

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26th, 2023

### AT A GLANCE

Holy Week Mass/Confession  
Schedule

Deanery Penitential Service

Lenten Mission - Fr. David

D & P Solidarity Sunday

Two Saints

Holy Week Retreat

### Sunday Mass Readings Year A

First Reading  
Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm  
Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8  
(R.7b)

Second Reading  
Romans 8:8-11

Gospel  
John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,  
33b-45

Fifth Sunday of Lent presents us with the story of the resurrection of Lazarus (John 11: 1-44), the seventh sign or miracle narrated by Saint John, reveals Jesus as Lord of life and death.

Lazarus came down with an unnamed, grave sickness, and when his sisters Mary and Martha realized his condition was worsening, sent word to Jesus for help.

Jesus was preaching out of town, and when he got word of Lazarus's illness replied, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it." (Jn 11:4) Then he stayed where he was for two more days. The blindness of the man in the gospel of last Sunday was "...so that God's works might be revealed in him" (Jn 9:3) Jesus loved this family and often stayed with them. We might expect (as Lazarus' family did), that He would come running to help. But God's timing is not our timing. If you are a friend of God, He might use you to reveal His glory to others, through your suffering.

When Jesus finally announces that he wants to go to Lazarus, he tells his disciples plainly "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake, I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

This is a great reminder that nothing is impossible for God and I shouldn't hesitate to ask Him for anything! But I need to remember this truth and cultivate patience and trust. This will help me withstand the storms of life.

Lazarus died so that Jesus' power over death would be apparent to his disciples. He was showing them something better than healing. He was proving he has the power to raise us from death.

As Jesus approached the tomb, he asked that the stone be moved away. Martha warns him that Lazarus has been dead for 4 days, and there would be a "bad odor" Jesus gently reminds her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

As they rolled the stone away, Jesus looked up to heaven and thanked his Father for always hearing him.

He was thankful that each person standing there would see this miracle and have the opportunity to believe that his Father had sent him. He would restore the life of his friend and show his authority and power to grant eternal life through resurrection.

Suddenly Jesus called out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" Lazarus miraculously appears with his grave clothes still on. Jesus tells them to remove the strips of cloth and "let him go." Raising Lazarus from the dead was a remarkable demonstration of Jesus' power. He showed the power of eternal life triumphing over death to the crowd and to us.

Can you imagine how Lazarus felt? The last thing he remembers is being sick! The next thing he knows, he is walking out of a grave. Can you picture the joy and thanksgiving that occurred that day?

Pope Francis said: "Jesus' act of raising Lazarus shows the extent to which the power of God's grace can go, and thus the extent of our conversion, our transformation. Listen carefully: there is no limit to the divine mercy offered to everyone! Remember this sentence. Let us say it together: 'There is no limit to divine mercy which is offered to everyone!' The Lord is always ready to remove the tombstone of our sins, which separate us from Him, the Light of the living." [4]

Fr. Joseph



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS News EVENTS

## Lenten Mission with Fr. David Bellusci, OP


St. Patrick's Parish in Vancouver invites you to their Lenten Mission, taking place from Mon March 27 - Wed. March 29, from 7-8pm at St. Pat's Parish 2881 Main St. Vancouver. The theme of the mission is 'Mary at the Foot of the Cross: Jesus Gives Us His Mother.' Each evening will start with Mass at 7pm followed by the mission talk at 7:30pm  
[beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## This Lent, please give generously

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**Padre Pio PRAYER GROUP**  
*Purpose of Prayer Group  
 Gather together to pray together  
 Engage in the service of charity for  
 those who suffer*

**Catechesis In-person Meeting**  
 April 1, 2023, Saturday @ 9:30 am  
 @ St. Mary's church basement

**Online Bible Study**  
 April 20, 2023, Thursday @ 7pm

Presented by  
**Father David Bellusci, OP**

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 who visited Vancouver

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Homelessness and poverty were important causes to St. Mother Teresa and St. John Paul II. A portion of the funds raised will support The Door is Open and the Catholic Charities Men's Shelter.

Give online at [rcav.org/twosaints](http://rcav.org/twosaints) or contact Deacon Richard.

