

# Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

When Jesus heard that Lazarus had died, he went to the home of Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary. There Jesus promised life after death for all who have faith in him. As a sign of that promise, Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. We are called to be like Martha and Mary, confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

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MARY	WAKE	SICK	LAZARUS	BROTHER
JESUS	STONE	DISCIPLES	LIFE	BELIEVE
PRAYED	WEEPING	GLORY	MARTHA	RISE
ENTRANCE	LOVE	DEATH	TOMB	SLEEP

## LAZARUS

JOHN 11:1-44



**RAISED FROM THE DEAD**

# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE  
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March 22, 2026  
*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

### Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor  
 Deacon Mark Bussemeier  
 Deacon Manuel Garcia  
 Deacon Tim Parker

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.

First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.

*Holy Days are Announced*

### Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m.  
 until the beginning of Mass

Saturday at 3:00pm

### Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.

Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

### Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

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### John 11:1-45

*Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.*

Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

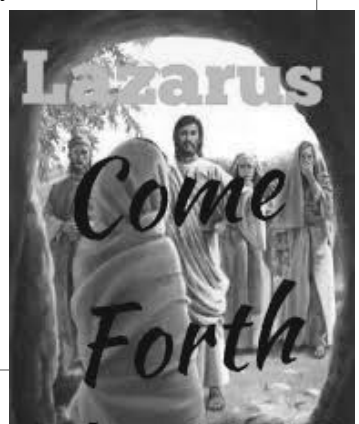
The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.



## Children's Liturgy

Kids K-5th Grade!

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses!

### Help Lazarus get to Jesus

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, March 21st**

4:00pm - + Mary Catherine Fordice, + Arthur L. Ortiz, + Fidel & Rebecca Sandoval & family, + Ernesto Silva

**Sunday, March 22nd**

7:00am - + Florence Buick, + Gavin O'Connell, + Jerome O'Connell & family

9:00am - + Floyd & Orlando Correa, + Ralph Conway, + Felix & Tonie Gallegos

11:00am - For the health and healing of Floyd Dixon

**Monday, March 23rd**

**Tuesday, March 24th**

11:30am - + Trinnie Bridge

**Wednesday, March 25th**

7:00am - For the people

**Thursday, March 26th**

11:30am - + Arsenio P. Montoya & Viola Montoya, + baby Jenna, For the health and healing of Robert Santistevan

**Friday, March 27th**

7:00am - For the People

## MORNING PRAYER Start you morning with Prayer at Risen Savior!



Join us Monday-Friday at 8:30am for morning prayer in the Church. It's a great way to start your day with Christ & friends!

## Easter Sunday Choir

The Easter Vigil, 7am and 9am Easter Sunday Choirs are asking parishioners to join them in the choir for Easter. Anyone who is interested can contact Camille at 505-850-4635 or join us on Tuesday evening in the church at 5:45 pm.



**We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:**  
 Mary Lou Trujillo · Rose Banis · Hayden Mallak · Albert Martinez · Ronald Jennings · Paul Jessen Jr. · Corrine L. Garcia · Miles Anderson · Josie Jaramillo · Armando Mares · Thomas Matuszak · Delores Martinez · Carman Swift · Daniel Miranda · Kristen Miranda · Sofia Blackwood · Raquel Rodriguez · Shirley Scott · Donna Harris · Marianne Nichols · Peter Maioriello · Sr. Maria Luisa Vasquez · Romero Family · Joanne · Armano Mares · Pat Dubois · Debbie Robertson-Huffman · Frank Luna · Harold Allen · Rose Gasperich ·  
 To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, March 23rd**

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

**Tuesday, March 24th**

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Book Study 10:00am, Youth Center

Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4

Confessions 11:00am

Mass 11:30am

Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

**Wednesday, March 25th**

Mass 7:00am

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm

OCIA 6:00pm, Library

**Thursday, March 26th**

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

Confessions 11:00am

Mass 11:30am

**Friday, March 27th**

Mass 7:00am

Morning Prayer 8:30am, Church

ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center

Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3

Stations of the Cross 3:00pm

Lenten Fish Fry 5:00pm, Marian Center

**Saturday, March 28th**

Confessions 3:00pm

Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4


Mass 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 29th**

Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm, Youth Center

## The Season of Lent



**Keep Lent Holy at Risen Savior**  
 † Mass every Friday at 7am during Lent  
 † Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays

March 27<sup>th</sup> Fish Fry at 5:00 PM

### Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday Mass 7:00pm,  
 Adoration until 12midnight in the Marian Center

Good Friday Service 3:00pm

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am

## Weekly Votive Intentions

March 21st - March 27th

**Our Lady of Grace**  
*In thanksgiving for blessings*



*St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!*

### Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.

