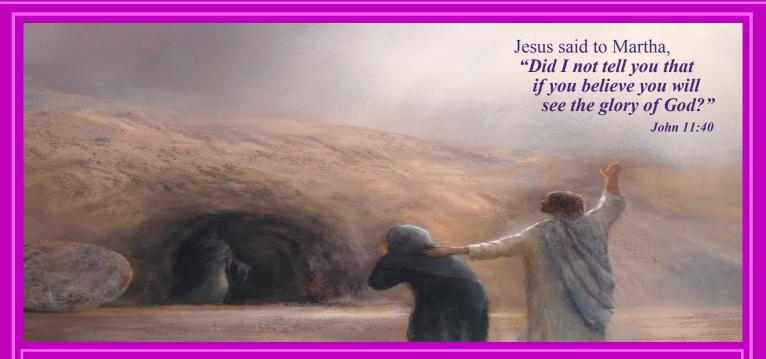
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# This Coming Week: 3/30/20 - 4/5/20

Day	Date	Time	Location
Mon	3/30		No Meetings or Activities
Tues	3/31		No Meetings or Activities
Wed	4/1		No Meetings or Activities
Thur	4/2		No Meetings or Activities
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# From Fr. Mike's Desk

"I am the resurrection and the life; and whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do vou believe this?" With these words and the whole account of Lazarus' resurrection. We are given the last glimpse of Jesus' earthly mission. Today's Gospel presents us with many images and leads to many questions. At times, we can find ourselves acting just like Thomas, Martha and Mary, and all of the others who gathered arounds the tomb. They asked the question, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" I am sure that at times we might ask, why did Jesus take so long to go to Bethany, and then why does He go even knowing that Lazarus was already dead?

There are reasons why Jesus does all of this and says what He says so that all can benefit from what they will see and so that we can all benefit from what we read, and what we see in our midst. Listen to Our Lord's prayer to the Father. "Father, I thank you for hearing me, I know that you are always with me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." The Gospel gives us a good picture of the friendship that Jesus had with Martha, Mary and Lazarus. We see this in the way the two sisters speak to Jesus, when He arrives. Mary comes out of the house (after being forced) and she points out that Jesus is very late in arriving and if He had been there Lazarus would not have died. Jesus does not get angry with her or the others for their lack of understanding. However, He does use the occasion to reveal more about Himself and His Divine Mission

Jesus uses the occasion to reveal His Divine power and calls Lazarus from the tomb (after he had been dead for four days) and he comes forth. What Jesus did for Lazarus in a small way, He will do for us in a bigger way! Small way, you might ask, well yes. Even though He called Lazarus back from the dead, Lazarus would die again and this great miracle will pale in comparison to the greater miracle Jesus will carry out in Jerusalem. Lazarus' resurrection is a foreshadowing of the Resurrection to Eternal Life gained for us by Jesus Christ. Now even when our bodies die (and they will) we will not, we will live on forever in God's Kingdom that does not end.

Jesus delays going to Bethany so that He could awaken Lazarus and show his sisters, the crowd and us that the Resurrection is not just something that is far off in the future or reserved for the end of time, no it is here and now. How do we know? Jesus tells us, "I am the Resurrection and the Life." He is not the product of the Resurrection. We, too, are reminded that the Resurrection is something we can encounter every day. As every day presents us with opportunities to die to sin and rise to a new life of grace and holiness.

God bless you always, stay safe, and Happy Fifth Sunday of Lent

Fr. Mike



# This Week's Readings

March 29, 2020 -

Fifth Sunday of Lent

First Reading - Ezekiel 37:12-14 Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Second Reading - Romans 8:8-11 Gospel - John 11:1-45

# A Letter from Father Mike on the recent happenings brought about by the Corona Virus

My Dear Parish Family,

We are living in very interesting and historical times. Most of us have never experienced a virtual closing of the Church, as all Masses weekday and Sundays, have been suspended, and now thanks to Governor Cuomo's Executive Order, we must close the Rectory Office, until further notice. Just so you know, as of now the Church will remain open during the day to allow for your personal prayer and devotions, but we are asking you to spread out in the Church so as not to be right on top of another person. Funeral Masses for the time being are also being suspended, but a memorial Mass can be celebrated at a later time when this crisis passes over.

At this time, it may seem that the Church is abandoning us when we need her most, and it is quite easy to understand those feelings, as at times I have felt them myself. But this is not the case at all. The Church is trying to do her best to protect her children. She is doing what will hopefully stop the widescale spread of the Corona Virus. This is the very same policy that many Church Leaders have instituted including His Holiness Pope Francis. We have seen that in some countries this was not done in a timely fashion and many people have died. In our own area we know we have lost loved ones to this Virus and we do so want it to stop. While realizing that the suspension of all Masses is more than an inconvenience, it is a temporary situation, and one that will hopefully be out of in a few weeks' time. Yes, this hurts, but we can take comfort in the truth that we are all in this together, and we are all united in prayer.

In a real sense this is one of the hardest Lenten Season we ever experienced, and it is one which requires us to make many sacrifices, in fact some the biggest of all. But let us make these sacrifices with the understanding that they are helping us to die to sin and truly helping us to rise to new life. While we are not able to gather and participate in the Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday in person, we should look forward to celebrating the Resurrection. In a way as move closer to Easter, we will also move closer to the end of this crisis. Never lose faith, never doubt that Jesus is with us, He is closer to us now that you than ever before. Remember that you are in my prayers as well as those of Fr. Hyacinth, Deacons Jim and Barry and the whole staff of St. Edward's. Hopefully you will keep us in your prayers as well. Remember the words of Jesus, "Fear is useless, what is needed is trust."

God bless you always,

Fr. Mike

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# "Be Merciful, O Lord, For We Have Sinned"

## **Mass Intentions**

All Intentions will be honored and remembered at private masses celebrated on the respective day by Fr. Mike or Fr. Hyacinth

Mon. - Mar. 30 - Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am Erich Pieper

Tues. - Mar. 31 - Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am Catherine Elizabeth Guidone

Wed. - Apr. 1 - Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am Josef Hasler

Thurs. Apr. 2 - Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am James Robert Thomas

Fri. - Apr. 3 - Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am Modesto Di Raimo

Sat. - Apr. 4 - Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

9:00 am Janet Rose 5:00 pm Chris English

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Sun. - Apr. 5 - Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

7:30 am Marion Quigg

7:00 pm

9:30 am Dr. Thomas Catalano 11:30 am Nicola & Assunta Santoro

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During this time of uncertainty, let us pray for each other, and for all medical professionals who are working diligently to care of the sick and infected.

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