## Holy Week Retreat - For All Who Serve Others

Working for the Church and serving various ministries entail the constant giving of the self for others. To prepare for the busyness of Holy Week and Easter, you are invited to take time away with the Lord and commune with Him, together with the Archdiocesan community of leaders. Come join the RCAF Ministries and Outreach Office for a retreat on Saturday April 1. The retreat will begin with Mass at 9AM, followed by talks, prayer and lunch. Learn more and register at [beholdvancouver.org/events](http://beholdvancouver.org/events)

## HOLY WEEK MASS SCHEDULE

April 6 - **HOLY THURSDAY**

5:30PM, 7:30PM (Washing of the Feet)

April 7 - **GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00PM, 7:00PM

April 8 - **EASTER VIGIL**

9:00PM

April 9 - **EASTER SUNDAY**

8:00AM, 9:30AM, 11:15AM, 1:00PM, 3:00PM (tagalog)

## HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

April 6 **HOLY THURSDAY**

4:00PM - 5:15PM

after 5:30PM Mass until 7:15PM

April 7 **GOOD FRIDAY**

10AM - 12PM, 1:30PM - 2:45PM

after 3:00PM Mass until 6PM

after 7:00PM Mass until 9:30pm

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April 8 **HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**

4:00PM - 6:00PM

April 9 **EASTER SUNDAY**

No Confession

## Vancouver East Deanery Lenten Confessions Schedule 7:00pm

**Holy Cross Parish** **March 21**  
 1450 Delta Aveue

**St. Judes Parish** **March 23**  
 3078 Renfrew St.

**St. Mary's Parish** **March 28**  
 5251 Joyce St.

**St. Helen's Parish** **March 29**  
 3860 Triumph St.

**Corpus Christi Parish** **March 30**  
 6350 Nanaimo St.

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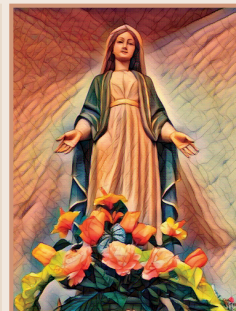
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### PARISH LIBRARY

Have you checked out the collection of books, CDs and DVDs in our parish library?

To view our online catalogue:

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- scroll down and click on "Library"
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### REGULAR CHURCH SCHEDULE

CONFESSION	Weekdays	After mass
	Sundays	Before and after mass
DAILY MASS	Monday to Friday	8:00 am
	Wednesday to Friday	7:00 pm
	Saturday	8:30 am   5:00 pm (anticipated mass)
	Sunday	8:00 am   9:30 am   11:15 am   1:00 pm 3:00 pm (Tagalog)   5:00 pm   7:00 pm
DEVOTIONS	Monday to Friday	7:15 am Rosary and Lauds
	Wednesday	6:00 pm Novena: Our Lady of Perpetual Help
	Thursday	6:00 pm Rosary and Prayer for Vocations
	Friday	3:00 pm Divine Mercy
		6:00 pm Novena: Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary
		7:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:00 pm Benediction
	Saturday	7:45 am Rosary and Lauds

## CATECHISM & Sacraments

### MARRIAGE

One of the couple must be Catholic and a parishioner of St. Mary's Parish. Contact us at least six months prior to the wedding. Make no wedding arrangement until you have met with the priest. For details, call Lorna ext. 6



### INFANT BAPTISM (under 5 yrs. old)

The family must be registered parishioners or must reside within parish boundaries. Non-parishioners must obtain permission from the pastor of their parish. For more information, call ext. 0 or email [reception.smarvercav.org](mailto:reception.smarvercav.org).



### RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

For adults in need of Baptism, First Communion, or Confirmation, or who want to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Contact [rcia.smarvercav.org](mailto:rcia.smarvercav.org) or call ext. 5.



### PREP (Parish Religious Education Program)

Catechism for children who are attending public schools. Registration opens in the summer of 2023 for SY 2023/24.



### VANSPEC (one-on-one special needs catechism)

Vanspec classes are led by volunteer catechists and aides who, with the assistance of the Program Director, adapt the content of each lesson and learning materials to the needs of the individual student. For more information, email [vanspec.smarvercav.org](mailto:vanspec.smarvercav.org).



### ANointing OF THE SICK & FUNERALS

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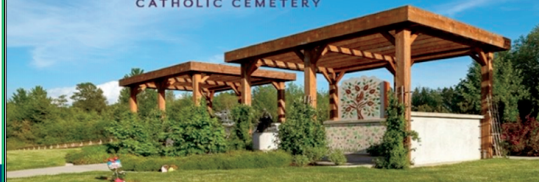
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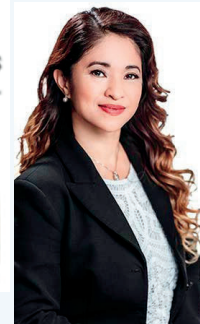
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