

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, A
QUINTO DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA, A
"I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this ?"
"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida.... ¿Crees esto?."

Praying the Word
Ez 37, 12-14 Ps 130 Rom 8,8-11 Jn 11

Following Christian Initiation as the thread of thought of our Lenten Sunday Readings, these Sacraments are also called that of Eternal Life. The raising of Lazarus is a sign within our worldly dimension of the Resurrection, an other-worldly mystery not confined in the premises of space and time. The Word, through whom God created all that exists from nothing, is also the author of the re-creation of world subject to death because of sin. 'I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me , even if he dies will live and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die.' 'Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.'

Siguiendo la Iniciación Cristiana como hilo conductor de nuestras lecturas de los Domingo de Cuaresma, estos también se les llaman Sacramentos de Vida Eterna. La 'resurrección' de Lázaro es un signo, dentro de nuestras dimensiones temporales, de la Resurrección, un misterio más allá de nuestro mundo espacio temporal. El Verbo, a través del cual Dios creó todo desde la nada, también es el autor de la re-creación del mundo sujeto a la muerte por causa del pecado. 'Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, quien cree en mí, aunque muera vivirá; quien vive y cree en mí no morirá jamás. ¿Crees esto?' 'Sí, Señor. Creo que tú eres el Cristo, el hijo de Dios.'

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK
March 28 - April 3, 2020

- SUNDAY
People of the Parish
Bella & Ricardo Remidio
Rudy & Imelda Rondez
Gabriel & Esparanza Cabrera
†Rudy Eugenio
†Charles Walters
†Warren Morris
†Richard Ebner
†John Garbin
†Elizabeth Quidileg
†Alex Quinones
†Maria Del Refugio-Vega
MONDAY: LENTEN WEEKDAY
†Rudy Eugenio
TUESDAY: LENTEN WEEKDAY
†Rudy Eugenio
WEDNESDAY: LENTEN WEEKDAY
†Rudy Eugenio
THURSDAY: SAINT FRANCIS OF PAOLO
Aaron Weller †Rudy Eugenio
†Adoracion G. Alon-Alon
FRIDAY: ABSTINENCE
†Rudy Eugenio †Thirapol Sripramong

Lázaro. Desde aquí intuimos la naturaleza de la fe que da vida eterna: se trata de una relación, una amistad con Jesús, entrar en un vínculo de comunión con él. 'Señor, a quien tú amas está enfermo ... Nuestro amigo Lázaro está dormido. Jesús lloró y por eso los judíos dijeron 'cuánto lo quiere.' Estas expresiones hablan de la cercanía de Jesús con esta familia. ¿Qué es la fe? ¿Qué es vida eterna? Es la comunión de amor que nos vincula con Cristo, que es la Vida, y que nunca se romperá, ni siquiera por la muerte. ¿Quién nos puede separar del amor de Cristo? —argumentaba Pablo. De hecho experimentamos el poder de Cristo que nos re-crea, nos sana y nos da esperanza cuando confiamos en él sobretodo en los momentos más difíciles en la vida. Lo que para el mundo es un desastre, un muro lo superamos con Cristo. Lázaro, sal fuera. Yo abriré vuestros sepulcros y os sacaré de ellos. El Señor nos invita a salir del pecado, del miedo, de la soledad y la desesperación que nos encierran para vivir una vida nueva de amor, de comunión con él y con los hermanos, de gozo.

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STEWARDSHIP
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Como han recibido dones, que sean fieles administradores de la gracia de Dios (1Pt 4,10).
We thank all our Parishioners and Friends who, even if we are not gathering, faithfully continue to send their weekly contribution.

