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WEEK OF MARCH 29, 2020 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

DAILY MASS

During these difficult times, when attending Mass in person is not possible, we offer three different resources to hear and watch daily Mass.

- Vision TV, Mass is on Mon-Sat at 8 am and noon; on Sundays at 9 am – please check your local listing.
- Via internet, Bishop Robert Barron will celebrate Mass every day in his private chapel. <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>
- <https://dailytvmass.com/>

LENTEN PROJECT

For Lent, we will publish the readings for this Sunday to give you opportunity to read/reflect on the Word of God.

March 29, 2020 – 5th Sunday of Lent

The resurrection is already at work! With Jesus we are promised a life of abundance which begins the moment we welcome the Holy Spirit. He alone has the power to take us out of the tomb of our sins and the abyss of death.

Ezekiel 37: 12-14 – God gives us His word: He will save His exiled people and they will be reborn.

Romans 8: 8-11 – Paul exhorts us to not live under the influence of the flesh, but under the influence of the Spirit who gives life.

John 11: 1-45 – Lazarus' return to life is a sign of Jesus' power over death, a prefiguration of the paschal mystery that He will have to undergo very soon.



LENTEN REFLECTION for MARCH 29

It is hard to believe that we are already near the end of Lent. Things have changed so much, so fast. Schools are closed, stores are shut. We all know people who have to work from home or who have no more work. Even our church is closed. When will all this end!

Maybe the reading for this 5th Sunday of Lent can help us. Ezekiel was discouraged. He had lost his temple, his freedom, his homeland. Like us, he asked himself how this could happen. Where is the Lord, is there a future for us? But he experiences that the Lord is present among his community and the Lord has opened up the future for them. He doesn't give up and he brings hope to his people.

In the Gospel, Martha and Mary are also in darkness. Their brother has just died. Jesus, their friend, does not even seem concerned. He takes two days to come to them. They felt betrayed, abandoned. But he did come and we know what did happen.

Like many of you, I am quite worried with all that is happening. When will it all come back to normal? On the 27th I will celebrate, alone, my 45th anniversary of ordination. We have been told that there will be no Holy Week, no Easter.

But I feel deep down that the Lord is present in these times of darkness and there is hope for the future. What helps me a lot, is to continue to pray for all of you, to try to help as much as I can, to keep in touch with loved ones. Also, I am discovering all the religious material on the internet and the daily masses on TV.

As a community of faith we must not give up, we must not lose hope. We must take care of one another and look forward to the day when we can come together to thank the Lord for all that He will have done for us during this terrible crisis.

Fr. Pierre

HAPPY 45TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION, FR. PIERRE

We are with you in spirit and in prayer.

Pope Francis' Prayer For These Times:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

*At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain,
with steadfast faith.*

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

*We are certain that you will provide, so that,
as you did at Cana of Galilee,*

joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform ourselves to the Father's will
and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,
through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

*Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.*

LET US CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Jean Gabriel, Edward Bertrand, Maria Linck, Jacques R., Bob Forest, Tom Law, Heather Coulter, Anthony Hulse, Paule, Theresa Hannan, Noah & Bailey Santos, Jean Clifford, Gordon Hincks, Kayla Cordeiro, Helen Lalonde, Helene Larose Pullin, Allison Latham, Caron Rothwell, Caiti Dore, Andria MacDonald, Karen Descoeurs, Mary & Marian Lapchak, Betty, Gerry & Mary Guy, Elaine Kerr, Claude Bourbonnais, Catherine Shea, John Battaglia, Frank McCluskey, Virginia Camus, Antanas, Nadia Lombardi, Cathy Good, Molly Gillette, Michel Leclerc, Ralph Jenkins, Kathleen Guy.

Anyone affected by the virus.