

# Dear Padre,

**I'm very disturbed at some clothing—or lack thereof—worn at Mass these days. I find myself being judgmental and I don't want to be. Does our *Catechism* mandate a dress code?**

**B**eing judgmental can exist on both sides of this issue: Those who dress casually or inappropriately at Mass may be seen as unmotivated and disrespectful; those who dress up may be accused of doing so not for God but to impress everyone else at Mass.

The casual-dress advocates are influenced by the current relaxed cultural norms on attire—in church and elsewhere. They rightfully point out that one's presence at Mass is more important to God than one's clothing.

The dress-up advocates may believe this, too. However, the thought of actually being in God's presence at Mass determines their clothing choice.

Thus, an understanding of how the Mass is viewed today affects both casual-dress and dress-up proponents. While Catholics believe that Christ is present in all of creation and history, Christ's presence under the appearances of bread and wine is fundamental to our tradition. Moreover, a full appreciation of the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist impacts far more than our outward appearances!

While the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* has no official dress guidelines, it's best to assume that most attend Mass for the same reasons as you. Essentially, most people who dress sensibly and make an effort to attend Mass are expressing their reverence and love for God.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR  
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## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*I invite you to think for a moment, in silence, here: Where is my interior necrosis? Where is the dead part of my soul? Where is my tomb? ...And to remove the stone, to take away the stone of shame and allow the Lord to say to us, as he said to Lazarus: "Come out!"*

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## Calendar

**Monday**  
MARCH 30  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,  
19–30, 33–62  
or 13:41c–62  
Jn 8:1–11

**Tuesday**  
MARCH 31  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Nm 21:4–9  
Jn 8:21–30

**Wednesday**  
APRIL 1  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:14–20,  
91–92, 95  
Jn 8:31–42

**Thursday**  
APRIL 2  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Gn 17:3–9  
Jn 8:51–59

**Friday**  
APRIL 3  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 20:10–13  
Jn 10:31–42

**Saturday**  
APRIL 4  
*Lenten Weekday*  
Ez 37:21–28  
Jn 11:45–56

**Sunday**  
APRIL 5  
*Palm Sunday of the  
Passion of the Lord*  
Mt 21:1–11  
Is 50:4–7  
Phil 2:6–11  
Mt 26:14–27:66  
or Mt 27:11–54

# Our Parish COMMUNITY

March 29, 2020

*Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)*  
Ez 37:12–14 / Rom 8:8–11  
Jn 11:1–45 or 11:3–7, 17,  
20–27, 33b–45

## God Opens Our Graves

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

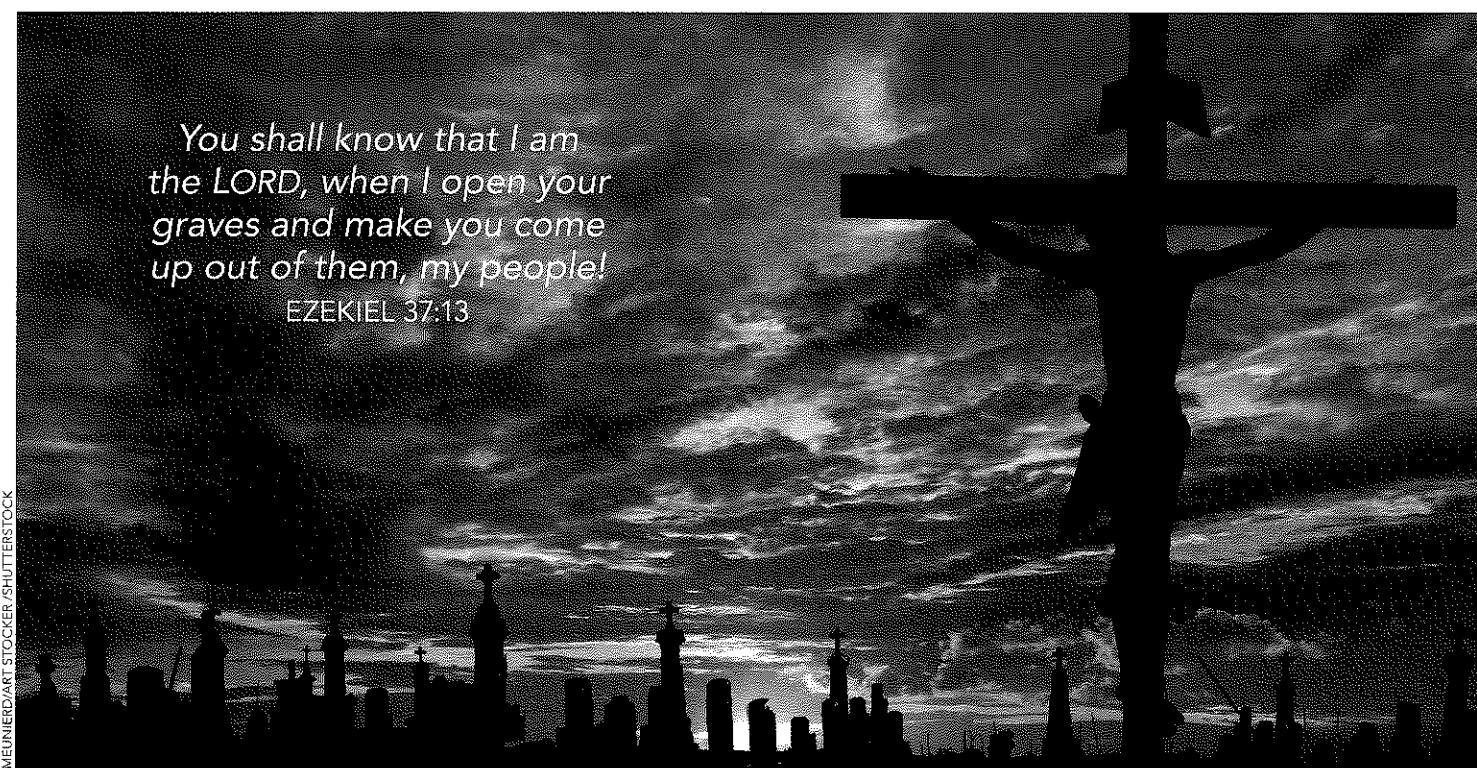
After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- \* *We were plunged into death and rose to new life at baptism. Does your life give evidence of this?*
- \* *In what ways does your life manifest the Spirit working through you?*



