

Living the Gospel



"We believe that every human being is unique and priceless. We hold that human life must be respected at every stage of its development from the first mysterious moment of conception to the declining days of advanced age."

— Archbishop Philip Francis Pocock,
A Declaration on Behalf of Life, March 19, 1976

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MARCH 22ND, 2026

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

CYCLE A (MATTHEW)

Sunday Mass Readings

First Reading: Ezekiel 37.12-14
Psalm: Psalm 130
Second Reading: Romans 8.8-11
Gospel: John 11.1-45

At Lazarus' Tomb: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalms 130:1-8

Romans 8:8-11

John 11:1-45



As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That's why John gives us the detail

about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see [John 12:3, 7](#)). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back. When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see [John 20:1, 6, 7](#)). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead men"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see [John 11:37](#)). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see [John 9:3](#)). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see [John 11:40](#)). If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin. Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

Thank you to Dr. Scott Hahn and the St. Paul Center for the use of the weekly Mass reflections. More resources are available at www.stpaulcenter.com



MARCH 21ST 2026 TO MARCH 28TH 2026

Sat	Mar 21st	5:00pm	- Stephen De Franca †
Sun	Mar 22nd	7:30am	- Percilia Claire Solomon-Copland (nee Cruickshank) †
		9:00am	- Deodato Da Costa †
		10:30am	- Deodato Da Costa †
		12:00pm	- People of the Parish
Mon	Mar 23rd	8:30am	- Mrs. Blanche Jean Marr Cartwright †
Tue	Mar 24th	8:30am	- Ester Moralde †
Wed	Mar 25th	7:30pm	- Thambipillai Yogamani †; Thanksgiving for Divine Mercy
Thu	Mar 26th	8:30am	- Birthday Thanksgiving and healing for Manolo Mabugat
Fri	Mar 27th	7:30pm	- Healing for Margaret Groves
Sat	Mar 28th	8:30am	- Thanksgiving to Saint Carlo Acutis; Tanya Nedelkovski †

OUR SICK:

 Nida Carandang, Rodante Imperial, James Patrick Stephens, Rosemarie Atkinson, Andre Hastings, Rodrigo Garcia, Frank Franco, Nor-melito Ramirez, Fausto Tomasi, Marybel Irwin, Margaret Horvath, Daniel D'Alimonte, Magdalene Trotman, Holly Macinnis, Inacia Rodrigues, Carol Morra, Edna Zetazate, Tonya Medelkowski, Ray Acayan, Romeo Florentino, Anne Dyer, Joan Fitzgibbon, Virginia Johnson, Derek John Taylor, Oliver Malinowski, Anunciacion Chang, Maria Theresa, Maria Johanna Tizon, Linda Morgan, Sally Benadetto, Maverick Valle, Richard Stockman, Don O'Shaughnessy, Alana Maurica Gerardine, Bette McDermott, Josephine Lavecchia, Romeo Dimalanta, Fredrick Martyn, John Rodriguez, Sabrina Achaibar, Cheryl Gristo, Elizabeth Singh, Richard Rodriguez, Kenny Gonsalves, Kris Gonsalves, Carlo Tomasi, Evelyn Gatila, Judith Ritch, Rita Clemenz, Steve McAuley, George Paramby Varghese, Emmanuel Carpio, Ligaya Carpio, Dionne Hastings, Sonia Miranda, Kevin Andrey Morales, Rhaquel Elizabeth Jojan, Ruth Claire Alinas, Andre Baksh, Alicia Alvares, Anna Ardurini, Lolita Ramos, Rose Marie Sorbera, Alice Rego, Mary Foulkes, Jean Griffin Davis, Shirley Eccleton, Ursula Solomon, Kathleen Copeland, Giacomina Genova, Rosa Lim, Vera Conway, Joe D'Souza, Claudio Borgono, Jennifer Young, Liam Matthews, Benigno Jose Jr., Irene Bituin, Leonisa G. Albaran, Innes Potgiet-er, Rebecca C. Baltazar, Dina Sorbera, Monica Bouchard, Harold Hunt, Antonio Sorbera, Julia Genova, Ronaldo Maravilla, Lucas Sorbera, Sheryl Watson, Stanley de Freitas, Peter Pinto, Isabel Grosvenor, Marie Herrera, John Ger-main, Stephanie Solomon, Ofelia Magat.

Every Life is Precious – Protect Mental Health and Support Bill C-218
Write your Member of Parliament Today! Visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca

You are invited to visit HelpNotHarmCanada.ca to quickly and respectfully contact your federal Member of Parliament, urging them to support **Bill C-218 (The Right to Recover Act)**. This legislation would amend the Criminal Code to ensure that Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) is not extended to individuals whose sole underlying condition is mental illness. Without this amendment, MAiD will be available for mental illness alone beginning in March 2027. A vote is expected to take place mid-April 2026.

**2026 DIVINE MERCY
NINE DAYS NOVENA & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

- APRIL 3RD - GOOD FRIDAY** (1st day)
5:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
(After Good Friday Service)
- APRIL 4TH - HOLY SATURDAY** (2nd day)
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 5TH - EASTER SUNDAY** (3rd day)
3:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 6TH - EASTER MONDAY** (4th day)
No Morning Mass
6:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 7TH - EASTER TUESDAY** (5th day)
8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 8TH - EASTER WEDNESDAY** (6th day)
7:00 pm - Perpetual Help Novena
7:30 pm - Evening Mass
8:00 pm - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 9TH - EASTER THURSDAY** (7th day)
8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena
- APRIL 10TH - EASTER FRIDAY** (8th day)
6:15 pm - During Holy Hour
7:30 pm - Evening Mass
- APRIL 11TH - EASTER SATURDAY** (9th day)
8:30 am - Morning Mass
9:00 am - Divine Mercy Novena

APRIL 12TH - FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY
3:00 pm - Mass
Exposition & Benediction of the Blessed
Sacrament, Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Refreshments in Hall afterwards



Horizons of Hope at St. Boniface Parish

St. Boniface Parish will begin the *Horizons of Hope (HOH)* program starting in May this year. HOH is a faith-based initiative to educate parishioners, caregivers, and families on palliative and end-of-life care from a Catholic faith perspective. It consists of a 4-part workshop series that will be made available to all parishioners in our church hall.

You will find further information in the brochures at the back of the church today.



2026 TRIDUUM AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
(NO Morning Mass)

Good Friday Stations of the Cross —April 3rd—NEW!

10:00am Stations of the Cross

Good Friday Service- April 3rd

12:00 Noon Good Friday: The Lord's Passion
3:00 pm Good Friday: The Lord's Passion

NO Stations of the Cross in the evening

Holy Saturday - April 4th

8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass
(No Morning Mass)

Easter Sunday Masses - April 5th

9:00 am; 10:30 am; and 12 Noon
NO 7:30 am Morning Mass

**A MARIAN TRIDUUM
AT ST. BONIFACE PARISH**

St. Boniface Parish is organizing a Marian Triduum before the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, on March 25th.

The prayer will begin as follows:

1st Day—Monday
March 23rd—8:00am
before Mass

2nd Day—Tuesday
March 24th—8:00am
before Mass

3rd Day—
Wednesday March
25th —7:00pm

followed by Mass and Procession of the Statue of Our Blessed Virgin Mary to the Grotto/Shrine with candles **for the prayer of Consecration to Our Blessed Virgin Mary. All our welcome!**



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