

**This Week's Message  
from Fr. Amesse  
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This Sunday we hear one of the most moving scenes in the Gospel — the raising of Lazarus. I have always been struck by how human this moment is. Jesus does not rush to perform a miracle. He stands at the tomb of His friend... and He weeps.

That line always stays with me: “Jesus wept.” It tells us something very important. The Lord is not distant from our pain. He stands with us in it.

Then comes the command: “Lazarus, come out.” And Lazarus does.

I sometimes think that Lent is about hearing those same words spoken to us. We all have places in our lives that feel closed off - disappointments, regrets, habits we struggle with, fears we keep buried. The Lord does not condemn us. He calls us by name and invites us back into the light.

“Come out.”

As we move closer to Holy Week, perhaps the question is simple: where is Jesus asking me to step forward? Where is He offering new life?

He still stands before our tombs. And He still calls.

**I remember you at Mass.**