

MASS INTENTIONS

I AM OFFERING MY MASSES FOR
ALL YOUR INTENTIONS, FOR
YOUR LOVED ONES,
FOR ALL MEDICAL WORKERS,
VOLUNTEERS AND FRONTLINERS
FOR ALL THE SICK
AND FOR ALL SOULS IN
PURGATORY

Bishop Gregory Bittman will celebrate Mass on Sunday at 9 AM in Immaculate Conception Church in Kelowna. It will be live-streamed: <https://www.springfieldfuneralhome.com/mass/>

Here is a reminder of other opportunities to hear and watch Holy Mass on television: EWTN, Vision, Salt + Light.

Also online, Bishop Robert Barron (Saturday's Mass): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7CQ-vAFM8eA>

PARISH PRAYER LIST

(please call the office - 250-494-3110)

LORD HEAR OUR PRAYER FOR OUR SICK SISTERS & BROTHERS... and all who are suffering in any way in our community and in our families, especially: George Szucs, John Morrissey, Debra Webb, Christine Delaurier, Vivian Dolezsar, Philomena Keogan, Eugene Chorneyko, Rosa Santos, Kathryn Simpson, Elmo Sheppard, Toran Younge, Anne Arthur, Jim Graf, Nick Deuling, Olivia Whitfield-Carson, Sandy Jaser, Malinowski Family, Carrie Malinowski, Jennifer Knoll, Reid & Anne Watson, Paul Pasqualetto, Kian Hooshmand-Hall, Ann Grison, Dawna Werbeski, Marie Horn, Pat Thomas, Sheila Dafluyen, Betty Jolie, Chrissy Kozier, Richard Roess, Cecilia Roess, Jack Rowland, Jo-Ann Rowland, Margo Preston, Jody Richter, Geraldine Koropchuk, Bill Appel, Cindy Garner, Jack Appel, Dina Tremblay, Carey Roess, Henry Bernard, Nicole LaVallee.

Healing Prayer

*Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances.
In Jesus, we pray.
Amen.*

MARCH 29, 2020 **FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



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SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 15, 2020 – \$

**THANK YOU! GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROUS
HEARTS! God loves a cheerful giver!**

(2 Cor. 9)

MASS SCHEDULE

(No Mon. Mass unless specified)

TUESDAY	7PM
WEDNESDAY*- FRIDAY	9AM
SATURDAY	6PM
SUNDAY	10AM
Sacred Heart Mission Mass	1PM (at Penticton Reserve)
*2 nd Wed. of the month- Mass is at Sr's Village- 9:25AM.	

HOLY CHILD PARISH CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE



ATTENTION GARDENERS!
**THE CWL PLANT SALE WILL BE
HELD ON MAY 9, 2020, SAT.
PLANT YOUR SEEDLINGS NOW!!**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

37:1 The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones.

37:2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry.

37:3 He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

37:4 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.

37:5 Thus says the Lord GOD to these

bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live.

37:6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

37:7 So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.

37:8 I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them.

37:9 Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

37:10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

37:11 Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

37:12 Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

37:13 And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people.

37:14 I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm 130

130:1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD.

130:2 Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

130:3 If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

130:4 But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

130:5 I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

130:6 my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning.

130:7 O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem.

130:8 It is he who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

SECOND READING

Romans 8:6-11

8:6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and

peace.

8:7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot,

8:8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

8:9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

8:10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

11:1 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

11:2 Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill.

11:3 So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill."

11:4 But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may

be glorified through it."

11:5 Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus,

11:6 after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

11:7 Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again."

11:8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?"

11:9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world.

11:10 But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them."

11:11 After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him."

11:12 The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right."

11:13 Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep.

11:14 Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead.

11:15 For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

11:16 Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

11:17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

11:18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away,

11:19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother.

11:20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home.

11:21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

11:22 But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him."

11:23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

11:24 Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day."

11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,

11:26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

11:27 She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

11:28 When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you."

11:29 And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.

11:30 Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.

11:31 The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

11:32 When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

11:33 When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.

11:34 He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see."

11:35 Jesus began to weep.