Please, pray for the sick, especially for:
Andy Pagan, Flor Marcelo M., Carmen Cantu, William Jett, Joe Tully, Donna Pope, Vitale & Virginia Leasiologi, Helen Eugenio, Conchita Reyes, Henriqueta Faria, Alejandro Garcia, Gianluca Benedetto, Russ & Greg Thomsen, Felisa Llorin, Mickey Rivera, Anthony York, Rosa M. Santos, Gina Anadon Alaniz, Anna Ibe, Danelia Romig, Bob Stephens, Nick Cruz, Rudy Rondez, Keith Gerhardt, Hwa Cha Delgado, Annie Sofranek, Aaron Weller, Denzel Tran, Rosie Rosales, Efren Techaira, Bill Ryan, Mary Mural, Lei Fernandez, Jun dela Cruz, Rosa Daynolo, Elizabeth Garbin, Tom Yancey, Fr. Paul Valdez, Virginia Alamarez, Nathan Rodriguez, Ron Reyes, Jackie Claunan, Mary Jo Swartz, Sora Chong, Toni Barcinas, Herminia Deutz, Catarino Sosa, Agustin Espinosa, Benny Perez, Roxana M.A. Lopez, Armando Aquino, Alvaro Barragan, German Villa, Estefania Cabrera Sosa, Val Jarvis, Joe DiMaggio, Ken Jillson, Cindy DeVela, Consuelo Burlungan, Elvira Borjorquez, Jesus Laderos, Ethel Milburn, Patricia Stone, Peter Dentice, Fernando & Mora Arreola.

Homily of Pope Francis during the Moment of Prayer & Urbi et Orbi Blessing
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200327_omelia-epidemia.html
Homilía por Papa Francisco en el Momento de Oración y Bendición Urbi et Orbi
http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/es/homilies/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20200327_omelia-epidemia.html

As we are about to commemorate the Passion & Death of the Lord, let us be aware of his plight today in many of his members who continue his suffering (published by CNA—Angelus).
Christian persecution around the world
is a growing problem, says a new report from an agency that documents abuses against Christians across the globe. Worldwide, the report states, 260 million Christians are facing persecution. This marks a 6% increase from the previous year. There are an estimated 300,000 Christians amidst the total population of 25.4 million in North Korea. Open Doors reports that if North Korean Christians are discovered, the government will deport them to labor camps as political criminals or even kill them on the spot. Meeting other Christians to worship is nearly impossible unless it is done in complete secrecy. Following North Korea on the World Watch List Top 10 are Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan, Eritrea, Sudan, Yemen, Iran, and India.

“Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. While persecution of Christians takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ. Christians throughout the world continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, rape, and even death as a result of their faith,” Open Doors said in a release accompanying the report. China featured four spots higher on the list than last year, up from number 27 in 2019 to number 23 in 2020, due in large part to the Communist government’s efforts to preserve its rule. Christians in China experienced, among other things, an increase in attacks on churches in the past year. Open Doors reports that 793 churches were attacked within the reporting period for the 2018 World Watch List, compared with 1,847 attacks reported on churches worldwide in 2019. In 2020, the number is conservatively estimated to be at least 5,576 in China alone, the report states. According to Open Doors, there are at least 97 million Christians in China. Policies enacted by the Communist Party in 2018 to “sinicize” the church - or adapt it to their way of thinking - have been enforced in more and more territories, resulting in the dramatic increase of persecution against Christians, the group reports. Additionally, Children under the age of 18 are prohibited from attending church, places of worship are monitored, and pastors are increasingly being asked to register with the Communist government, risking church closure and arrest if they refuse, the report continues. More than 5,500 churches in China have been closed down, and churches in at least 23 provinces have been harassed or shuttered. There were at least 447 verified incidents of violence and hate crimes against Christians in India in the 2020 World Watch List reporting period, the report states. Many attacks on Christians in India are perpetrated by radical Hindus and often take the form of mob violence. Muslim extremist groups were responsible for significant violence against Christians worldwide in the past year. For example, in Sri Lanka, 250 people died and more than 500 were injured in attacks on Catholic and Protestant churches and hotels on Easter Sunday, the report notes. In Pakistan, radical Islamist groups often are given free rein by the government, the report says. In Iraq and Syria, hundreds of thousands of Christians— as much as 87% of the Christian population in Iraq— have been forced to flee due to civil war and the presence of militant groups such as the Islamic State. Outside of Asia, the report took note of the plight of Christians in the African nation of Burkina Faso, which has risen 33 spots in the past year. Dozens of Catholic priests have been killed in the past year, and Protestant pastors and their families have been killed or kidnapped by violent Islamist militants. Notably, a spate of violence in churches in Burkina Faso last summer and continuing throughout the year led to Bishop Justin Kientega of Ouahigouya saying in December that the Western world has been ignoring the plight of Christians in West Africa and has even been selling militants the weapons that they are using to kill Christians. In total, nearly half a million people were forced to flee their homes in Burkina Faso in the last five years, and more than 60 Christians were murdered by militants in the country in 2019. The militant Islamist group Boko Haram also maintains a presence in such countries as northern Nigeria and Cameroon.