

5th Sunday of Lent—March 22nd, 2026

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### **Mission Statement:**

To foster a harmonious, loving and prayerful atmosphere within the parish community that will project the love of Christ!



5TH SUNDAY  
OF LENT

And when he had  
said this, he cried out  
in a loud voice,  
“Lazarus, come out!”  
- Jn 11:43

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Our warmest welcome to all! We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you here, celebrating with us, whether long-time residents or newly arrived in the Parish. We invite

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

I will put my spirit in you that you may live,  
and I will settle you upon your land;  
thus you shall know that I am the LORD. (Ez 37:14)

### Psalm:

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

### Second Reading:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,  
the one who raised Christ from the dead  
will give life to your mortal bodies also,  
through his Spirit dwelling in you. (Rom 8:11)

### Gospel:

"I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."  
(Jn 11:25-26)

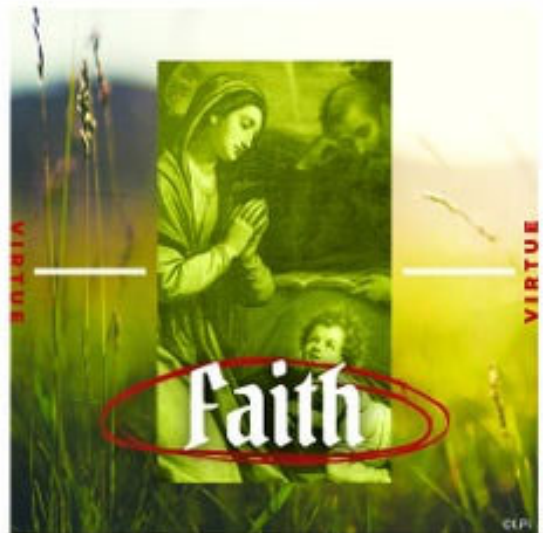
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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

"Lazarus, come out!" Jesus calls into the tomb.  
These same words he cries into the depths  
of our hearts. "Come out!" God is calling you.  
Come out from the sleep of your indifference.  
Easter is near. Now is the time. Come out!

## Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

**Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent  
**Monday:** St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop  
**Wednesday:** The Annunciation of the Lord  
**Next Sunday:** Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord;  
Holy Week begins



## Virtues, Explained!

The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man," (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

## Blessing for New Life

God, in Your goodness, restore our hope.  
Where we feel imprisoned, break our chains.  
Where we feel discouraged, bring us light.  
Where the ground feels dry, break through with life anew.  
Amen.

# Worship & Meditation

## Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

### Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/  
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

### Monday:

Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-  
62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

### Tuesday:

Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/  
Jn 8:21-30

### Wednesday:

Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/  
Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

### Thursday:

Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

### Friday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/  
Jn 10:31-42

### Saturday:

Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/  
Jn 11:45-56

### Next Sunday:

Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-  
24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14-27:66 or  
27:11-54



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## Gospel Meditation

### Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A friend of mine wrote an imaginative reflection on the raising of Lazarus that caught me off guard. She proposed that when Jesus called Lazarus from the tomb, the man was not joyful but angry and annoyed. After so much suffering, maybe death felt like a release. He had finally escaped the pain. And then, suddenly, Jesus' voice cuts through the silence: "**Lazarus, come out!**" (John 11:43) The light stings his eyes. The pain returns. And now he is dragged back into a world that had broken him.

It startled me at first, but the more I sat with it, the more it made sense. Sometimes, people do not want to be raised. Not at first. Think of those in the grip of addiction, despair, or numbness. The tomb can feel safer than the risk of living again. Yet Jesus, moved by the grief and faith of others (Martha, Mary, the community) calls the dead man out. Lazarus obeys. But he is still bound, head to foot. Jesus says to the bystanders, "**Untie him and let him go**" (John 11:44).

That is often how healing happens: slowly, reluctantly. Not just by a personal decision, but through the love and persistence of others. Resurrection is not always euphoric. It may begin in protest and confusion and only later turn to gratitude and freedom. But Christ's voice breaks through, anyway.

**Lenten challenge:** Who in your life needs to be called back to life? Pray for them. If that person is you, listen for the voice. It is calling even now.

