members for a donation in thanks to St. Expedite.

**THINK FOR A WHILE**

- Before you think of *saying an unkind word* think of *someone who can't speak.*
- If you *sleep on flowers*, it's called your *first night*. If *flowers sleep on you*, it's called your *last night*.

**MORNING AND EVENING PRAYER**

<b>MORNING PRAYER</b>	Mon. thru Friday	9:30 a.m.
<b>EVENING PRAYER</b>	Monday & Friday	6:30 p.m.
	Tues., Wed., & Thurs.	4:30 p.m.

**BIBLE GUIDE**

**What is the Canon of the Bible?**

The canon of the Bible is the list of books that the Church has declared to be inspired by God and that she regards as the rule (canon) of Truth, Faith, and Life by reason of their Divine origin.

**JOKE OF THE WEEK** A child asked his mother, "How were people born?" His father said, "Adam and Eve had babies, then their babies became adults and had babies, and so on." The child then went to his father, asked him the same question and he told him, "We were monkeys then we evolved to become like we are now." The child ran back to his mother and said, "You lied to me!" His mother replied, "No, your father was talking about his side of the family and I was talking about my side."

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

<b>Tuesday:</b>	St. Isidore
<b>Wednesday:</b>	St. Vincent Ferrer
<b>Friday:</b>	St. John Baptist de la Salle; Abstinence
<b>Saturday:</b>	First Saturday

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>Monday:</b>	In thanks for Coston Carroll on his 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday.
<b>Tuesday:</b>	In loving memory of Eddie O. Riley on the 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death.
<b>Wednesday:</b>	In honor of the Holy Souls and St. Joseph.
<b>Thursday:</b>	In loving memory of Brian Carroll on the 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of his death; in loving memory of Pat Costello on his Birthday and in loving memory of Fr. Bill.
<b>Friday:</b>	For Pete Suedle Carroll.

**A NEW BEGINNING**

***It's never too late to change your ways;  
You can always start anew.  
Discard those habits you're tired of  
And fashion a whole new "you."  
Don't consider the past a waste of time,  
Just learn from your mistakes.  
But if you want to forge ahead,  
A change is what it takes.  
So start right now and set new goals;  
Decide what you want to do.  
Be patient and take one step at a time,  
Be sure to see each one through.  
For as each step is finished  
And you add it to the next,  
You soon will see that you have built  
A stairway to success.***

**READERS**

<b>Sat. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> Rita Riley & Scott's Mercedes	<b>Sat. Apr. 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> Dominique & Natalie
<b>Sun. Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b>	Jimmy Joseph & Mary Cat
<b>Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 P.M.</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i> Christina <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i> Julie Ann <i>Narrator</i> Mary Rita <i>Speaker</i> Dayna	<b>Sat. Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 P.M.</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i> Jay <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i> Carolyn <i>Narrator</i> Jay <i>Speaker</i> Carolyn
<b>Sun. Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 A.M.</b> <i>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</i> Mary Cat <i>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</i> Jimmy Joseph	<i>Narrator</i> Jimmy Joseph <i>Speaker</i> Mary Cat

**READERS – WEEKDAYS**

<b>Monday</b>	Dominique
<b>Tuesday</b>	Erin
<b>Wednesday</b>	Christina
<b>Thursday</b>	Dayna
<b>Friday</b>	Miranda

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS – WEEKEND**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b> Front Left Cup	<b>Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Bridget Ann Winnie Ann
<b>Saturday 7:00 P.M.</b> Front Cup	<b>Apr. 1<sup>st</sup></b> Jay Mary Regina Hambone
<b>Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup></b> Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie	<b>Sunday 10:00 A.M.</b> <b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b> Pete Man's Nora Rose Marie

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY**

<b>Monday</b>	Mary Cat
<b>Tuesday</b>	Pete Man's Nora
<b>Wednesday</b>	Ann T.
<b>Thursday</b>	Rose Marie
<b>Friday</b>	Bridget Ann

**GOLDEN SENTENCES**

- When you are in a problem, don't think it's the *End*. It is only a *Bend in Life*.
- It is not how we *care in the beginning*, but how much we *care till the end*.
- Never *play with feelings of others*. You may *win*, but *lose the person for a lifetime*.

~~~~~PRAYER CORNER~~~~~

**FOR DECEASED PARENTS**

***O God, Who commanded us to honor our father and our mother, in Your mercy have pity on the soul of my father (of my mother) and forgive him (her) his (her) sins. May I see him (her) again in the joy of everlasting brightness. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.***