### Easter Memory Flowers

Traditionally Risen Savior places flowers in the sanctuary at Easter in memory of loved ones. For your convenience, the purchase of the flowers has been pre-arranged. If you would like to donate in memory of your loved ones, their names will be placed in the sanctuary along with the flowers. Beginning on March 9th through March 26th please stop by the office to make arrangements.



### Christian Women Outdoors Ministry

**Friday, March 27th, 9-10:15am.** Easy, social paced, hike at Michael Emory. More information can be found on Christian Women Outdoors weekly e-mail.



For more information about Christian Women Outdoors contact Kay at [Kayhockey@comcast.net](mailto:Kayhockey@comcast.net). All women over 18 are welcome!

Please keep all our Candidates & Catechumens that are preparing to receive their sacraments on Holy Saturday, in your prayers.

*Lord we ask you to bless, in a special way, our catechumens, and candidates, who have generously responded to the invitation of Jesus: "Come follow me." Help them to persevere in their journey of faith despite any difficulties. Amen.*

We also ask you to pray for our Youth preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation that are on retreat this weekend.

Come Holy Spirit, guide our teens, their sponsors, families, and catechists as they learn and grow closer to you in their faith.



### Prayer for the Confirmands



"Father of love and power, it is your will to establish everything in Christ and to draw us into his all-embracing love.

Guide the confirmands as they begin their final preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Strengthen them in their baptismal promises, build them into the kingdom of your Son, and seal them with the Spirit of your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

## Eternal Life



We get the concept of "eternal life" from the Gospel of John.

And what St. John the Evangelist means by "eternal" isn't so much "a never-ending span of time," but rather, "a profundity of depth, breadth, and quality of life." Eternal life is first and foremost a life!--a life exemplified for us by Christ, his Blessed Mother, and the saints of old and up to the present day.

It's a life which is at the heart of our God, the Holy Trinity--a life of complete and utter self-gift to another. A life of absolute charity, total selflessness, complete joy and peace, and ecstatic union with our Beloved. The Church Fathers called it "perichoresis," or "the dancing around each other" of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Eternal life is a share in this divine quality of life, characterized by the thrill of untainted love and fellowship.

And, since eternal life is about a "quality" of life, it's a life we should begin to live and experience . . . today! This is, ultimately, what our faith is geared toward, what our attempts at loving God and loving our neighbor are geared toward, and what all our deepest human desires are geared toward--"a profundity of depth, breadth, and quality of life," saturated by the purest outpouring of love, forever and ever.

We begin to experience eternal life is things such as: an embrace between true friends, deep feelings of gratitude and tenderness, being able to forgive and move on, and so on. The goal of our Catholic faith is to enter eternal life now (by loving God above all else, and loving our neighbors as ourselves; and enjoying the grace and mercy of our God), so that someday when we pass from this life, we will really die, but go on living (eternally) the eternal life--the quality of life--we began to live here. Eternal life--it's today; it's forever.



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to enjoy tea and fellowship at the Women's Tea on March 8th, and for the support of Risen Savior Youth, Young Adults, Knights of Columbus, and Respect Life Ministry.

We made 23 fleece blankets that will be delivered to Project Defending Life, Inhora Home hospice, and the Linus Project. Many additional blankets were taken home to be made up and brought back and we still have enough fabric left for our next event! May those who receive the blankets be comforted and surrounded with the love of God. Please contact [rsrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:rsrespectlife@gmail.com) to learn more about Risen Savior's Respect Life ministry.

