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March 22, 2026 - Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

With the Lord, there is Mercy and Fullness of Redemption!

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45

"With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption" (Ps 130:7). It is one of the profound psalm refrains or mantras that set the rhythm or song of our lives. No matter what happens—whether sadness or joy, a sunny day or a rainy day, success or failure, or how rough our journey may be—"With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption."

Jesus could have come immediately after hearing that his friend Lazarus was sick and prevented his death. He could have quickly comforted Martha and Mary, who desperately needed his presence. But he allowed it to happen, only arriving when the family was grieving, and Lazarus's body had been in the tomb for four days.

It's strange that Jesus didn't come immediately. Sometimes we expect God to intervene in a specific way, but things don't always go as we hope. There are times we feel like complaining that we have been good and kind, and that God should answer our prayers. However, God understands more than we do, and His plans often don't make sense at first or may only become clear later. Most of the time, He wants to help and strengthen us internally. His delay wasn't because He didn't care; it was for a greater purpose—allowing the disciples to see how significant what was about to happen would be. He told His disciples, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad I was not there, and that you may believe" (Jn 11:14-15).

Raising Lazarus from the dead has a deeper impact than just healing the sick, showing Jesus's power over death and the promise of eternal life for those who trust in Him. Martha and Mary ultimately show their faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Savior—an act of trust even though they don't know how everything will turn out. This is the same faith needed on Good Friday and expected from all of us.

Our Lord Jesus stood before the tomb where Lazarus was buried. He said, "Lazarus, come out!" His words penetrated the darkness of the tomb, a place of lifelessness. His words are similar to those of God in the Book of Genesis, when everything was dark and empty, and life began through Him (cf. Jn 1:1-5). Lazarus, who was dead, heard Jesus and came back to life. In this way, Jesus's words not only give life now but also eternal life to everyone who believes and follows Him.

The tomb, a symbol of death, can be seen as a metaphor for sin—a state of spiritual death. This reminds us that we do not belong to the tomb but to the life-giving Word of God! Jesus calls us to step out of our tombs and embrace His gift of light. In the second reading, Saint Paul explains that the body may die because of sin, and we might lose supernatural grace if we commit mortal sin (Rom 8:13). Suffering from misfortune, sickness, or hardship can cause people to lose the will to live, just as the Israelites felt during captivity in Babylon. The word of God to Prophet Ezekiel offered Israel hope and promised His Spirit to help them regain their land (cf. Ez. 37:12-14). This is what Jesus does for us.

So, we surrender to God, wait patiently, walk in hope, and pursue holiness with perseverance. We who believe in the Lord trust that we can turn to Him whenever we are lost, lean on Him when we are tired, find strength when we are sick, be comforted when we are depressed, and be inspired when we are discouraged. We who believe in Jesus are confident that we can



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regain the joy of life after committing serious sin, as long as we listen and seek forgiveness. "There's no limit to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept His mercy or to repent rejects the forgiveness of sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss" (CCC #1864).

In life, some things simply happen, and God permits them; but in Jesus, whatever binds us hand and foot, leaving us dead in a tomb, can be overcome. Our grieving is heard, our sins are forgiven, and we are welcomed into the Lord's presence. No tragedies, pains, tears, or heartaches can separate us from Jesus' love, for he shares in our tragedies and pains, cries our tears, and bears our heartaches. "With the Lord, there is mercy and fullness of redemption" (Ps 130:7).
Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



We worship what we believe; we live what we worship.

CONSECRATION...

It is a moment during Mass when time stands still. Silence falls. The priest bows deeply. Words are spoken that have echoed for two thousand years. To the human eye, nothing unusual happens, yet this remains one of Earth's most awe-inspiring

moments. At consecration, heaven and earth unite, and even angels bow in reverence.

When the priest says, "This is my Body... This is my Blood," the bread and wine are changed. Their appearance remains, but their substance is transformed. This mystery is called transubstantiation. What is on the altar is no longer bread and wine, but Jesus Christ—Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Not a symbol. Not a reminder. The living Lord.

At that moment, Calvary becomes present. This is not mere repetition but active participation. The sacrifice of the Cross enters the present moment. The same Jesus who hung on the Cross now offers Himself through the priest's hands. Time bends, and eternity meets at the altar. The Church does not say Christ comes down again; rather, we are drawn into His eternal sacrifice.

This is why the Church teaches that angels surround the altar during Mass. They do not receive Communion, but they adore. The angels who stood in awe at the Incarnation and trembled at the Resurrection now witness the same Lord humbling Himself again, hidden under the appearance of bread and wine. Heaven holds its breath as God gives Himself completely to His people.

Silence fills this moment because words cannot suffice. Knees bend as the King is present. Bells ring to awaken the earth to what eyes cannot see. The priest genuflects because he knows he is standing before the living God. This truth should shake every heart: the same power that transforms bread and wine is offered to transform us. Christ becomes present so that we may become like Him. He lowers Himself so that we may be raised.

During the moment of consecration, are you just watching, or do you realize that heaven opens right before you?



Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

Will gather again this **Tuesday, March 24th at 6:30 PM**
(school's faculty workroom)

You are welcome to join us in preparation for Holy Week as we

"Discover Jesus in the Triduum"

Please continue to pray for our Elect and Candidates as they draw closer to receiving their Easter sacraments.



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 8,946.00	\$ 545.83
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*** Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving feature in our website, just click on the link and go through the easy-to-follow steps to go about it. We also have a Giving Kiosk beside the statue of St. Damien. Please have a look at these methods for your church contributions. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,414.90**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of February 28, 2026 **\$ 275,167.66**

Second Collections:

April 2 (Holy Thursday) - for the Rice Bowl
 April 3 (Good Friday) - for the Holy Land

Mahalo for your generosity.

Come, join us!

STATION I



Jesus is condemned to death.

STATION II



Jesus takes up his cross.

STATION III



Jesus falls the first time.

STATION IV



Jesus meets his mother.

STATION V



Simon helps Jesus carry the cross.

STATION VI



Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.

STATION XIV



Jesus is buried in the tomb.

Stations of the Cross

every Friday @ 6:30 PM

Feb. ~~20~~, ~~27~~, Mar. ~~6~~, ~~13~~, ~~20~~ & 27

at the Church

STATION VII



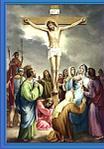
Jesus falls the second time.

STATION XIII



Jesus is taken down from the cross.

STATION XII



Jesus dies on the cross.

STATION XI



Jesus is nailed to the cross.

STATION X



Jesus is stripped of his clothing.

STATION IX



Jesus falls the third time.

STATION VIII



Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem.

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Taiena Finau
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Homeroom/Math 5 & Middle School/MS Science - Dr. Peter Park
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquipo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



:We are in need of volunteers:

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule. Mahalo!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

Saturdays
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sundays
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon, Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm
Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm
(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

Fr. Manuel Hewe

Pastor

Sr. Mercedes Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

Pinky Mendoza

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Jennifer Asuncion

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Felipe Tan

Accountant

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Custodian

*"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."
Psalm 84:1*



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

March 23, 2026

Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62; John 8:1-11

March 24, 2026

Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30

March 25, 2026

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10;
Luke 1:26-38

March 26, 2026

Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Genesis 17:3-9; John 8:51-59

March 27, 2026

Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42

March 28, 2026

Saturday of the Fifth Week of Lent

Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56

March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Matthew 21:1-11; Isaiah 50:4-7;
Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—
27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54