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THE SANCTUARY LIGHT

IS OFFERED

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

+DIANA FAJKUS

HOLY MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

5:00 PM

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

9:30 AM

Tuesday, March 23, at 9:30AM

Tuesday, March 23, at 10-11 AM

Wednesday, March 24, at 9:30AM

Thursday, March 25, at 9:30AM

Friday, March 26, at 9:30 AM

Saturday, March 27, at 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 28, at 9:30 AM

Sunday, March 28, at 6:30 PM

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

+CLARA DEREESE

MISSA PRO POPULO

+Maria Nguyen Thi Tron

Eucharistic Adoration

+Joe Hedrick

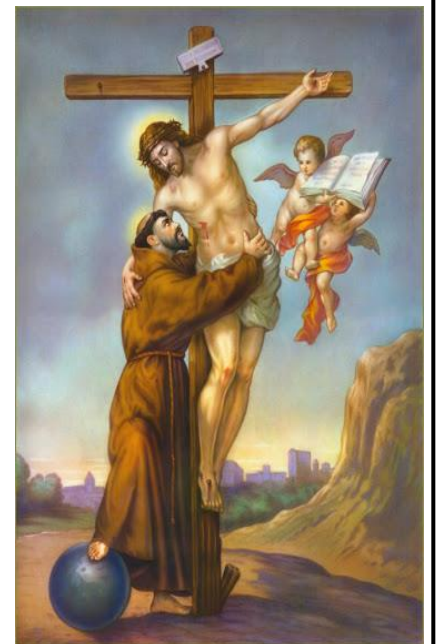
Ad Mentem MF Superioris

For All Souls in Purgatory

+Jimmy Fagan

Missa Pro Populo

Mass w/ the Vietnamese Community



MARCH 2021 LECTOR SCHEDULE

March 20 Ron Zajac

March 21 Benita Ebel

March 27 Joe Labuda

March 28 Brigid Breazeale



Lectors

The Body of Christ will be distributed only by the priest/deacon.

“For it is in giving that we receive.”
- St. Francis of Assisi

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD

March 14 weekend:

Church: \$2413.00

Building Fund: \$250

Special Projects: \$225.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**The Family that prays together
Stays together!**

EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION

EVERY TUESDAY
10 AM – 11 AM

THE HOLY ROSARY
PRAYED 30 MINUTES
BEFORE MASS
JOIN US

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 6:00pm
FOLLOWED BY STATIONS IN VIETNAMESE

Religious Education
CONFIRMATION PROGRAM
WEDNESDAYS AT 6 PM

Announcements and Upcoming Events
LENTEN CALENDAR FOR CHILDREN

Fifth Week

Sunday
Jesus raised his friend Lazarus from the dead.
• Pray for the souls in Purgatory:
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

Monday
Jesus willingly took up the cross.
• Ask Mom or Dad for a hard job and do it!
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Tuesday
Jesus fell three times while carrying His cross.
• Pray for someone who is sick. Visit them if you can. 30

Wednesday
Simon of Cyrene was made to help Jesus carry the cross because Jesus was too weak.
• Help one of your parents or siblings with their work today. 31

Thursday
The crowds of people watched Jesus carrying the cross.
• Talk with a friend or brother or sister about Jesus carrying the cross. 32

Friday
The women of Jerusalem wept for Jesus, Who consoled them.
• Pray for mothers who are expecting babies. 33

Saturday
Jesus and His Mother met on His way to Calvary.
• Find a picture of Our Lady of Sorrows and look at it for a minute or else draw one. 34

"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."

"He fasted for forty days and forty nights..."

...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 (see [John 12:3, 7](#)). 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 (see [John 20:1, 6, 7](#)). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man"—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 (see [John 11:37](#)). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see [John 9:3](#)). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see [John 11:40](#)). 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 today's 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 today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to us who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's 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 today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

-Dr. Scott Hahn reflections

CATHOLIC CHARITIES GIVING DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 29 | 7:30 AM - 1:30 PM
CCCTX BRYAN OFFICE, 1410 CAVITT AVE

Join us at our drive-thru fundraising event! Whether you can help others or need help yourself, all are welcome at Catholic Charities Giving Day.

If you are able to give, make a drive-thru financial donation
If you need help, pick up free diapers, wipes, and hygiene kits

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CENTRAL TEXAS
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Councils Meeting

A Councils Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 28 at the Parish Hall after the 9:30 AM Holy Mass.

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 7:00:00 PM	St. Mary's - Hearne	English/Spanish
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 6:00:00 PM	St. Thomas Aquinas	
Thursday March 25 at 11 AM	St. Joseph/St. Anthony	
Thursday March 25 at 6:30 PM	St. Joseph/St. Anthony	
Friday, March 26, 2021 at 6:30:00 PM	Santa Teresa - Bryan	English/Spa