



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
 We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
 We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
 and gain for our nation and world,  
 and for all our families and loved ones,  
 the protection of your holy angels,  
 that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
 we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.  
 Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
 wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,  
 teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
 Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
 knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
 health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
 Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
 keep us in the embrace of your arms,  
 help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

**Mass Intentions  
 29 March 2020**

**+ Rease Roche by Mr. Edward Sykes  
 + Joseph & Michael Gaschler by Helan Gaschler**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

If  
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 Believe



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*“Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?”* Faith begins when we realise we are in need of salvation. We are not self-sufficient; by ourselves we founder: we need the Lord, like ancient navigators needed the stars. Let us invite Jesus into the boats of our lives. Let us hand over our fears to him so that he can conquer them. Like the disciples, we will experience that with him on board there will be no shipwreck. Because this is God’s strength: turning to the good everything that happens to us, even the bad things. He brings serenity into our storms, because with God life never dies.

– Pope Francis *Urbi et Orbi*

*Let us all Stay Safe, Clean & Healthy*

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We have created “**Online Giving through WeShare**” through which you could send your Sunday donation and other donations.

**Online Giving is now available** for Holy Cross parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure! If you would like to enroll in Online Giving, please click on this link:

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**Step: 2** – Go to the home page – you could find

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**Step: 5** – you will find: **Sunday collection and other collections**

**Step: 6** – Click the **'Make a donation'** and you will find the methods of your payment

### PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Barbara Donatelli, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



## LITURGY OF WORD

**Resurrection hope** is the central theme of the Scripture readings for **the Fifth Sunday of Lent**. We can see the progression in themes from the thirst for living water (on the Third Sunday of Lent), through the desire to be healed of our spiritual blindness (Fourth Sunday) to our ultimate desire to share in eternal life with the risen Lord (Fifth Sunday).

Death and resurrection are the themes that permeate today's Scripture lessons. The Psalmist (Responsorial Psalm, Ps 130), singing, *"I trust in the Lord, my soul trusts in His word. More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the Lord,"* awaits Yahweh's redemption both for himself and for Israel. Reporting his vision in the first reading (Ezek 37:12-14), Ezekiel bears witness to the reanimation of the dead Israel in preparation for her return to the Promised Land. He guarantees his community in exile that Yahweh will one day bring them back to live in the freedom of the Promised Land. He assures God's people that do not even death will stop Him from carrying out this promise. Yahweh states, *"I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel."* St. Paul, in the second reading (Rom 8:8-11), assures the early Roman Christians, who were facing death by persecution, and us, who are surrounded by a culture of death, that the same Spirit Who raised Jesus from the dead and Who dwells within us will raise our mortal bodies to Life on the Last Day. Paul considers the Resurrection of Jesus as a reality, the ground of our Faith and the basis for our hope of sharing in Jesus' Resurrection. For John, in today's Gospel (Jn 11:1-45), **the raising of Lazarus is the final and greatest sign of Jesus**, the Deliverer, a symbolic narrative of Jesus' victory over death at the cost of his own human life, and a sign anticipating his Resurrection. Describing this great miracle, the Church assures us that we, too, will be raised into eternal life after our battle with sin and death in this world. Thus, resurrection hope is the central theme of the Scripture readings for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. The readings assure us that our faith in Jesus, who is **"the Resurrection and the Life,"** promises our participation in resurrection and new life.

*With Prayers & Blessings*

**Fr. John Kennady MMI**

**Dn. John Lyttle**

**March 29, 2020**