

## **March 26, 2023: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

"The sisters (of Lazarus) sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

**John 11:1-45**

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

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# Sacred Heart Parish

**A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ**



## Parish Information

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**Weekend Masses:** Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am

**Mass During Week:** Mondays thru Fridays at 7 pm.

**Daily mass is cancelled any day schools are closed due to bad weather.**

**Bible Study:**

Bible study will resume on Sundays at 7pm.

**Holy Hour of Adoration:**

Post-poned until further notice.

**Reconciliation:**

By request.

**Marriages:**

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

**Baptisms:**

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

**Family Connections:**

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

**St. Vincent de Paul:**

To assist those in need. Call 638-9010.

**RECEIVED WITH THANKS**  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Regular Sunday	\$1,726.50
Building Fund	30.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	10.00
Votive Candles	47.00
In Memorium (Serena Callahan) (Fr. Jim Robertson)	260.00
Development & Peace	5.00
Easter Flowers	60.00

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mon. 7 pm	Late Annie Griffin
Tue. 7 pm	Late Mary Gallant
Wed. 7 pm	Late Serena Callahan
Sat. 4:30 pm	Late Fr. Jim Robertson
Sun. 11 am	Parish Community

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

April 1	
Marie Pennell	Don Gallant
April 2	
Basil English	Brian Sparkes
<b>Communion to the sick – John Carroll</b>	

**DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE:** Special collection for Development & Peace will be collected today, March 26.

**CHRISM MASS:** Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Cathedral.

**LENTEN FOLDERS:** Due to a shortage of Lenten folders, we will be using ADVENT FOLDERS. Please use these in place of Lenten Folders.

**COFFEE TIME:** Our Parish Outreach Committee will continue coffee time after masses on Sunday mornings. Come join us for a cup of tea or coffee and maybe a little snack. This is the time to share with your brothers and sisters and also welcome new members.

**PARISH OUTREACH:** This committee, consisting of, Marie Pennell (709-388-5090), Gerard Deveaux (709-638-4411), Pat Moore (709-785-2440), and Tony Griffin (709-632-5755) are offering to bring communions and provide a pastoral visit to those who wish to have this ongoing contact. They are also exploring social activities for the parish as a whole. Please support them in their efforts. Please call them if you or a family member wish to avail of this service.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE - SACRED HEART & OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISHES:**

**HOLY THURSDAY - Mass of the Lord's Last Supper April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**GOOD FRIDAY - Celebration of the Lord's Passion April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

3:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

5:00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

**Stations of the Cross - Good Friday**

7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**EASTER VIGIL: Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

9:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**EASTER SUNDAY - The Resurrection of the Lord**

9:30 a.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea

11:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Parish

**TICKETS:** The date for the ticket draw is fast approaching. Anyone who still has tickets out are asked to return them as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and for your continued support.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** Free 8 week in-person or online program is being offered on Tuesdays, beginning April 18th 10:00 am to noon at 110 Healthcare Crescent - Western Long-Term Care. Pre-registration is required by April 12. Call Sandra at 784-2700 Extension 2669. Grief and bereavement are a normal part of life but can also be a difficult journey to navigate. To learn more - visit <https://www.westernhealth.nl.ca/grief-andbereavement/>

**EASTER FLOWERS:** If you wish to donate to Easter Flowers for the altar in memory of a loved one, you can put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one, please include your name as well and put it in the collection or drop by the Parish Office.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Ladies group will be leading the stations of the cross each Wednesday throughout lent beginning at 6:30 this March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We encourage all the parishioners to join us.

**MARRIAGE COURSE - FOR 2023:** will be held on Friday, April 22nd 7:00 pm and Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 am at the Cathedral lower level. If you wish to avail of this preparation for marriage, please call the Parish Office at 634-5161 to register. You are required to do this to get married in the Catholic Church. There is a fee of \$50.00.

**CATHOLICWOMEN'S LEAGUE:** The Catholic Women's League of Canada means many things to people. Our core values of faith, service and social justice guide us as we follow Catholic teaching, provide service locally, nationally and internationally, and work to advocate for social justice.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** This preparation will take place on Monday, April 24th at 7:00 pm at the Cathedral. This is for parents and Godparents. We offer an update on what it means to have a child baptized together with the understanding that there will be a well-founded hope that the child will be raised in the practice of the faith. We offer a walk through of the liturgy with an opportunity for question and discussion. Call the office at 634-5161 to register.

In honour of the **CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III on May 6th**, St. John the Evangelist will hold a High Tea on **Sunday, April 23rd at 2:00 pm** in the Churchill Hall. By reservation only, as seats are limited. Please reserve your seat early by calling 634-6370, 634-1498 or 634-2366. Tickets are \$15.00 per person, and you can pay at the door.

**HUMOUR:**



"Four days? Boy, time sure flies when you're dead!"

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A man speaks from behind the curtain and says: "Knock, knock."  
 His Wife answers: "Who's there?"  
 He replies: "The love of your life."  
 Quickly she answers: "Liar, Chocolate can't speak!"