March 29, 2020 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice! ~ Psalm 130:1

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Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45

Jesus is our resurrection and our life (3). Because he has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive (1,2). In Jesus is the fulness of redemption (Ps).

Give Glory to God

On the Fifth Sunday of Lent, just before we begin to enter Holy Week, we are summoned to Bethany. If we had been friends of Mary, Lazarus, and Martha, and found out that Lazarus was gravely ill, we probably would have dropped everything to be with them. This was what was so surprising about the behavior of Jesus. Although he was their close friend, he chose to stay away, that God’s glory would be manifested. This is a persistent theme in John’s Gospel. Right to the very end, Jesus’ works were meant to give glory to the Father. As our Lenten journey reaches a crescendo, let us be mindful that, as people who have “put on Christ” in baptism, we are also called, by our attitudes and actions, to give glory to God.

Treasures From Our Tradition

Today, we know more about the beginnings of Lent than our ancestors did. We know that Lent is first of all about baptism, and secondly that it is about the desire of all the baptized to renew the power and potential of that sacrament at Easter. For centuries, this deep truth was largely obscured, but today documents have come to light to reshape the Church’s thinking and practice.

One source, discovered in the 1880s, is the pilgrim diary of a Spanish nun, Egeria, writing her sisters a detailed travelogue of a fourth-century sojourn in Jerusalem during Holy Week. She describes in vivid detail her participation in liturgies that are close cousins of our own Holy Week prayer, from a festive procession with palms to a procession to the cross. Her greatest delight is in the huge number of elect: men, women, and children who experience a time of deep retreat and identification with Christ’s cross, guided by the bishop and supported by their godparents’ constant nurture. The discovery of Egeria’s diary proved to be a moment of grace for the Church; after a long period of “ecclesial amnesia,” we know at last that baptism is really the work of a whole community of faith, convened by God.

Prayer for Healthcare Workers

God of everlasting goodness, you sent your Son among us to bring healing, peace, and reconciliation to our weary world. Be with all health care workers and their assistants in this time of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As they continue Jesus’ ministry of care, renew them in mind, body, and spirit. Keep them safe from infection and illness, and may Christ’s healing presence flow through them as they serve those entrusted to their care.

We ask this in his name, Christ the healer, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Prayer in a Time of Pandemic

O God of compassion, your people are anxious in this time of pandemic. Send your Holy Spirit among us to dispel our fears. We cry out to you in our confusion; comfort us in our affliction. Grant our leaders wisdom to guide us. Strengthen and sustain those who are ill, and be with those who care for them. Help us to travel this road in solidarity with our neighbors, with our eyes fixed on the salvation promised us through the death and resurrection of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

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Look

Sorrow looks back, worry looks around, faith looks up.

~ Anonymous

Please Pray for our Holy Father’s Intention for March

Pope’s Intention: Catholics in China. That the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD. Ez 37:14
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

In the age of the COVID-19, or Coronavirus pandemic, we are experiencing a new normal in terms of our parish life. We are trying our best to continue the parish operations and activities but mostly in a virtual setting using the Internet. This is the new normal. Last Sunday we livestreamed the mass at 10:30 AM via Facebook Live. This will be the regular schedule until further notice. I urge everyone to join us in worship by livestreaming our Sunday mass. Please add my FB account, Roberto Andrey, so that you can receive notification when our FB Live starts every Sunday. With you as my friend you will also be able to read my daily FB postings and please share this with your FB friends.

Part of the new normal is that the parish no longer receives your contribution via the collection plate. We are getting hit hard financially by the lack of revenue. However, the parish still has financial obligations to the staff and for the maintenance of the church and the rectory. As I am writing this the parish has a running budget deficit of more than $122,000. If this continues for quite some time our savings will be depleted and we will no longer be able to sustain parish operations. We hope and pray that this will not happen. And so we need to do something with a sense of urgency.

I understand that there are parishioners who are being impacted financially by this pandemic. Some may have even lost their jobs. Let us keep them in our prayers so that they are able to get some help especially from the government. But for those who can still support our parish financially, I urge you to please create an online giving account. You may go to our parish website (www.stpatricksf.org) to do this. On the first page of our website you will see the Online Giving feature. Just follow the instructions to create your account. There are options that you can choose, but I recommend that you select the recurring gift option. I can assure you that your personal financial information is safe with us, but it is better and safer to use your credit card in creating your Online Giving account.