*You shall know that I am  
the LORD, when I open your  
graves and make you come  
up out of them, my people!*

EZEKIEL 37:13

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

*Horas De Oficina*

Tuesday-Thursday 9:00am-6:00pm  
 Friday 9:00am-2:00pm  
 Cyndi in office Tues & Friday 10-2pm & by appointments.  
 Patty in office Tues-Fri 9-2  
 Carol in office Tues-Thurs 2-6  
 Confessions: Saturday 4:00-4:40pm  
 Confessions: in GS Lometa Sunday 7:30-7:55am  
 Kitchen Hours/ *Horas de Cocina:*  
 Tues- Fri 6:00-11:00am  
 Food Pantry/*Dispensa de Comida:*  
 Wed & Fri 9:30-11:30am  
 Shared Blessing:  
 Wed & Fri 9:30am-2:00pm  
 Baptismal Class  
 Call the office for date.  
 Clase de Bautismo  
 Llamar la oficina para la fecha.  
 Adoration: Every Wednesday after 8:00am  
 Mass to 5:00pm and Thursday for one hour after the 6pm Spanish Mass.  
 Adoración: Todos los miércoles después de la Misa de 8:00am hasta las 5:00pm. Y los jueves después de la misa de las 6:30pm

**THE PARISH OFFICE IS OPEN IF YOU NEED TO COME BY (door is locked please knock, only 2 people at a time are allowed in) OR YOU CAN CALL IF IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE HANDLED OVER THE PHONE !!!**

**LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL ESTA ABIERTA (La Puerta está bloqueado por favor llame la puerta, solo 2 personas a la vez se permiten) ABIERTA SI NECESITA VENIR O PUEDE LLAMAR SI ES ALO QUE SE PUEDE MANEJAR POR TELEFONO!!!**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK IS FOR THE PEOPLE!!!**

**LAS INTENCIONES DE MISA PARA LA SEMANA SON PARA LA GENTE!!!**

For Our Sick/Nuestro Enfermos

Carlos Franco, Pauline Swift, Joshua DeZarn & Family, Teri Clayton, Felix DeLeon, Father Jim Robertson, John Michael Maldonado, Trinidad Rangel, Noah Garcia, Teresa Velasquez John Tracey, Cindy Sawyer, Ed Reigle, Jason Moreno, Shannon Barnett, Anthony Ray Torrez, Fred Bartell, Willie Nuñez, Mary Tobin, Dorothy Jeter, Gilbert & Rudy Lozano, Teresa Gronau, Bennie & Nancy Hromadka, Luis Lopez, Bill Nors, Robert Vasquez, Adrian Torrez, Chris Longoria, Robert Ramirez, Mary G Cortez, Tom Rogers, Ann Hughes, Arielle Dayrit, Felix Gonzales, Felipe Rodriguez, Madisyn Morua, Adolfo Torrez, Evelyn Ahearn, Ann Wilson, Anita Hyatt, Anna & Daniel Little, Richard Salazar, Melanie Bartek, Barbara Folks, Maggie Lopez, Henry Langford, Sylvia Reber, Truman Crawford, Lilly & Raul Olivarez, David Hernandez, Mary S & Jesse Ramirez, Andres Moreno, Diana Harlow, Carlos Jasso, Arturo Aragon, James Fioroni, Annabel Salazar, Marie Berger, Juan Torres, Donna Brewer, Lupe Rodriguez, Oliva Garcia,  
**Prayer:** All praise and glory are yours, Lord our God. You have called us to serve you and one another in love. Bless our sick today so that they may bear their illness in union with Jesus' sufferings and restore them quickly to health. Bless those who have grown old in your service and give them courage and strength in their faith. Lead us all to eternal glory. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Weekly Sacrificial Giving can be mailed to 701 N Key Lamapasas or brought by the office....**

