

fifth Sunday OF LENT

MARCH 29
2020

THE TOMB OF
LAZARUS
AL-EIZARIYA
(BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

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It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general

resurrection of the dead on “the last day.” Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as “the resurrection and the life.” What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour “when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live” (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—“Lazarus, come out!”—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12–14; Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8;
Rom 8:8–11; Jn 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

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Dear Friends,

Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you in this difficult time. As we continue during this unique Lenten season, our Journey to Jerusalem, we experience the Way of the Cross. I invite you to allow this time of fasting, suffering and maybe even fear to lead us closer to Jesus. Increased isolation provides more time for prayer. Legitimate concern and uncertainty provides an opportunity to increase our TRUST and HOPE in the Lord. He will see us through!

PRIVATE PRAYER and CONFESSION: St. Isidore remains open for private prayer from 7am - 9pm daily. Holy Family is open for private prayer from 9am - 5pm on Sundays. Confessions will continue to take place in the parking lot: Wednesdays at St. Isidore 5:15-6:15 pm, and Saturdays at Holy Family 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

RCIA: The Sacraments of Initiation that are normally celebrated at the Easter Vigil will be transferred to the Vigil of Pentecost on May 30. Please keep Dennis, Roger, Dan and Devin in your prayers as they look to celebrating the fullness of the Catholic faith with us this Pentecost.

Confirmation/First Communion: No decisions have been made concerning the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion which are scheduled for May 3. Keep our young ones preparing for these sacraments in your prayers!

Religious Education: Resources and suggestions are being gathered that will assist families with ongoing religious education in the home. Please look for communication from Mary Stevens or Ginger Kusnier in the weeks to come

Sunday Masses: All Masses will continue to be said in private until at least April 13, 2020. Catholics in the Diocese of Lansing have been dispensed of their obligation to attend weekly Mass during this time. I encourage you to take advantage of the Diocesan Outreach Mass with airs every Sunday at 6am and again at 10am on WLAJ Lansing TV53. This Mass is also archived on the webpage: diosceseoflansing.org/outreach-mass.

Stewardship and Online Giving: During this time of pandemic we continue to rely on the financial generosity of our parishioners to support the operations and mission of our parish. With increased financial burdens falling on many of our parishioners, I am asking those who are able to continue to make your financial contributions during this time. Envelopes can be mailed to the parish office. We are working diligently to provide a secure digital platform to allow for one-time and/or reoccurring giving. Watch the website for updates.

Fr. Bob Bacik

Walk to Jerusalem Update

7,722 miles walked

Keep tracking your miles.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FORMATION (REF)

**REF Classes Cancelled until April
Holy Family & St. Isidore**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

April 9— Business Meeting— **CANCELLED**

Knight of the Month: Jerry Gialanella
Family of the Month: Tim, Stacey, Jacob and
Thomas Voisinnet



American Red Cross

The Red Cross Blood Drive on March 23rd was a great success. There were a record 44 donors. Unfortunately, we had to turn away a number of people because of the lack of time and supplies. A big thank you goes out to all of our donors, the 14 Parish volunteers, and, of course, the awesome Red Cross staff.

FIND YOUR GREATNESS EVENT

The April 25, "Find Your Greatness" event at St. Martha's will be rescheduled this fall. Tickets will transfer and money will be refunded to those who are not able to attend the new date. More details to follow when they become available.

MITTENS FOR THE HOMELESS

THIS YEAR THE LADIES DELIVERED
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AND
577 MITTENS
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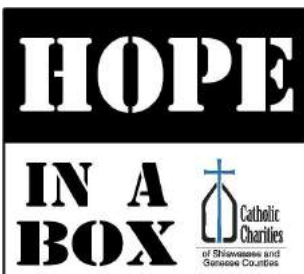
THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
ON DEMAND.