Please share this appeal and information with your family and friends who consider St. Patrick Church the source of their spiritual nourishment. I promise you that we will continue to provide the services to our parishioners even under this new normal conditions. Let us pray for this pandemic to end soon. In the meantime, be safe, practice social distancing, and wash your hands often. May God bless us at all times.

Blessings,
Fr. Obet Andrey

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First Reading — Thus says the Lord God: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. Then shall you know I am the Lord, O my people! (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

Psalm — With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption (Psalm 130).

Second Reading — If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

Gospel — Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

USCCB Reflection Prayer

Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, has issued the following regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

With the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, we are confronted once more with the fragility of our lives, and again we are reminded of our common humanity — that the peoples of this world are our brothers and sisters, that we are all one family under God.

God does not abandon us, he goes with us even now in this time of trial and testing. In this moment, it is important for us to anchor our hearts in the hope that we have in Jesus Christ. Now is the time to intensify our prayers and sacrifices for the love of God and the love of our neighbor. Let us draw closer to one another in our love for him, and rediscover the things that truly matter in our lives.

United with our Holy Father Pope Francis, let us pray in solidarity for our brothers and sisters here and around the world who are sick. Let us pray for those who have lost loved ones to this virus. May God console them and grant them peace.

We pray also for doctors, nurses, and caregivers, for public health officials and all civic leaders. May God grant them courage and prudence as they seek to respond to this emergency with compassion and in service to the common good.

In this time of need, I invite all the faithful to seek together the maternal intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and I share this prayer with you:

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of your holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.
Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

Blessings, Fr. Obet Andrey

Today’s Readings

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Life
A well-spent life is the only passport to heaven.
— Pope Leo XIII

With God
With God, go over the sea. Without God, don’t even go over the threshold.
— Russian proverb

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**What You Can Do to Stay Healthy**

- **Know the facts.** Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- **Take everyday actions to stay healthy.**
- **Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or into your sleeve if you do not have a tissue available. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.**
- **Wash your hands thoroughly and often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.** Germs spread that way.
- **Stay home if you get sick.** CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.
- **Get vaccinated.** Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu.

*Source: Centers for Disease Control (http://www.cdc.gov)*

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**A Litany to Pray Frequently in Time of Health Pandemic**

This may be prayed individually or in alternation with others.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.  

Christ, hear us. Christ, hear us.  
Christ, graciously hear us. Christ, graciously hear us.

_O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, have mercy on us._  
_O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us._  
_O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful, have mercy on us._  
_O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, have mercy on us._

From all evil, Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
From every sin, Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
From everlasting death, Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
By your Incarnation, Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
By your Death and Resurrection, Lord, deliver us, we pray.  
By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Lord, deliver us, we pray.

Holy Mary, pray for us.  
Holy Mother of God, pray for us.  
Mother of the Church, pray for us.  
Mother of Christians, pray for us.  
Mother of the human family, pray for us.  
Refuge of sinners, pray for us.  
Comforter of the afflicted, pray for us.  
Consolation of the lonely, pray for us.  
Solace of the fearful, pray for us.  
Hope of the poor, pray for us.  
Health of the sick, pray for us.  
Companion of the dying, pray for us.  
Strength of caregivers, pray for us.  
Help of Christians, pray for us.

Queen of angels, pray for us.  
Queen of apostles, pray for us.  
Queen of martyrs, pray for us.  
Queen of virgins, pray for us.  
Queen of all saints, pray for us.  
Queen of Heaven, pray for us.

_Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord._  
_Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord._  
_Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us._  

Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
_In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit._  
_Amen._

Compiled from liturgical and traditional sources by Anthony Ruff, Saint John’s Abbey.
Mass Intentions for Mar 29 - Apr 04

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Saints & Special Observances

Thursday: optional memorial ~ St. Francis of Paola, Hermit
Saturday: optional memorial ~
St. Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

SUNDAY:
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Readings for the Week

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
Mt 21:1-11 (procession)
Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-18,19-20,23-24; Phil 2:6-11;
Mt 26:14-27:66 or Mt 27:11-54

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.

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Prayer

The more you devote yourself in prayer the more you will do well in your work.

~ St. John Baptist de la Salle

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Loot, hear my voice!

— Psalm 130:1