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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A
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Mass Times:

Sunday:

10:00am

Live Streaming

Welcome to our Online Mass live Streaming and other Prayer Devotions

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Celebrations this week: This is the 5th Week of Lent

The Word: You Shall Live Again!

Today, Jesus raised his friend Lazarus to life after four days in the tomb. In the narrative, our Lord delayed coming to see Lazarus for two days when he heard that he was sick. When he eventually showed up, Lazarus had died. Meeting up with the Lord, Martha, and Mary at different times said, "Lord if you had been here, my brother would not have died!"

At some seasons of your life, you may have wished that God showed up earlier. It could be during the time of sickness, bereavement, unemployment, marriage, or relationship problems. With the current coronavirus pandemic, there is a wide outcry for divine intervention and immediate remedying of the situation. Like Martha and Mary, one could hear the same desperation from Christians around the world for God to come down quickly and clear the virus. One thing Martha and Mary couldn't realize was that there is no time that the Lord is absent. David refers to God as the ever-present help in trouble (Psalm 46:1). Admittedly, the Lord is always with us; He is ***Emmanuel***.

When Martha and Mary said, "Lord, if you had been here, Lazarus would not have died," they were implying that the Lord shouldn't have delayed in coming when he heard about the sickness of Lazarus. God's delay is not a denial, and God's time is different from ours; it is the best. Our Lord Jesus Christ showed up at a time when all hope was lost. If he had come when Lazarus was sick, it wouldn't have been different from other miracles of healing he performed.

The Gospel tells us that when Jesus saw the tears of Mary and the mournful disposition of the people around, he wept. Why did Jesus weep, he was going to raise Lazarus from the dead anyway? Jesus wept to show us that he knows and feels our pains. The Psalmist says that God is near to the broken-hearted and saves those that are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18).

Our world today needs extensive spiritual and moral revival and awakening. There are lots of dead situations and conditions around us. There are dead faith, hope, and prayer lives; We need to connect our lives to the revival of the dry bones in the First Reading and the raising of Lazarus in the Gospel Reading so that we can live again.

Weekly Notices:

This is a very challenging moment in our lives. Thank you for the various safe ways through which you have been reaching out to one another especially the most vulnerable. Be always assured of my prayers. Be not afraid...God is with us.

Week-day

Activities

Masses:10:30am

Evening Prayers:
8:00pm

Monday:

Rosary/Litany

**Tuesday: Stations
of the Cross**

Wednesday:

**Divine Office
(Vespers)/Lenten
Reflection**

Thursday:

Rosary/Litany

**Friday: Stations of
the Cross**

Saturday: Divine

**Office(Compline)/
Lenten Reflection**

Collection:

Nugget of Wisdom :

**Churches are not closed; Buildings are closed.
You are the Church, You are to remain Open.**

Quote:

***"I will open your graves... and bring
you back to your land" Ezekiel 37:12***