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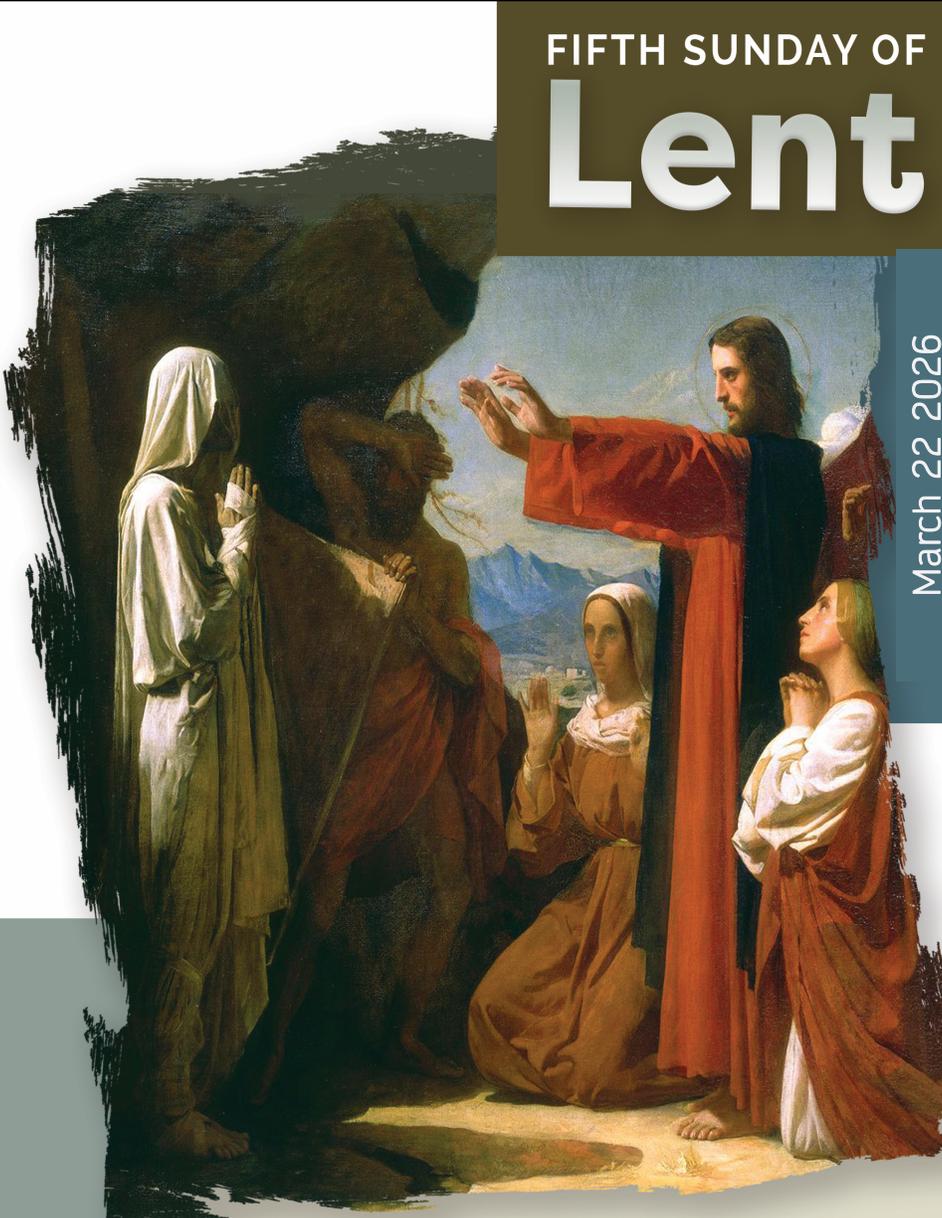
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 p.m. or 30 min. before each Sunday Mass

Vigil Mass Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF Lent

March 22 2026

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

John 11:43

.....He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him.” But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.”

Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone.

And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.”

And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

John 11:3-7, 17, 20 33b-45

March 22, 2026



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This week's special liturgical celebration on March 25 is the Annunciation of the Lord as we remember the mystery of the Archangel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she is to give birth to a son to be named Jesus, who will be called Son of the Most High, and whose Kingdom will have no end. We celebrate this feast exactly nine months before his birth on December 25. This mystery reminds us of God's faithfulness to humanity from generation to generation. Mary's "yes" is also an inspiration for us to be open to God's will in our lives and what he calls us forth to do as his disciples. May our faith always lead us to responding to the Lord with a "yes," just like Mary.

This coming Thursday, the Archdiocese will be gathering at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption to celebrate the annual Chrism Mass. This is the Mass when, each year, the Archbishop blesses the Oil of Catechumens and Oil of the Sick, as well as consecrates the Sacred Chrism. The three Holy Oils are distributed to the parishes to be used for the celebration of the sacraments, particularly Baptism, Confirmation, and the Anointing of the Sick. We have a special reception of the Holy Oils at Mass on Holy Thursday and place them in the ambry which is located on the left side of the sanctuary. Also at the Chrism Mass, the priests renew the promises they made on the day of their ordination, renewing their dedication to serving Christ and his people. Father Lilledahl and I are grateful for all the prayers you offer for us and our ministry to all of you.

Thank you to those who have returned the Easter Flower Offerings. If you have not done so already, we ask that you please return those to the parish by next Sunday so we may have them for our Easter Masses the following weekend. Speaking of Easter, please take note of the schedules for Holy Week and Easter in the bulletin. It is my hope you will be able to participate in some if not all of these most holy days for our Christian faith.

