

March 22, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Gospels contain numerous accounts of persons who came whole and alive in Jesus' presence.

In today's Gospel narrative, Jesus declares himself the resurrection and the life. He says that the person who believes in him even if he/she should die, will come to possess eternal life. Because the believer who possesses life in Christ lives with him now and will live with him forever.

The first reading from the book of Ezekiel talks about the resurrection of our bodies, in terms of 'clothing of flesh on bone, and the opening of graves.' This text serves as a reference to personal, individual resurrection beyond bodily death.

St. Paul in the second reading tells us that 'the one who raised Jesus Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies', challenging us to seek comfort in the fullness of faith when confronted with darkness, defeat, disaster or even physical death.

The story of Lazarus addresses the ultimate test of faith: the challenge to believe in life, even in the face of death.

Jesus cried among the mourners over Lazarus. Martha and Mary insisted that their brother would not have died had Jesus come sooner.

It is apparent that Jesus delayed his coming. They did not understand why. The pointed question Jesus directs to Martha, "Do you believe that I am the Resurrection and Life"? (that whoever believes in him will never die [1John 11:26] is in fact directed to each one of us.

Baptism is our response, our great "yes" to the question of where lies our ultimate faith. Today's readings prepare us to answer that question at Easter when we are invited to embrace and renew our baptismal promises in the midst of the assembled community.



QUINTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

Los Evangelios contienen numerosos testimonios de personas que se hicieron íntegros y vivos en la presencia de Jesús.

En el narrativo del Evangelio de hoy, Jesús se declara la resurrección y la vida. Dice que la persona que cree en él, incluso si él/ella debe morir, llegará a poseer la vida eterna. Porque el creyente que tiene vida en Cristo ahora vive con Él y vivirá con Él para siempre.

La primera lectura del libro de Ezequiel habla sobre la resurrección de nuestros cuerpos, en términos de 'ropa encarnizada sobre hueso, y la apertura de los sepulcros.' Este texto sirve como una referencia a la resurrección personal, individual más allá de la muerte corporal.

San Pablo en la segunda lectura nos dice que 'el que resucitó a Jesucristo de entre los muertos le dará vida a nuestros cuerpos mortales', retándonos a buscar consuelo en la plenitud de la fe cuando se enfrenta a la oscuridad, la derrota, el desastre o incluso la muerte.

La historia de Lázaro dirige la máxima prueba de fe: el reto de creer en la vida, incluso frente la cara de la muerte.

Jesús lloró con los dolientes de Lázaro. Marta y María insistieron en que su hermano no hubiese muerto si Jesús hubieran llegado antes.

Es evidente que Jesús demoró su venida. Ellos no entendían por qué. La pregunta directa que Jesús le dirige a Marta, "¿Crees que yo soy la Resurrección y la Vida"? (que quienquiera que crea en Él nunca morirá [1Juan 11:26] es en realidad dirigida a cada uno de nosotros.

El Bautismo es nuestra respuesta, nuestro gran "Sí" a la pregunta de dónde se encuentra nuestra fe definitiva. Las lecturas de hoy nos preparan para responder a esa pregunta en la Pascua cuando se nos invita a hacer o renovar nuestras promesas bautismales en medio de la comunidad.

2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

"Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." Isaiah 40:31

The Annual Appeal is our chance to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese to assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports essential ministries that care for our youth, accompany families, serve those most in need, and support our priests.

Our Parish assessment for this year 2026 is \$32,295.00.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of many throughout our Archdiocese.

Our parish mailing has gone out this weekend. It is our hope, you will receive it soon.

For more information or to make a donation, please go to:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/>

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request!



The Recitation of the Holy Rosary Weekdays of Lent After the 9:00am Mass in English



On Fridays during Lent, we have the praying of the Stations of the Cross after the 9:00am Mass

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Domingo a las 11:00am

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026 / SEMANA SANTA Y PASQUA 2026



Palm Sunday Weekend / Domingo de Ramos / Passion de Cristo:

- Saturday, March 28: 4:30pm in English.
- Sunday, March 29: 8:00am, 10:00am in English, & 12:00pm en Español.

Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo - April 2:

- 6:00pm: The Mass of the Lord's Supper (Bilingual in English & en Español)
- 7:00pm: Adoration of the Altar of the Repose / Adoración del Altar de la Reposo.

Good Friday / El Viernes Santo - April 3:

- 12:30pm: Stations of the Cross.
- 2:00pm: The Liturgy of the Passion of Our Lord (in English).
 ◇ *Veneration of the Cross & The Rite of Holy Communion.*
- 6:00pm: Liturgia de la Pasión de Nuestro Señor (en Español).
 ◇ *La Veneración de la Santa Cruz y la Sagrada Comunión.*

Holy Saturday / Sábado Santo de Gloria - April 4:

- 7:00pm: Easter Vigil Service & Mass / Vigilia Pascual
 ◇ Bilingual in English & en Español.

Easter Sunday / Domingo de la Resurrección del Señor - April 5:

- Sunday, April 5: 8:00am, 10:00am in English, & 12:00pm en Español.

Saturday, April 4

**EASTER VIGIL Service at 7:00pm
in English & en Español**

Sunday, April 5

**EASTER SUNDAY Masses:
8:00am & 10:00am in English
12:00pm en Español**



**DOMINGO DE LA
RESURRECCIÓN DEL SEÑOR**

***El Horario de las Misas:
Sábado, 4 de Abril***

7:00pm Vigilia Pascual

Domingo, 5 de Abril

**8:00am, 10:00am en Inglés
12:00pm el día en Español**

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

March 14 — March 15, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 274.25
 Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,440.00
 Catholic Relief Services.....\$ 762.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 5: Reserve Fund & Easter Sunday

April 12: Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

**A A A 2026
Archdiocesan Annual Appeal**

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$ 1,434.00
Balance we owe:	\$30.861.00
Pledges Balance	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21 TO MARCH 28

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
March 21, 2026	March 22, 2026	March 23, 2026	March 24, 2026	March 25, 2026
<p>9:00am † Fr. Vincent Hughes, OFM † Ramon Berry Nelson Apalit </p> <p>4:30pm Young Men's Institute</p>	<p>8:00m † Zenon Arroyo, Jr.</p> <p>10:00am † Fr. Paul Jerome Konkler, OCSO Lucas Victoriano</p> <p>12:00pm † Josefa Martinez † Pedro Evelio Alvarado † Jorge Rodriguez</p>	<p>9:00am † Genoveva Ibarra † Sesinando Arroyo</p>	<p>9:00am † Mel Ventura</p>	<p>9:00am Larry de Guzman </p>
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		March 26, 2026	March 27, 2026	March 28, 2026
		<p>9:00am Vanessa Rapada † Pedro Mendoza, Jr. </p>	<p>9:00am † Richard Henderson</p>	<p>9:00am † Eufrone Tobes</p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p>

