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### **Mass Times**

**Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m., Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
Monday, Tuesday & Fridays 8:00 a.m., Thursdays 6pm (Chapel)**

### **Confessions**

**Saturday 4:15 p.m. or by appointment**

### **Baptism**

**First Sunday of the Month. Baptismal seminar is required for first time  
Parents and Godparents.**

### **Marriage**

**Contact Pastor at least eight (8) months before making arrangements.**

### **Visitation of the Sick**

**Please notify the parish office when a family member is ill at home or in the  
hospital.**

### **Funeral Arrangements**

**Please notify the parish office as soon as possible when someone in the  
family passes away, preferably before contacting the funeral home.**

fifthsunday  
OF LENT

# Fifth Sunday of Lent

## March 29, 2020



### Mass Intentions

#### MONDAY, MARCH 30

8:00 AM Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 31

8:00 AM David Bourgeois

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

NO MASS

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 2

6:00 PM Judy Guhman (Living)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 3

8:00 AM Roy Landry

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 4

5:00 PM People of St. John

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 AM

Bobby Hogan, Norman & Lucille Zeringue, Adam & Tanya Zeringue

10:00 AM

Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux, Hector E. Hock, Sr., Becky Flanagan, Catherine Hock, P. J. Hock, Patricia Hock, Henry Tauzin Family, Roy Landry, Judy Guhman (Living)

### Sanctuary Lamp

Week of:

March 29th-April 4th

In memory of:

**Evelyn & Norris Boudreaux**



### Weekly Offerings

March 22, 2020: .....\$1,030.00

#### St. John the Baptist Church

The Church will be open on Saturday at 4:00 p.m., Sunday at 8:00 a.m. until 12 noon for those who wish to come and pray.

Confessions will be heard as scheduled on Saturday at 4:15 p.m. or by appointment.

#### A Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

**O Mary, Mother of God, through the years, your people have called on your intercession in times of epidemic and illness.**

**We call on you, now, as our mother and ask that you pray for us, that we might find healing and refuge, and a quick end to this time of illness.**

**Be to us truly Our Lady of Prompt Succor and draw us ever closer to your Son, the source of all healing and consolation.**

**Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us. Amen.**

**Archdiocese of New Orleans  
Office of Worship**

#### **Spiritual Communion:**

*My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

**St. Alphonsus Liguori**

**Pray for the Sick**—Ian Alexander, Lillian Breau, Beverly Boudreaux, Carol Bourgeois, Edith Comardelle, Hailey Comardelle, Anna Dufrene, Carolyn Estay, Janice Gourgues, Judy Guhman, Shannon Guidry, Chris Kirkpatrick, Ella Lirette, Garrett Lirette, Gerner Matherne, Merrill Matherne, Albert Melancon, Brenda Naquin, Lisa Richoux, Patty Thibodeaux, Nicole Veillon, Grant White

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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 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; In 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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