

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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THE TOMB OF
LAZARUS
AL-EIZARIYA (BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

MARCH 29
2020

fifth Sunday
OF LENT

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Pastoral Team

Rev. Fr. Kevin O’Keefe

Deacon Ray Brown

Deacon Steven Mancuso

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Thursday
9:00AM - 3:00PM

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES
No classes until further notice

Sunday Masses
NO PUBLIC MASS
Daily Mass
NO PUBLIC MASS
Confessions Sundays
BY REQUEST

EZEKIEL’S COUNTER-STORY

It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today’s reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel’s God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God’s death is false. Israel’s God is alive, and God’s own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel’s message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God’s spirit will offer new life and hope.

RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Today’s Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus’ exchange with Lazarus’ sister Martha, she refers to the general resurrection of the dead on “the last day.” Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as “the resurrection and the life.” What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour “[when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live](#)” (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—“Lazarus, come out!”—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him. Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today’s Readings: Ez 37:12–14; Ps 130:1–2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; Rom 8:8–11; Jn 11:1–45 [3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45]

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Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



**WEDNESDAY
ADORATION
10AM TO 12PM**

ATTENTION PARENTS

Children under 12 years must be
accompanied by an adult to use the
restroom
The safety of your child is very
important to us



PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK
DURING THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O Mary,
 You shine continuously on our journey
 as a sign of salvation and hope.
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
 who, at the Cross,
 united with Jesus' pain,
 keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman people,
 know what we need,
 and we trust that you will provide for those needs so that,
 as at Cana of Galilee,
 joy and celebration may return
 after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
 to conform ourselves to the will of the Father
 and to do what Jesus tells us.
 He who took our suffering upon Himself,
 and burdened Himself with our sorrows
 to bring us, through the Cross,
 to the joy of 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.

—Pope Francis, March 11, 2020
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<p>Adoration Of The Blessed Sacrament First Saturday 7:00PM to 10:00PM</p> 		 <p>SOWING the SEEDS</p> <p>2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL</p>	
<p>Knights of Columbus Round table meeting Parish Hall Second Sunday of the month at 11:15AM</p>	<p>Rosary Ministry Our Rosary makers meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 11:30am. For more information please contact Kathy Giddens at (229)482-2364</p> 	<p><i>thankful</i></p> <p>March 22, 2020 Collections</p>	
<p><u>Let us pray for the health of:</u> Ray O' Keefe, Eva and Alfonso Angel, Bonnie Cornwell, Naina Waters, Nayar Prado Bisogno, José Hernández, Alan Moore, Fran LaRock, Consuelo Sterling, Michael Kunai Anna Marie Gould, David Stidham, Phylli Fletcher, Lida Paredes Patricia Hunter, Tripp Lasseter, Don & Angi Christiano, Lisa Salomon, Madalyn Touchton, Daniela Borrero, Carol Leaverton Alvaro Borrero, Angela Hood</p> <p><u>For the Eternal rest of:</u> Kevin Ward, Stephanie Nelson, Vincent Mancuso, Helen Scaff, Vinh Bui, Maria de Jesus Gallegos, Kelle Jackson, Chris Remick, Misty Lasseter, All faithful Departed</p> 		<p>Regular Collection</p>	<p>\$1608</p>
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		<p>Bishop Annual Appeal</p>	<p>\$427</p>