

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

Out of the depths I cry to you, O' LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130

GIVE GLORY TO GOD

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God's glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John's Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus' works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have "put on Christ" in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

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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. Then you shall know I am the LORD, O my people! (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 (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

OUR GIFTS RECORD

Offertory Development

Last Week's Collection	\$6,277.00	\$4,107.00
Number of Families contributing	231	210
Total Pledge for 2020	\$167,031.00	\$162,928.00
Pledged to Date (12 Weeks)	\$39,491.00	\$38,888.00
Received to Date	\$32,488.00	\$23,956.00
Envelopes Outstanding	\$7,003.00	\$14,932.00

LADIES OFFERTORY RECORD

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$1,019.00	\$3,583.00

Sixty-two ladies made a contribution last week.

PARISH LIFE CENTER HALL FUND WEEKLY REPORT

Amount given last week	Amount given to Date in 2020
\$170.00	\$28,936.00

Six people made a P.L.C. contribution last week.

BICENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN

GOAL	\$165,000.00
Total Pledged	\$210,300.00
Total Received	\$43,642.00

PARKING LOT totaled \$0.00.

POOR BOX totaled \$12.00.

52 **CHILDREN** contributed \$402.00.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Spiritual writers speak of a "moment of grace."

It's a moment when the border between heaven and earth appears to fade for a brief second.

It's a moment when, for a split second of time, God's presence touches our lives deeply.

It's a moment when for a split second of time, we are blessed with a faint glimpse of eternity and God's glory.

Such a moment graced Peter, James, and John at the time of the Transfiguration of Jesus. They were never the same after it.

Can I recall a "Moment of grace" — or something akin to it — in my life? What triggered it? Love? Prayer?

While Jesus was praying, his face changed its appearance and his clothes became dazzling white...Peter said to him, "Master, how good it is that we are here!" —LUKE 9:29,33

Behind the dim unknown, standeth God with the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

—JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH ARE OFFERED BY:

1. and a Parish Member in thanks to St. Expedite.

THE ANTIDOTE FOR CORONA

3 tablets morning, evening, and night.

The name of the tablets:

Morning — PSALMS 91

Evening — PSALMS 27

Night — PSALMS 121

Hand sanitizers — THE BLOOD OF JESUS

The name of the doctor — JESUS CHRIST

The pharmacy — THE WORD OF GOD

The name of the hospital — KING OF KINGS

THANK YOU to two members for their donation of \$100 each in thanks to St. Expedite; to a member for a donation in thanks to the Holy Spirit, Sacred Heart, Precious Blood; a member for a donation in thanks to St. Mother Theresa and St. Raphael; a member for a donation in honor of the Holy Spirit for a special intention; and three members for their donations in thanks to St. Expedite.

EASTER LILIES It is asked that each family donate \$10 for the Easter lilies. Please give your donation to Bridget Rita, Mary Rita O'Hara or the Church Office.

WHAT IS THE HARDEST THING TO BREAK?

Surprisingly the answer is HABIT!

If you break the H, you will still have 'A BIT.'

If you break the A, you still have 'BIT.'

If you break the B, you still have 'IT.'

Even after you break the 'T' in IT, there is still the "I."

And that (I) is the root cause of all problems.

WELL SAID?

If you marry the **RIGHT PERSON**,
everyday is **VALENTINE'S DAY**.

Marry the **WRONG PERSON**,
everyday is **MARTYR'S DAY**.

Marry the **LAZY PERSON**,
everyday is **LABOR DAY**.

Marry an **IMMATURE PERSON**,
everyday would seem like **CHILDREN'S DAY**.

Marry a **CHEATER** or **LIAR**,
everyday will become **APRIL FOOL'S DAY**.

And if you **DON'T GET MARRIED**,
everyday is **INDEPENDENCE DAY!**

LOVE AND EGO

Life is in constant conflict between *love* and *ego*.

Love always wants to *say sorry*.

Ego always wants to *hear it*.

JOKE OF THE WEEK

Little Johnny's new baby brother was screaming up a storm. He asked his mom, "Where'd we get him?"

She replied, "He came from Heaven, Johnny."

"Wow!" he said. "I see why they threw him out."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Wednesday: April Fool's Day

Thursday: St. Francis of Paola

Friday: First Friday; **Abstinence**

Saturday: St. Isidore; First Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday: In honor of the Infant Jesus of Prague for all the sick and St. Joseph for all the holy souls in purgatory and for the repose of the soul of Fr. Anto.

Tuesday: For the repose of the souls of John and Bessie Riley on the anniversaries of their deaths.

Wednesday: For the repose of the soul of Little Ollie Harrison on the 17th Anniversary of his death.

Thursday: For the repose of the soul Kate Hun on the Anniversary of her death.

Friday: For the repose of the soul of Eddie O. on the 9th Anniversary of his death.

NOT ABOUT ME

It's not about me, it's all about Him.

My God who loves me so.

I never have to fear or doubt

He's with me wherever I go.

His love is everlasting,

It never goes away.

No matter what I say or do,

His love is here to stay.

We must never forget the sacrifice

He made for you and me.

He gave His very own life

To give us eternity.

READERS

Sat. Mar. 28th, 4:00 P.M.
Christina

Sun. Mar. 29th, 10:00 A.M.
Mary Cat

Sat. Apr. 4th, 4:00 P.M.
Natalie

Sun. Apr. 5th, 10:00 A.M.
Mary Cat

READERS – WEEKDAYS

Monday - Taneil

Tuesday - Fallon

Wednesday - Cathy Lisa

Thursday - Natalie

Friday - Christina

PRAYER

An Old man would sit motionless for hours on end in church.

One day a priest asked him what God talked to him about.

"God doesn't talk. He just listens" was his reply.

"Well, then what do you talk to him about?"

"I don't talk either, I just listen."

The four stages of Prayer:

I talk, you listen.

You talk, I listen.

Nether talks, both listen.

Neither talks, neither listens: Silence.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - WEEKDAY

Monday Cathy Pole

Tuesday Bridget Rat

Wednesday Margaret Butts

Thursday Betty Jo

Friday Mary Cat

7 TIPS TO BE HAPPY IN LIFE

1. **Never Hate.**
2. **Don't Worry.**
3. **Live Simple.**
4. **Expect a Little.**
5. **Give a Lot.**
6. **Always Smile.**
7. **Keep in Touch with GOD.**

TRUTHS OF LIFE WE NEED TO BE FAMILAR WITH

Where there is a will, I want to be in it.

If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.

We never really grow up,

we only learn how to act in public.

War doesn't determine who is right, only who is left.

To steal ideas from one is plagiarism.

To steal ideas from many is research.

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

LORD JESUS

Lord Jesus, put within my heart a burning desire to be changed and transformed in your way of holiness. Let your Holy Spirit purify my heart and renew in me a fervent love and desire to do whatever is pleasing to you and refuse whatever is contrary to your will. Amen.