

5th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14

1. How does the Word of God bring life to areas of our lives that have become spiritually stagnant?
2. Share a time when God brought new life out of a "dead" situation in your life.
3. How can our small group be a source of "breath" or life to St Joan of Arc Parish?

Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

1. The psalmist calls to God immediately. How does this verse encourage us to pray honestly in times of distress rather than waiting until we feel "put together"?
2. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading and the Psalm?
3. The word "wait" is repeated multiple times. How does the imagery of a watchman waiting for the dawn—a certainty, but not an immediate one—apply to your personal faith journey?

2nd Reading: Romans 8:8-11

1. In verses 8-9, Paul draws a sharp line between being "in the flesh" (the world's way) and "in the Spirit" (God's way). Why is this distinction critical for our daily lives?
2. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading, Psalm, and 2nd Reading?
3. What are specific, practical ways to "set your mind on the Spirit" (v. 5) rather than the flesh in your daily life (work, family, media consumption)?

Gospel: John 11:1-45

1. How would you describe the relationship between Jesus and the family of Lazarus (Mary and Martha) based on this account?
2. Why do you think Jesus wept, even though he knew he was about to raise Lazarus from the dead?
3. What are some links (words/phrases/ideas) between the 1st Reading, Psalm, 2nd Reading, and Gospel?



PRAYER

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death

Amen.