**La Donación Semanal de Sacrificios puede ser enviada por correo a 701 N Key Lampasas, o puede traerlo por la oficina.....**

Those Who Serve Our Country  
 Angelica Sanchez, Aaron Ripley Kiser, Jarren Morua, Anthony Morua, Mark Argo, Jose Argo, Colton Currier, Luke Argo, Lawrence Olivarez, Jesus Garcia, Trenton Cavness, Dyran Self, Graham Hibbert, Edwin Rivas-Miranda

**St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Announcements:**

Chapel is available for prayer and adoration, it is being disinfected twice a day ....  
*La Caplla está disponible para oración y adoración, se está desinfectando dos veces al día....*

St. Mary and Good Shepherd Catholic Church Facebook page to watch live the Mass @ 8:00am daily and 9:00am on Sunday...  
*St Mary and Good Shepherd Catholic Church para ve la misa en vivo en la pagina de Facebook a las 8:00am entre semana y 9:00 en Domingo....*

Liturgy of the hour may be found via the Web page ([stmarycatholic.faith](http://stmarycatholic.faith))....  
*Liturgia de la hora está a través de la página de Web (stmarycatholic.faith)....*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**  
 Our church will be open all day on Fridays during Lent for those who wish to pray the Stations of the Cross on your own....  
**VIACRUCIS:**  
 Nuestra iglesia estará abierta todo el día en los Viernes durante la Cuaresma para los que desean venir a rezar las Viacrucis por su centa.....

**EASTER LILIES:** We might be back in the Church for Holy Week (*unless the government and/or the diocese extend social distancing*). It is up to you if you want to order lilies for Easter. The price is \$15.00, if you would like to order some in memory of someone or just because you can call the office or come by. **Deadline to order is March 29!!!!**

**Good Shepherd Announcements:**

**DIVINE MERCY CENACLE: CANCELED!!!!**

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**NO GREATER LOVE: CANCELED!!!!**

**LITURGY OF THE HOUR:** Can be found via the Web page [stmarycatholic.faith](http://stmarycatholic.faith)

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**St. Mary/Good Shepherd Announcements:**

**IF IN NEED OF ANNOINTING OF THE SICK OR CONFESSION PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL FATHER PAUL ON HIS CELL PHONE.....**

**FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN ON FRIDAY APRIL 3, PLEASE DO NOT GET OFF YOUR CAR YOU WILL BE ABLE TO DRIVE THROUGH!!!!**

**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.....**

**NO PUBLIC DAILY MASS AND NO PUBLIC SUNDAY MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Live feed can be found on FACEBOOK!!!!**  
**NO HAY MISAS DIARIAS PUBLICAS NI MISAS DOMINCALES PUBLICAS HASTA NUEVO AVISO. La transmission en vivo se puede encontrar en FACEBOOK!!!!**

**EIM WORKSHOP NEWS:**  
**ALL EIM WORKSHOPS HAVE BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!!!!!!**  
**TODOS LOS TALLERAS DE EIM HAN SIDO CANCELADOS HASTA NUEVO AVISO!!!!**

**CONFESSIONS:** CANCELED, until further notice. You can call Father Paul on his cell phone to make appointment if need be.  
**CONFESIONES:** CANCELADO hasta nuevo aviso. Puede llamar al Padre Paul en su celular para hacer una cita si es necesario.

**Reminder "40 Days, 40 Items" challenge for Lent!** Each day place an item for our Food Pantry in a box, on Easter weekend bring your box to mass.  
**Dispensa de Alimentos "40 días, 40 alimentos/productos"** Cada día ponga un alimento o product en una caja. En el fin dede semana de Pascua, trae su caja a la misa

**THERE WILL BE NO CCE UNTIL WE RETURN BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!!!**  
**NO HABRA CCE HASTA QUE VOLVAMOS A LA ESCUELA!!!!!!**

**SHARED BLESSINGS AT BOTH GOOD SHEPHERD AND ST MARY ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**  
**LA TIENDA DE BENDICIONES COMPARIDAS SE CIERRAN HASTA NUEVO AVISO!!!!**

**NIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY CANCELLED!!!!!!**