11:36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

11:37 But some of them said, "Could not he

who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

11:38 Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.

11:39 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days."

11:40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

11:41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me.

11:42 I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

11:43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

11:44 The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

11:45 Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

REFLECTION:

Fr. Cielito, an OFM told the story of a widow whose husband was about to be buried. When the casket was being carried out of the house, it hit the door and the husband came back to life. Some years later the husband died again, and this time, the widow asked the pallbearers, as they were bringing the casket out, "Slowly please, don't bump the door again."

Just to lighten the mood. These past days have been heavy for every one of us. Information overload. that is what I am feeling right now. In between the daily routines, I watch and listen to local and international news. I have been hooked up to this Covid-19 pandemic. Fear engulfs me. But what can I do? I cannot help it. Though I shut off myself from this from time to time, yet I have to update myself too of what is happening around us. I have to listen to the news in my country especially now that in my hometown we have already three Covid-19 cases. My family panicked. Through social media we are informing ourselves every day and my sister who lives in Metro Manila instructed everyone not to come to our house to protect the most vulnerable member in our family, my mother. the gate must be closed

especially to strangers. I also have three nephews who are front liners and were told to protect themselves all the time. These happenings just make us downhearted really.

Physical distancing makes it too difficult for us to live human as we are, yet, that is one of the best ways that we can contribute in stopping the spread of the virus, I pray hard that this tough time would soon be over. Jesus himself was miles apart when his dear friend Lazarus got sick and died.

The gospel in this fifth Sunday of lent refreshes us. Death is everywhere, sick people continue to rise because of the virus. The word 'virus' alone makes me sick that at times I do not want to hear it.

"Master, the one you love is ill." Jesus was informed that Lazarus was gravely ill. He seemed to ignore it because of a few days past before he came to visit Lazarus. When he arrived, Martha told him; "Lord, if you have been here my brother would not have died." Jesus seemed too late to respond to the needs of his well-loved family. Yet, He had a purpose!

In humility, too, we come to the Lord in prayer and say: "Master,

our world is ill." Many are getting sick and dying. Does he ignore our pleas because the virus continues to spread on every corner of the world? Many people died already, is our Lord too late to save the world from this desolation? We know Jesus.

The Gospel says; "And Jesus wept." Wouldn't Jesus weep when He sees his sheep getting sick and dying? Wouldn't Jesus weep when He sees the realities happening around His sheep? See how He loves us! Both Martha and Mary in their first expression of faith in Jesus declare, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died" (Jn 11:21, 32). However, what they fail to recognize is that Jesus is here now. He who could have prevented the death of their brother will now raise Lazarus to life. "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

The presence of Jesus does make a great difference. Even in our lives. It brings life – a new lease of life.

Humanity seemed to move away from the presence of God, many times forgetting the presence of God in our midst because of so many distractions and pre-occupations. Yet, God was there! God is here! God will be with us

always.

"Come out!" The invitation of Jesus to Lazarus is the same with us. Jesus however, does not invite us to get out of our houses where we are being told to stay home. In a situation where churches have been closed and church services canceled, I am sure, there is a challenge for us, as individuals, communities and as smaller units of families, to respond to God.

Take care everyone. Stay safe. Pray...

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An Act of Spiritual
Communion by St.
Alphonsus Liguori

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 into 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.

Prayer to the Most Holy
Redeemer (Anima
Christi)

Soul of Christ, sanctify
me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ,
embolden me.

Water from the side of
Christ, wash me.

Passion of Christ,
strengthen me.

O good Jesus, hear me.
Within thy wounds hide
me.

Never permit me to be
parted from you.

From the evil Enemy
defend me.

In the hour of my death
call me.

and bid me come to thee,
that with your saints I
may praise thee

for age upon age.
Amen.



Dear Doug and Michelle
Robertson;

We wish you goodbye, *God-
be-with-you* as you go on
with your journey. Your
family here, your parish
family will miss you both
and we will always
treasure you and will
always remember you in
our prayers.

Thank you so much for
your service, thank you for
your presence!

God bless you. keep in
touch!

-Holy Child Parish
Family