Next Sunday is Passion (Palm) Sunday. At the 10:30 AM Mass only, we will begin the Mass in the plaza outside of the church and then process in for the beginning of the Mass. For the other Masses, our opening prayers will simply be in the back of the church and so you may remain in your pews as we begin the Mass.

Father Schunk

Stories from the AAA

Your gifts to the AAA support such ministries as Retired Priests, Seminarians, Social Justice, and our Schools, as well as many Archdiocesan departments, including finance, human resources and others that help our parishes save money by improving the efficiency of various services and providing economies of scale. Here is one example:

Your generosity supports **Teacher Incentive Grants**. One teacher notes, "The Incentive grant has helped me become a more responsive educator. It's helped me assess my students' needs and respond to them more effectively by providing a nurturing environment where they can continue to learn and grow as a whole person. It has made a tremendous impact

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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.

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.

The Fifth
Sunday
of Lent



Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday, Mar 23

8:00 a.m. † **Romulo Austria**
(By: Rodis Family)

Tuesday, Mar 24

8:00 a.m. † **Mila Espina**
(By: Dorothy Over)

Wednesday, Mar 25

8:00 a.m. † **Joseph Abraham**
(By: Carolyn Yiu)

Thursday, Mar 26

8:00 a.m. † **Raul Delgado**
(By: Hugo Delgado)

Friday, Mar 27

8:00 a.m. *Sp. Int.* † **Ryan Kelly, B-Day**
(By: Ruth Kelly)

Saturday, Mar 28

8:00 a.m. † **Graziano Cerchiai**
(By: Helga D'Arcy)

4:30 p.m. † **John Smith**
(By: Smith Family)

Sunday, Mar 29

8:00 a.m. † **Daniel Steele**
(By: Peggy Teshara)

10:30 a.m. † **People of the Parish**

6:30 p.m. † **George L. Barrientos**
(By: Roy Amora)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

God will open the graves and restore the people of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm *Psalms 130:1-8*

With the Lord is forgiveness and mercy.

Second Reading *Romans 8:8-11*

The Spirit of God dwells in you.

Gospel Reading *John 11:1-45*

(shorter version *John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45*) Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.



Sick Family & Friends

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our community and for all those written in our book of the sick. May they know the healing touch of Jesus.

Sean Chan, Byron Petty, Genevieve Dy, Glenda Miller, Daniel W., Tresa Matthews, GeriAnne Martin, Mary MacKinny, Alex & Marie, Greg Iorio, Ana Caballero, Perry Young, Araceli Caparas, Larry & Carmelita Gallager, George Farrales, Al Vicente Jr, Antoinette Mishirsky, Tony Devincenzi, Julie Burton, Nestor & Nelson Plondaya, Marie Bachand, Michelle Vicente, Michelle Weeks, Franz Tittiger, Robert Liam, Larry Barbieri, Kenneth Fambrini, Marc Gutierrez, Gwendolyn Walsh, Joel Rivera, Eden Finn, Jovita & Richard Thompson.

Stewardship: A Way of Life

Sunday Collections - March 15, 2026

\$4,767.86 Sunday Offertory

\$1,630.86 Online Giving

\$621.00 Catholic Relief Services

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday

Confessions: Saturday from 3:30 - 4:15 pm and Sunday 30 minutes before each Mass.

Vigil Mass (*Saturday*) 4:30 pm
Sunday at 8:00 am, 10:30 am (Starting with procession from plaza), and 6:30 pm.

Holy Week Masses

8:00 am (*Mon., Tue., Wed.*)

Holy Thursday

(*No morning Mass*)

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7:30 pm
Altar of Repose available until 10:00 pm

Good Friday

(*No morning Mass*)

Confessions: 1:00 - 2:45 PM

Stations of the Cross - 1:00 pm

Spiritual Reflection - 2:00 pm

Good Friday Liturgy - 3:00 pm

Easter Vigil Mass

(*No Confessions before Easter Masses*)

Mass - 8:00 pm (starting with blessing of the Easter fire in plaza).

Easter Sunday

8:00 am & 10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt

Join the fun and hop on over to the Easter Egg Hunt in Donworth Hall at 9:15 am.

No 6:30 PM Mass on Easter Sunday

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption
(*Psalms 130*)



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The Archdiocese of San Francisco
School of Pastoral Ministry presents
a short course on Art History

Power, Presence, Permanence: The History of Sculpture in Six Short Strokes with Dr. Elizabeth Lev

Classes meet online via Zoom on six
Tuesdays. You can join the class live and
interact with the professor, or watch the
class recording later in the week on the
classroom archive webpage.

**Tuesdays, February 24 through March 31,
7:30 pm – 9:00 pm on Zoom**

For more info and to register go to:

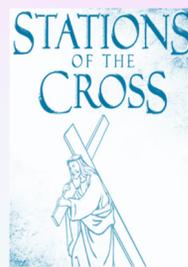
www.sfarch.org/history-sculpture-course/



50+ Club

**Monday, April 13, 2026
12:30 PM in
Donworth Hall**

Join us on for a
welcoming gathering of our
St. Stephen seniors.
Enjoy an afternoon of Bingo,
Bridge, tasty snacks, and great
company.



**Join us in Praying the
Stations of the Cross**

*Fridays of Lent at
6:00 pm in the Church.*

*Donate Online To
St. Stephen's*

