

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

John 11:1-45

“Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe.”

When Jesus first learned that Lazarus was ill he said, “This illness will not end in death, but is for the glory of God.” The disciples were still learning about Jesus, and from him. They did not understand all that he did and said. But they believed in him. When Jesus announced he was going to Lazarus, the disciples knew he would have to pass near Jerusalem where the Jewish leaders were plotting to kill him. Thomas says, “Let us also go die with him.” He believed in Jesus before he fully understood him. When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Martha came out to greet him and lamented that he had not come sooner to save her brother. Before Jesus went to call Lazarus forth from the tomb, he asked Martha, “Do you believe in me?” She said, “Yes Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is to come into the world.” She believed in Jesus before he fulfilled her desire. Do we believe in Jesus before we fully understand him, before he fulfills our desire? How do we demonstrate that belief?



Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.

**** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED**

**** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or classrooms after CCD Classes.**

All masses and church events have been cancelled until further notice.

Please visit the church website at <https://stmichaeloakgrove.church> for updates regarding COVID-19 and upcoming church events.

Thank you!

Stay healthy, Stay Safe, and God Bless!

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Weekend Mass Schedule :

Sat 5:00 PM
Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM
Wed. 6:00 PM
Tues. No Mass

Fifth Sunday Of Lent

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**St. Michael the Archangel
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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil

spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date.

Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian.

Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING WITH US TODAY.

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

**Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10**

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com**

WEBSITE

St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaeloakgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

**Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am**

Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 3/30-4/5

Mon	DN	13:1-9,5-15-17
	PS	23:1-6
	JN	8:1-11
Tue	NM	21:4-9
	PS	102:2-3
	JN	8:21-30
Wed	DN	3:14-20,91-92,95
	DN	3:52-56
	JN	8:31-42
Thu	GN	17:3-9
	PS	105:4-9
	JN	8:51-59
Fri	JER	20:10-13
	PS	18:2-7
	JN	10:31-42
Sat	EZ	37:21-28
	JER	31:10-13
	JN	11:45-56
Sun	MT (Procession)	21:1-11
	IS	50:4-7
	PS	22:8-9,17-18,19-20, 23-24
	PHIL	2:6-11
	MT	26:14-27:66

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YRA

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14) We heard of God's promise to put His Spirit within the people so they may live.

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11) Paul tells us that "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God." and "Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him."

Gospel (John 11:3-7; 17; 20-27; 33-45) Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die."



Today we are entering the 5th and last week of Lent. This will be followed by "Passion Sunday" and finally the Holy week will reach its peak on Easter Sunday. Our brothers and sisters who are to join the Catholic Church are now preparing themselves to receive the church sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. For the already baptized, this would be a time of renewal, when we will reaffirm our belief in the teachings of the Holy Catholic Church.

Reflection Theme

"Come out of the Tomb and Return to Life"

Following the gospel reading today and the resurrection episode of the dead Lazarus, "he whom you love (John 11:3) the **Lord Jesus Christ** is demanding and calling all of us to "Come out of those tombs that we have put ourselves."

What are those self-inflicted places of isolation? What are our tombs? Perhaps the tomb is a man cave where immoral things viewed on a screen. Maybe the tomb our cave of self-pity. Maybe we are in a cave of self-doubt, a cave where we question our right to be among people who seem to be so much better than us, better wives, better husbands, better kids, better priests, better Teens, better Catholics, just all about better people. Maybe we are in a cave where we delight in suffering from wrongs done to us in the past, caves where we refuse to forgive. A great Line a missionary once shared with us is "Holding grudges is taking poison and hoping that someone else will get sick."

Friends, whatever our caves may be, we don't need to be rotting there. "Come out" (John 11:43) Jesus calls, Come out and Come into Life. Jesus is more powerful than anything holding us back, including our sins and Corona Virus (COVID-19). He is more powerful than the forces around us and within us that are trying to destroy us.

When Lazarus was called from the tomb, Jesus said to Martha and Mary and those present, "Untie him" "Unbind him" (John 11:44). When someone is called from the tomb, the Lord says to us "Unbind him. Unbind her." Just as we have been freed from the bonds of sin by the Life of the Lord, we have to go to the cemeteries of the world and unbind those suffering from terrors inflicted by an immoral society. We have to call them away from their sins, their weakness, their anger, their addictions, their hatred, and their self-loathing. We have to call, "Come out of your tombs and Come into Life." And then, we have to care for them, reaffirm them, let them know that God's mercy is infinitely greater than our sins. We have to tell them, "You don't belong among the dead. The Lord of Life is present. The Lord who has come to give us Life" 'Life in abundance' is here (John 10-10).

You don't belong in the darkness; you belong out here in the Light – Jesus Christ who is "The Light of the World" (John 9:5). You don't belong to the dead. You belong among the living. We have to untie them so they can be free to live.

Friends in Christ, as we approach Holy week, may we resolve to come out of our individual tombs and come and have a daily relationship with Jesus. Jesus wants to have a personal relationship with you and me. For He says, "Look, I am standing at the door knocking. If one of you hears me calling and opens the door, I will come in to share his meal, side by side with him." (Revelations 3:20) Invite Him into our homes and our lives. Remember, Jesus says to the world and to us "Come out of the tomb and Come into my life. Come into my joy."

BEST LENT EVERY—WEEK 5

Father Julian Ibemere
Pastor, St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

My Dear Friends in Christ,

Just know that I am praying for all of you in my Liturgy of the hours and private masses at this trying moment of our life. I am praying that "No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent; he will put you in His angels charge to guard you wherever you go." (Psalm 91:10-11)

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment 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

<https://owensborodiocese.org/RESOURCES-FOR-PRAYER-AT-HOME/>

****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Teresa Arevalo
Jean Banasiak
Hans Braun
Judy Brown
Shirley Brown
Ann & Ken Carroll
Nia Crisostomo
Marriah Day
Margret Eck
Mark & Mike Frasca
Ron & Janis Gill
Jeff Gorski
Billy Hancock
John Jackson

Please Pray for our Sick:

Isabel Gonzalez
Nay Hutcheson
Pat Jurisin
Steve Kiser
Walter Klinecwich
Jessica Locklear
Sue Long
Alex B. Lucas Jr.
Frank J Luciani
Ruby Macias
David McCuiston
Mac & Sue McElroy
Sue Montoya
George & IL O'Connor
Peter Robbins
Edward Robbins
Debbie Robbins
Isaac Philips
Al Stein
Linda Stagdale
Frances Thomas
John & Mae Raymond
Andrew Reyes
Rudy Sheriff
Kim Weimer
Marie Welter
Jesse Villagomez

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$
Mass Intentions	\$
Votive Candles	\$
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$
Can Recycle	\$
Ministry Help The Poor	\$
Blessed Mother Gift Shop	\$
Special Offering:	\$
Opportunity for Life	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$
Donation: Mr. Tom Peeler	\$
Total	\$

**Attendance MAR 21/22, 2020 XXXX
Second Collection
Mar 29 Ministry of the poor**

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

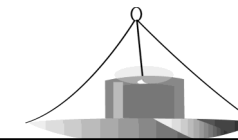
3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

**5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon**

**Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm**

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

**Sanctuary Candle Intention
March 29, 2020
Jerry Roberge†**



**No
Mass
Scheduled
Visit the
Church web-
site for more
details.**

**FAITH FORMATION
CLASS SCHEDULE:**

**CLASSES CANCELLED UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE.**

***Students must be picked up by
11:00 AM by a parent or guardian**

**We are in need of volunteers, Please
see Ms. Bernadette for forms.**

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel!

It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass.

If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.