

Catholic Tri-Community Parishes

Sunday March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass--- 4:30p.m

Sunday: Holy Mass---11 a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

First Friday Healing Mass

Saturday Confessions: 3:30-4:30PM

Office Hours Mon & Wed-Fri 2-5PM

Mass Times

Saturday: Vigil Mass---6:00p.m.

Sunday: Holy Mass---9:30a.m.

Weekday Masses: --- 9:00a.m.

Monday & Thursday

Saturday Confessions: 7-8PM

**Office hours: Mon & Tues 8:00-12:00
Wed 9-11AM**

Mass Times

Sunday: Holy Mass-----8:00a.m.
12:30p.m.

Weekday Masses: -----

Wednesday-- 6:00pm.

Wednesday confessions- 5:00-6:00PM.

First Saturday:

Rosary & Mass--- 9:00a.m

Office hours: Sun 9-5 Mon 3:30-5:30PM

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Sunday Gospel Reflection

Readings:

Ezekiel 37: 12-14,

Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will “die with Him” if they go back.

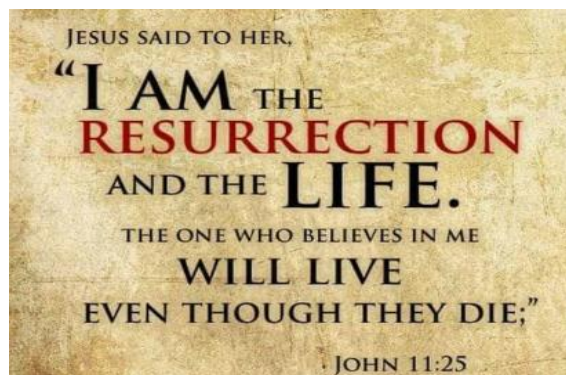
When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for “dead men”—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal “the glory of God” (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40). If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live. “I have promised and I will do it,” the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

—Dr. Scott Hahn



Thank you for the greetings, prayers, and warm wishes on my 24th Priestly Anniversary



My Dear Tri- community parishioners,

From the bottom of my heart thank you for your love, support, heartfelt messages and generous gifts. It was an amazing and blessed day that I will hold in my heart forever with gratitude and appreciation.

Thank you St. Helen's Parish for your time, talent, and treasures also for the music, delicious food, and fellowship.

Thank you all for making my Anniversary so memorable and wonderful. God bless you! Fr Bala Kommathoti

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

St Helen Parish, Oracle

Saturday Vigil Mass March 28, at 4:30 PM



Palm Sunday March 29
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM



Maundy Thursday April 2
Holy Mass at 6:00 PM



Good Friday April 3
Commemoration of the Lord's
Passion at 3:00PM



Easter Vigil Saturday April 4
Holy Mass at 6:30 PM



Easter Sunday April 5
Holy Mass at 11:00 AM

MASS INTENTIONS

March 21 (Saturday) at 4:30PM-
Scott Nugent (Healing)

March 22 (Sunday) at 11:00AM-Parishioners

Stations of the Cross

**Joins us every Friday at 5:30PM
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Friday March 27th, 2026
From 3PM-6PM**

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CRISM MASS

Saint Augustine Cathedral

Date: Monday, March 30th Time: 2pm



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