



FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

FOR YOUR PRAYER & REFLECTION
THE GOSPEL FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (JOHN 11:1-45)



Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she

went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you." As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him. For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him. So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, he cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him. The Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION ON THE LITURGY OF THE WORD & OUR LENTEN JOURNEY

On the fifth Sunday, when the resurrection of Lazarus is proclaimed, we are faced with the ultimate mystery of our existence: "I am the resurrection and the life... Do you believe this?" (Jn 11: 25-26) For the Christian community, it is the moment to place with sincerity – together with Martha – all of our hopes in Jesus of Nazareth, especially as we battle this coronavirus, we need to place our trust in the Lord: "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is to come into the world" (Jn 11: 27) Communion with Christ in this life prepares us to overcome the barrier of sickness and death, so that we may live eternally with him. Faith in the resurrection of the dead and hope in eternal life open our eyes to the ultimate meaning of our existence: God created men and women for resurrection and life and this truth gives an authentic and definitive meaning to human history, to the personal and social lives of men and women, to culture, politics and the economy. Without the light of faith, the entire universe finishes shut within a tomb devoid of any future, any hope. We need to hear the words of Jesus who bid "Lazarus, come out!" And when he came out bound in the burial clothes, Jesus said: "Untie him, and let him go!" From what do we need to be unbound? Have our Lenten sacrifices and penances freed us from sin and death to rise with Jesus this Easter? Which of our Lenten practices will we carry over into our lives after Easter?

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR BELOVED SICK:

Luke Peterson, Ralph Valenti, Theresa Gonzalez, Natalie Delgado, Carmelo Pulizzotto, Salvatore Pandolfo, Arthur Malagoli, Thomas Messina, Mary Ann DeForca, Maureen Rivera, Anthony Calabrese, Fred Lesto, Joseph Perrelli, Jean Bevacqua, George Cagno, Ariana Mainner, Julia Bruzzese, Josephine Zimmitti, Frank DiBari, Rose Dee, Calogero & Consiglia Bertolino, Carmine Barone, George Constantin, Isabel Ayala, Frances Cantone, Venancio Rosado, Vito Pisano, Theresa Mierzejewski, Quintin Leone, Rose Scianno, James Amato, Gloria Freda, Jean Hoskey, Isabelle Grenier, Caterina Romeo, Helen Scalia, Diana Torres, Rosemarie Roccotagliata, Joseph Trovato, Ann Esposito, Dorothy DeVita, James Toner, Nancy Young, Angela I

As was done last week so it will be done this week, a private Mass will be offered by Fr. Guy & Fr. Clement for the following intentions: Ofelia Tarantino, Vincent Marzella, Aurora Rosado, Anthony Ciaravalli, Joyce Rockwell, Louise Morano, Mauro Monaco, Richard Navarra, David K. Jung (Birthday), Cuoco Family, Thomas & Gaetano Zanca, Sr., For an End to the Coronavirus

FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED: *Ersilia Annunziata*

ST ANTHONY NOVENA THIRD TUESDAY
FACING OUR SINS

Reading 1: St. Paul to the Colossians (3:8-10)
You must put aside all that now: all the anger and quick temper, the malice, the insults, the foul language. Stop lying to one another. What you have done is put aside your old self, with its past deeds and put on a new person, one who grows in knowledge as you are formed in the image of your Creator.

Reading 2: From the Sermons of St. Anthony
The sinner must unhesitatingly put all works squarely before his mind's eye and regard them often and attentively with sorrow of heart. In this way he will be able to produce from them the fruit of penance. Were one courageously to set his inner self before his eyes, he would find nothing there but reason for true sorrow of heart and the desire to return to the ways of God.

Offer a time of silent reflection & prayer

PRAYER TO GOD BY ST. ANTHONY

O heavenly Father, we beg you through our Lord Jesus Christ, whom you have made the sacrifice that takes away

our sins, to receive our prayers and offerings: and through him to give us the grace to be reconciled to you and to one another. Then, being at peace with you and each other, we may be able to offer sacrifices of praise with the holy angels before your altar in heaven above.

This we ask of you who are blessed forever. Amen.

PREGHIERE A SANT'ANTONIO DI PADOVA

O gloriosissimo e potentissimo S. Antonio, per quei privilegio che aveste de risuscitare i mortin e convertire gli erectici, di liberare dale disgrazie i vostri devote e scacciare i demoni, di risanare gli infermi e calmare le tempest di natura a di anima, ti preghiamo di ottenere dal Buon Dio le grazie di risuscitare dalla vita di peccato o di tiepidezza di guarire i nostril corpi dalle malattie, e di proteggere le anime nostre attraverso il mare burrascoso della vita.

Preghimo: O Dio, la preghiera votive del beato Antonio, vostro confessore, rallegrì la vostra chiesa, affinché sia sempre munita di aiuti spirituali e meriti da godere le gioie eterne. Per Cristo signor Nostro, Amen

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: ALL MASSES AND SERVICES ARE SUSPENDED THROUGH HOLY WEEK AND EASTER. IN OUR PARISH WE ARE POSTPONING THE SCHEDULED DATES FOR THE CELEBRATION OF FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION UNTIL A LATER DATE AT THIS TIME WHILE THERE ARE NO PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS THE CHURCH AND THE PARISH OFFICE REMAINED CLOSED. IF YOU NEED TO SPEAK WITH A PRIEST PLEASE CALL THE PARISH NUMBER 718-236-9165. IF NO ONE IS AVAILABLE YOU CAN RECORD YOUR MESSAGE AND YOUR CALL WILL BE RETURNED.

ALL UPDATES AND THE CELEBRATION OF DAILY MASS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE: www.stfrancescabrini-brooklyn.org & FACEBOOK PAGE: St. Frances Cabrini Dyker Heights

Our YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (YAMs) continue to hold a virtual meeting each week beginning with a reflection on Living Lent! and watching the Netflix series the Messiah with a time for discussion. The YAMs invite anyone who wishes to part of this evening to join them. For more information or to join the live stream email joannefusaro@aol.com



AS YOU WATCH THE MASS THE FOLLOWING IS A PRAYER TO RECEIVE THE GRACE OF A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