FR. BOB'S INTENTIONS FOR PRIVATE MASS

SATURDAY — March 28		† Deceased Members of the VanGeertruy Family by their Children
SUNDAY — March 29		† Tony Sinicropi by Sid & Angie Wittenberg
Monday		
Tuesday		† Charolette Csapos by Bob & Bev O'Neil
Wednesday		† Don Smith by Tim & Stacy Voisinet Family
Thursday		† Anna Hurst by The Wrobel Family
Friday		† Harriet Delaney by Bruce & Barbara Martin
SATURDAY — April 4		† Fr. Raymond Urbanek by Doug & Char Angell
SUNDAY — April 5		† Jesse Medina by James & Lynn Collom

PRAYERS: PLEASE PRAY FOR MELVIN PAMMENT, - OLIVER WASHINGTON, - GERRY PACE, - PAT SIMPSON, - RAY DOYLE, - KYLE WALLER, - JUDITH MARTELL (MOTHER OF TERESA PICKENS), - JIM (MAYO) HURST, - CHARLES OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - BRUCE CHANDLER (BROTHER OF MARTI ROWLEY), - JIM OLENICZAK (BROTHER OF BARB WRIGHT), - ROSE MORRILL, - JULIE STONER (DAUGHTER OF GENE & BARB STONER), - FRANK LUNDIE, - JANET ARTHUR, - PAM DELONG, - SUSAN DELONG, - THERESA HEEG, - LANA MIERSEN, - MARY STEIN, AGGIE CASSADY, - SHIRLEY GREENE, - MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), - BILL DUSO, - TERESA KECK, (SISTER OF PHYLLIS HART & HELEN STELZER), - DENNY LEE, - DAVID OLENICZAK, - JEANNE OLENICZAK, - VERN WRIGHT, — DON ELLIOTT, - TONI DOYLE, - KEITH HURST, - MARY LOU DOYLE, - DAWN WROBEL., - PEGGY ROUMPZ (FRIEND OF NANCY CLARK), - THERESA PICKLER (FRIEND OF JESSE ANGUIANO), - JULIE JUSTICE (GRANDDAUGHTER OF LARRY & DEBBIE EARL), - BERRY DECKER (JESSE ANGUIANO), - CHRISTIAN GARZA (DEPLOYED TO IRAQ, GRANDSON OF MARY STEIN), DON NEGUS (SON OF MARY STEIN), - FRANK & NANCY DUKES, - MEREDITH MIERSEN (GRANDDAUGHTER OF RON & LANA MIERSEN), - JENN HILL MCCAUSEY, HELEN STELZER, - JOSEPH NEUMANN— ARLENE GUTIERRES, (COUSIN OF JESSE ANGUIANO)

PAMELA MORGAN, SYLVIA MCKAY, CRAIG & CAREN HENNING (NEPHEW & NIECE OF LEONARD MITCHELL), SHARON DARLING, (SISTER-IN-LAW ART & KAREN KELLEY), JUSTIN COLE, (NEPHEW OF COURTNEY & ANDY BATES); VAL THELEN, CONNIE WELLER, ROBERTA STANTON, SHELBY PORUBSKY, MIKE HEEG, CHARLES WADDELL FAMILY, JOHN OLINGER, BEVERLY DELANEY, JEANNE ALAGA, THERESA HEEG, RANDY BOWLES (SON OF ELLIE BOWLES), SUE NETHAWAY (SISTER OF ADRIANNE BOCEK), NICK DUNAY, JEFF WASON, BARB REWERTS, (GINGER KUSNIER'S MOTHER), GENE SCHOENDORF, EILEEN STRICKLAND (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), DALE KUENZLI (FRIEND OF ROSEMARIE THERING), MARY MAPES (MOTHER OF MIKE MAPES), JANE MCCALLISTER, BLANCHE WOODBURY, VINCE MINARIK (SON-IN-LAW OF LEONARD MITCHELL), ROBERT GARCIAS, MARIA JONES, BOB MCCUE, TOM HULBURT (SON OF NITA HUGHES), BOB FOREBACK & BETTE ALEXANDER (FRIENDS OF ROSEMARIE THERING), CHRIS CHANDLER, MILDRED TEJL, CARY LEN



Need for the month of March

Hand Soap & Body Wash



DSA COLLECTION STARTS -
Happy The One Who Trusts In The Lord!

DSA continues. Informational brochures are available in the entryway to the church.
Envelopes are available near the bulletins.

This years goal for St. Isidore is \$18,516