— *Father John Muir*

# Oracion de la Semana

## Las lecturas de la semana del 22 de Marzo de 2026

**Domingo:** Ez 37, 12-14/Sal 129, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8/Rom 8, 8-11/Jn 11, 1-45 o 11, 3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

**Lunes:** Dn 13, 1-9. 15-17. 19-30. 33-62 o 13, 41-62/Sal 22, 1-3. 3-4. 5. 6/Jn 8, 1-11

**Martes:** Nm 21, 4-9/Sal 101, 2-3. 16-18. 19-21/Jn 8, 21-30

**Miércoles:** Is 7, 10-14; 8, 10/Sal 39, 7-8. 8b-9. 10. 11/Heb 10, 4-10/Lc 1, 26-38

**Jueves:** Gn 17, 3-9/Sal 104, 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/Jn 8, 51-59

**Viernes:** Jr 20, 10-13/Sal 17, 2-3. 3-4. 5-6. 7/Jn 10, 31-42

**Sábado:** Ez 37, 21-28/Jr 31, 10. 11-12. 13/Jn 11, 45-56

**Domingo siguiente:** Mt 21, 1-11 (37)/Sal 21, 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/Is 50, 4-7/Flp 2, 6-11/Mt 26, 14-27, 66 o 27, 11-54

## Las conmemoraciones de la semana del 22 de Marzo de 2026

**Domingo:** 5<sup>o</sup> Domingo de Cuaresma

**Lunes:** San Toribio de Mogrovejo, obispo

**Martes:**

**Miércoles:** La Anunciación del Señor

**Jueves:**

**Viernes:**

**Sábado:**

**Domingo siguiente:** Domingo de Ramos de la Pasión de Cristo; Comienza la Semana Santa

*¡Alégrate!*  
llena de gracia, el  
Señor está contigo.

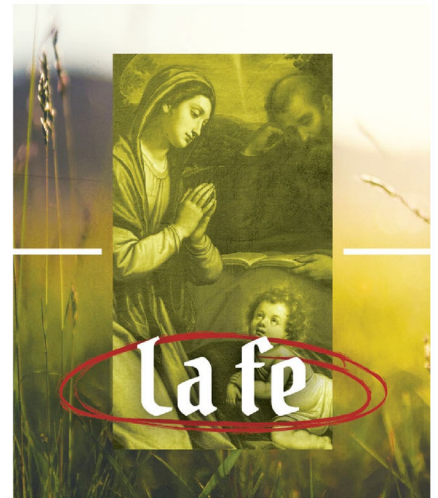
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### DE LA SEMANA

#### VIVIR LA LITURGIA -

"¡Lázaro, sal!" Jesús llama a la tumba. Estas mismas palabras las clama en lo más profundo de nuestros corazones. "¡Sal!" Dios te está llamando. Sal del sueño de tu indiferencia. La Pascua está cerca. Ahora es el momento. ¡Sal!

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**¡DEVOCIONES, EXPLICADAS! —  
CONÉCTATE CON LA  
TRADICIÓN Y CRECE EN TU FE**  
The virtue of faith is "man's response to God, who reveals himself and gives himself to man." (CCC 26). Faith is encouraged by the complementary virtues of hope and love, and through the gift of understanding our faith grows and strengthens.

**ORACIÓN - PARA TODOS  
LOS DÍAS Y PARA TODO**  
Bendición para una Nueva Vida  
Dios, en tu bondad, restaura  
nuestra esperanza.

Donde nos sentimos prisioneros,  
rompe nuestras cadenas.

Donde nos sentimos  
desanimados, tráenos luz.  
Donde el suelo se siente seco,  
Abre paso con vida nueva.

Amén.

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## Prayer

Thank you for showing me that you are my Savior, Jesus.

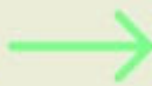
## Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

## Sharing the Gospel

Instead of telling people he was the Savior, Jesus showed them. By raising Lazarus from the dead, Jesus sent a message loud and clear. Jesus was the Savior they had all been waiting for. He was filled with God's love and power, and many people believed in him.

Now color the picture!



Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S SON  
SICKNESS  
RISE

LAZARUS  
MARY  
MARTHA

BELIEVES  
WEEPING  
WRAPPED

S A O E T R H I E T Y  
T W R A P P E D H O N  
O E K R W Y A O Y U T  
B E L I E V E S T S H  
H P T S A O M Y N I E  
T I H E U N A J H C S  
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T P A Y N O H S Y E A  
I S D L A Z A R U S H  
G O D S S O N F E S R



**Mass Intentions for the Week  
Saturday, March 21**

**5:00 p.m** Erasmo Aguilar, Leonard Galka & Frank Schlueter may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory.

**7:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Patty Ledesma, e Elodia Lopez. Special Intentions of Maria Torres e Jose A. Gutierrez. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, March 22**

**6:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all Souls in Purgatory.

**8:00 a.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Enrique Contreras, Jose Luis Navarrete, Alicia Cruz e Ignacio Pulido.

**10:00 a.m.** Helen Cordero, Tina Esparza, Gregorio Hernandez & Juan Leonardo Munoz, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Reina Palomera

**11:30a.m** Matthew Esscajeda & Patty Ledesma, may they rest in peace.

**1:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Roberto Ramos, Antonia Ramos, Manuel Cobian, Graciela Esuebio Navarro, e Raul Melgoza.

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Pulido, Julia Berrios, Jose Zepeda e Elodia López. Intención especial de Jose A. Gutierrez

**Monday, March 23**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Tina Espinoza, Jose Rafeal Torres .& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the Protection of the Guadalupe Gutierrez Family.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Felipe Delgado, Maron Molina , Adela Dominguez, Francisco Dominguez e Patty Ledesma. Feliz Cumpleanos de Theresa Gross

**Tuesday, March 24**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Jose Rafeal Torres, Iris Keith & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the Protection of the Guadalupe Gutierrez Family

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Peter Dillon, Andrew Santana, Antonio Gutierrez, Elisa Gutierrez e Patty Ledesma.

**Wednesday, March 25**

**7:30 a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Patty Ledesma & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday Kenzo Camacho. Special Intentions for the Protection of the Guadalupe Gutierrez Family.

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Luis Sanchez, Alejandra Carbajal, Juan Sanchez e Victoria Garcia.

**Thursday, March 26**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Raul Melgoza, Juan Martin, Josefina Villegas, Ines Torres, Ramona Torres & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Happy Birthday to Carlos Flores

**6:00 p.m** Para El Eterno Descanso de Patty Ledesma & Micheal Garcia. Happy Birthday David Silva Lopez

**Friday, March 27**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee & Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Special Intentions for the health of Christopher Malbrough, for the Lopez & Pelayo Family.

**6:00 p.m.** Para El Eterno Descanso de Aleida Giraldo, Patty Ledesma e Graciano Morales Tapia. Intercession para todas las almas de Purgatorio. Feliz Cumpleanos de Mynor Rios

**Saturday, March 28**

**7:30a.m.** John Stephen Lee, Abigail “ Bibi” Martin.& Albert Dib, may they rest in peace. Intercessions to all souls in Purgatory.

**PARISH FIESTA NEWS**

**This Year we are looking for Music in both English and spanish who would like to Participate in Our 2026 fiesta May 15, 16 and 17th. If you would like to be a part of the line up please contact Pepe Bentio at 818-577-8957. Dont Miss the Oppurtunity to be apart of this years Fiesta.**

**Este año buscamos músicos que interpreten música en inglés y español para participar en nuestra fiesta de 2026, que se celebrará los días 15, 16 y 17 de mayo. Si deseas formar parte del programa, comunícate con Pepe Benito al 818-577-8957. ¡No te pierdas la oportunidad de participar en la fiesta de este año!**





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# HOLY WEEK

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Lent Reconciliation

March 17, 2026 7:00 P.M

## PALM SUNDAY

English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 11:30 AM  
Spanish Mass 8:00 Am, 1:00 pm, 6:00 pm

## HOLY THURSDAY

*Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7 PM*

## GOOD FRIDAY

*Liturgy only*

English: 12 PM & 7 PM

Spanish 3pm (Viacrusic) en Vivo en El Estacionemtno

Misa: 5pm

## EASTER VIGIL

Bilingual: 7 PM

## EASTER SUNDAY

English Mass: 6:30 AM • 10 AM • 11:30 AM

Spanish 8:00 am, 1:00pm, 6:00pm