

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

Monday, March 30

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Thursday, April 2

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross Live Stream at 12:00pm

Saturday, April 4

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

No Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group **CANCELED**

Vigil Mass **CANCELED**

Sunday, April 5

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Live Stream Mass at 9:00am

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY
MASSES ARE CANCELED
UNTIL April 30th (inclusive).
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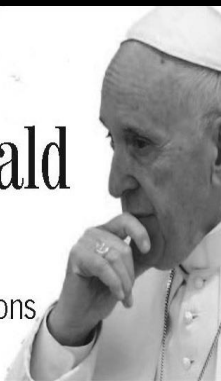
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Offertory Collection

3/16 – 3/22

Sunday Offering	\$ 186.00
Weekday	\$ 347.45
Easter Sunday	\$ 50.00
Coffers	\$ 600.75
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 40.00
Total Offertory	\$ 1,224.20

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 35.00
Mass Intention	\$ 20.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 38.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 25.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 168.00
Total	\$ 1,510.20

Living the Liturgy

- With a group, share some of your thoughts about Christ's death and Resurrection: the Paschal Mystery of our faith. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the Apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once for all' (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ" (571). How does that shed light on the meaning of the Good News that we are called to proclaim?"
- When has being involved in a ministry or helping others given you a chance for a new life? What new or continuing service might God be inviting you to consider? Is there somewhere in your church or neighborhood you might offer your gifts and time?
- Take the time this week to remember someone who has died. How has this person shown you the way to live more fully?

Sharing Faith

- What chains or bindings does God offer to free you from, if you allow him to act?
- The psalm response says, "With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption" (Psalm 130:7). What does full redemption mean to you?
- What image from lent do you want to carry into Holy Week?

Saint for the Week

If a man wants to be always in God's company, he must pray regularly and read regularly. When we pray, we talk to God; when we read, God talks to us. – St. Isadore of Seville (560-636), Bishop of Seville, Feast Day April 4.

March 29, 2020 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

Ezekiel delivers a message of hope and life to the Israelites, reminding them to stay faithful as God's people. Though bound in exile, they must remember that God will set them free. The Spirit of God can even cross the boundary of the grave! The psalm also echoes a cry from the depths for God's kindness and redemption. It is a powerful prayer for Lent and a statement of faith that we can make our own. No matter what chains restrict us, what illness or worry consumes us, or what bondage we endure, we can trust the Lord to walk with us and free us.

In the Gospel passage, we hear the story of Lazarus and the power of Jesus. Despite those who do not believe or cannot imagine the potential of his authority, Jesus raises Lazarus from beyond the control of death. There are no restrictions to God's power, no bindings, no chains, and no injustice that God cannot transcend. In the shadow of the Messiah's suffering and death, Lent is drawing to a close and we are asked if we believe.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion"

Matthew 21:1-11 | Isaiah 50:4-7 | Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 | Philippians 2:6-11 | Matthew 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

We heard or read the story of Jesus and the conversion of the Samaritan woman and the curing of the man born blind in these past two Sundays. These were stories so remarkable showing the power of Jesus, the Son of God, bringing new life for both. One with a new heart focused intently on Jesus and one with a new sight gazing clearly on Jesus.

This fifth Sunday of Lent, we hear one more story that brings more light to all of us readers or listeners of the power vested on Jesus. This story is the raising of Lazarus who, not only had died but also buried in the tomb for four long days. In that period, we can imagine that Lazarus could already be decomposing. Jesus showed the depth of His love for Lazarus and to his sisters, Martha and Mary, by raising him from the dead. Jesus brought not only a new heart and new eyesight for this man but a new life that will be given to all, as Jesus said, *"I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."*

When someone close to us dies, we feel the pain of loss and sadness. We are affected to a level that brings uncertainties of what comes after. Death reminds us that we are finite and fragile beings. But things are made more evident to us that death is not the end of life. Jesus brings back the life of Lazarus, and not only that; He rose from the dead himself to give new life to anyone and everyone. In as much as we may think of our death, Jesus will not only bring us new life in Him after this life but also our life here and now can find meaning if we embrace Him as the source of life. When I speak of Jesus as the source of life, I meant that He sustains us in every way whenever trials and tribulations come. He empowers us to be better people to live in peace and joy. And more so, He purifies our soul when we are dead in sin. The life that Jesus is offering us is not only life after death but even here and now.

As we enter the Holy Week, let this be a moment for us to ponder more profoundly into the mysteries of our faith in Jesus. Let us allow Him to take hold of our lives and live up to our call as faithful disciples. Even in these troubled times we are in, let Jesus do a miracle to make us alive in faith, hope, and love. We journey with Him through His Passion and Death. We rise with Him with a renewed life, a resurrected life in grace and truth.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual