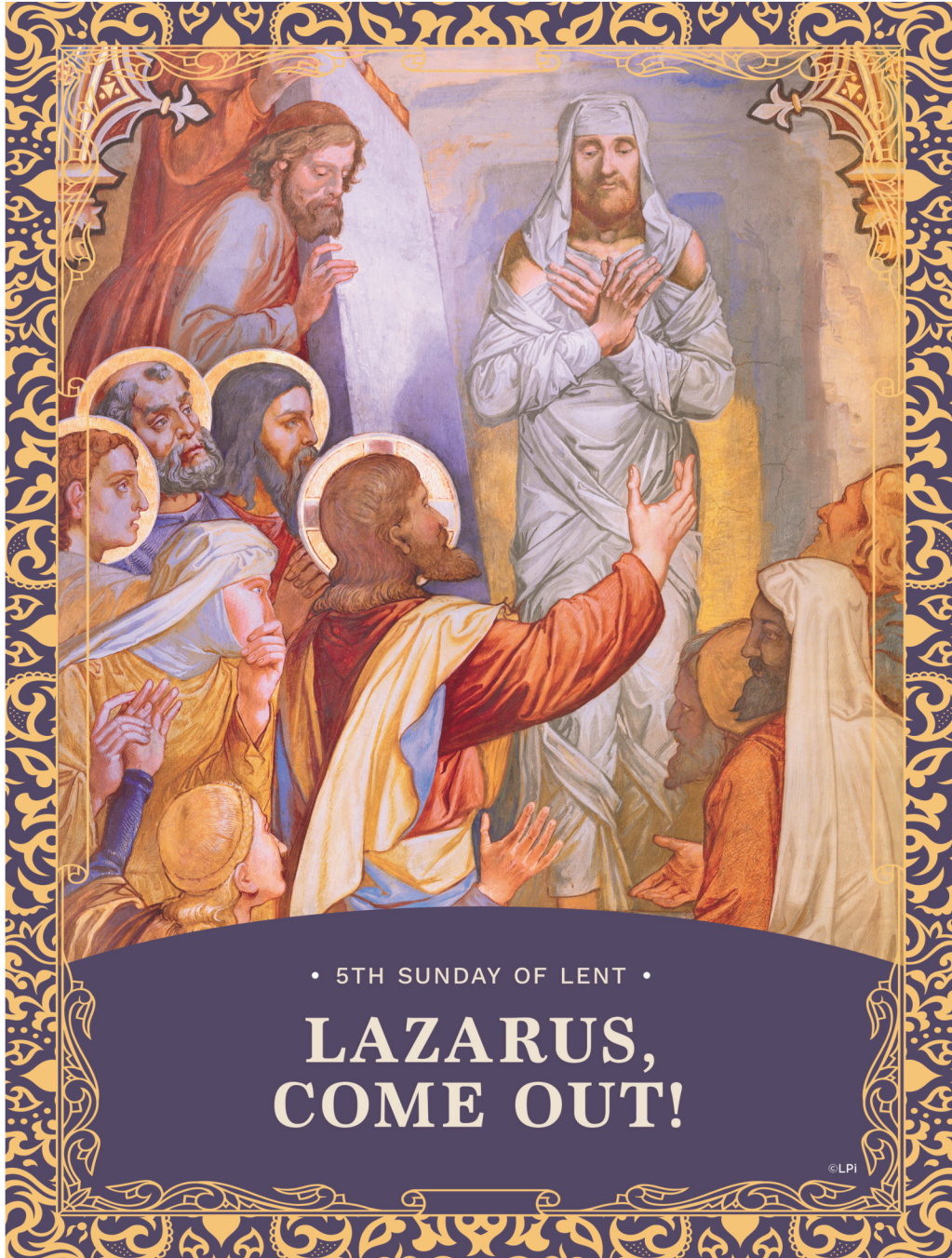




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• 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT •

# LAZARUS, COME OUT!

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## Sunday, March 22, 2026



Parish Office Hours  
M-F: 7:30am-3:30pm



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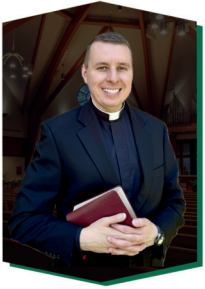


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*From the Desk of*  
**Fr. Anthony Yates, Pastor**



### Fifth Sunday of Lent

As we journey deeper into Lent, today's readings fill us with the promise of resurrection and new life, even in the shadow of death. Ezekiel prophesies God opening graves to restore His people, breathing His Spirit into dry bones. The psalmist cries from the depths, trusting in divine mercy. Paul assures us that the Spirit who raised Christ dwells in us, giving life to our mortal bodies. And in the Gospel, Jesus stands before Lazarus's tomb, calling forth the dead man bound in burial cloths—foreshadowing His own victory over the grave. These words invite us to hope amid our Lents: personal losses, sins that bind us, or the weariness of a world that feels entombed.

You will see that our church's statues and crosses are veiled in purple cloth starting this weekend. This ancient tradition, observed from the Fifth Sunday of Lent (formerly Passion Sunday), draws us into the Gospel's drama. As the Catholic Encyclopedia explains, veils cover images "because Christ during this time no longer walked openly among the people, but hid himself," echoing John 8:59 and preparing for His Passion. Violet veils symbolize this mystery—not to diminish devotion, but to heighten our focus on the Crucified One alone. As Saint Pope John Paul II reflected on ashes marking our dust-like frailty, so these veils remind us: death entered through sin, but Christ reclaims us. This week, gaze beyond the purple—see Lazarus rising, your graves opening, the Spirit enlivening. Prepare your heart for Easter's unveiling: attend the Triduum, receive the sacraments, live the readings.

### Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



On March 25, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation, a pivotal feast marking the Incarnation—when the Word became flesh in Mary's womb through the Holy Spirit. Exactly nine months before Christmas, it commemorates God's entry into human history, fulfilling ancient prophecies like Isaiah's sign of the virgin bearing Immanuel ("God with us"). This joyful mystery launches the Christmas cycle, connecting the humble "fiat" in Nazareth to Bethlehem's manger, as the Church's liturgical year unfolds the Paschal mystery's first fruits.

Its importance? The Annunciation inaugurates "the fullness of time," a new creation where God seeks Mary's consent, standing for humanity. As Pope Benedict XVI once taught, the Spirit hovering over Mary echoes Genesis, uniting divine and human in Christ—offering hope that God acts creatively in our "impossible" struggles. Saint Pope Paul VI called it the feast of the "new Eve," whose fiat makes her Mother of God and the living. It inspires the Angelus prayer, recited thrice daily to recall this salvific event.

Tying to Christmas, it's the "foundation of all good things," preparing us for the Nativity while orienting toward Easter: Mary's obedience foreshadows Christ's. In Lent, it reminds us God's mercy breaks through barrenness, as with Elizabeth. Embrace this solemnity: pray the Angelus, meditate on the first Joyful Mystery, ponder your own "fiat" amid trials. Let Mary's yes draw us to the Savior born at Christmas—and risen at Easter.



## 5th Sunday of Lent Reflection

Are you asleep? Today Jesus is called to the grave of a dear friend who had recently died. Martha cries out that if Jesus were closer, her brother Lazarus would not have died.

Remember from the First Sunday in Lent that death and sin are connected and that life is seen as living a faith-filled life? That is what is happening in this Gospel. Living as a disciple of Christ can give us the ability for a life everlasting in the presence of God.

What in our lives needs to be uncovered, as Lazarus is unwrapped of his burial clothes and returned to live with his loved ones?

As we move closer to Easter Sunday, let us ask God to unwrap or unbind that which needs to be healed so that we may live a life that is pleasing to God.

## Pray for Our Elect

Join in the Scrutinies of Lent



Dear Parish Family,

As we journey deeper into Lent, our parish rejoices in preparing our **elect**—adults and older children called to the **Sacraments of Initiation** at the Easter Vigil.

### The Scrutinies of Lent

On the **Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays** of Lent, we celebrate the **Scrutinies**—ancient rites of **prayer, exorcism, and intercession**.

All are invited to **join in these solemn intercessions** and pray for our elect.

### Gospel Focus:

- 3rd Sunday (Mar 8): Samaritan Woman –
- 4th Sunday (Mar 15): Man Born Blind – Light of Faith
- 5th Sunday (Mar 22): Lazarus – Life in Christ

### A Simple Prayer for Our Elect

Lord Jesus, pour out your grace on our elect.  
Free them from sin's shadows,  
Enlighten their minds with your truth,  
And raise them to new life in you.

Amen.

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## Weekly Opportunities



Daily Mass:  
M-F 6:30 am  
M-Sat 8 am

Adoration  
in Chapel:  
T-Th 9am-9pm

Reconciliation:  
Monday 5:30-7 pm  
Saturday  
3:30-4:30pm

Behold His  
Heart  
April 1st 7pm

Stations of  
the Cross  
Fridays 7pm

Fish Frys Fridays  
March 27  
4:30-7pm in the CCC

## One Time Events

Lenten Evening  
Prayer Service  
March 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm




Dates for 2026  
**March 27**  
 4:30-7 pm  
 Corpus Christi Center



Volunteer Sign up 

## Triduum and Easter Liturgy Schedule



**Holy Thursday, April 2nd**

- Adoration Chapel will be closed
- 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper at St. Joseph and St. John
- Altar of Repose until 9:00 pm at St. John and Midnight at St. Joseph

**Good Friday, April 3rd**

- 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy at St. John
- 3:00 pm Station of the Cross at St. Joseph
- 12-3:00 pm Confessions at St. Joseph
- 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy at St. Joseph

**Holy Saturday, April 4th**

- 8:00 pm Easter Vigil at St. Joseph and St. John
- *No normally scheduled Saturday Confessions or Vigil Masses*

**Easter Sunday, April 5th**

- 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 10:00 am, & 11:30 am Mass at St. Joseph
- 9:00 am Mass at St. John
- *No 4:30 pm Mass at St. Joseph*

# Behold His Heart

**IN PRAYER + IN FELLOWSHIP**

All are invited to join our parish wide Holy Hour as we grow in intimacy with Christ and unity with His Body.

April 1st  
 7-8pm: Holy Hour  
 8-9 pm: Fellowship  
 at St. Joseph Imperial


Celebrant: Fr. Charles Samson  
**ADORATION + HOMILY + CONFESSION**  
**FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS**



Fr. Samson was ordained a priest in 2013, and he teaches Scripture, biblical languages, and archaeology at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. Fr. Samson loves to travel, read, hike, play ultimate frisbee, and talk Star Wars.


# LENTEN TENEBRAE

March 26<sup>th</sup> | 7pm



Tenebrae—Latin for "darkness"—invites the faithful to meditate on Christ's Passion, Death, and Burial while awaiting the Resurrection.

Join us for a candlelit service including traditional Lenten hymns and the chanting of the Psalms and the Prophet Jeremiah's Lamentations.





**Go to Confession  
this Lent!**

*Experience the healing mercy  
of Jesus Christ*

**Confession is Saturdays  
from 3-3:45pm**

**OR**

**Join us at St. Joseph Parish for  
A Confession Opportunity  
Monday, March 30  
from 5:30-7:00pm**

*Extra priests available*

**Sanctuary**  
*A Ministry for Mental Health Support!*


*You are not alone. Come as you are.*

Sanctuary is a monthly mental health support group open to anyone 17 & older.

**Monday, March 23**  
7PM in the Imperial Rm in the CCC  
**Free to attend!**

To sign up, contact Gloria at 573-310-3103 or email [canterbury609@earthlink.net](mailto:canterbury609@earthlink.net)  
**Please use subject line: "Sanctuary"**

*Save the Date!*  
**You're invited.**



**Ordination to the Transitional  
Diaconate of Alex Cammarata**

Alex served his pastoral internship at St. Joseph during the 2024-2025 school year.

**Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 10:00am**  
**The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis**

*All are welcome.*

Deacon Alex will be at the 10am Mass on Sunday May 31 to assist at Mass and be the homilist.

Please join us in the Corpus Christi Center after Mass to greet Deacon Alex and offer your congratulations!

*Join our Support Team!*  
Host Homes | Snacks | Dinner Hosts



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**JUNE 21-26TH**

<b>Host Home</b>	<b>Host a Dinner</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sleeping accommodations for 2 adults</li> <li>Shower and laundry facilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host dinner for 4 adults</li> <li>At your home, or a nearby restaurant!</li> <li>5:30-6:30pm</li> </ul>

Support Team Sign Up 

Questions? Contact Emily at [ekopff@sjparish.org](mailto:ekopff@sjparish.org)



### Easter Memorial Flowers & Decorations

Parishioners are invited to contribute toward our Easter flowers and decorations.

Donations may be made in memory of loved ones and will be acknowledged in the bulletin published the second weekend of April.

A customary gift is \$13, but all contributions are gratefully appreciated.

Please complete the form below (you may also use the Easter Flower Offering envelope in your OSV packet).

Return it with your donation in an envelope, place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Parish Office.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory (deceased) Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor (living) Of: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Easter Flower Offering: \$13 × \_\_\_\_\_ Flowers = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your donation by March 31  
to ensure your memorial is included.



**Catholic Sunday Mass Readings Preparation - 2026**

📖 Scripture Study

📅 Thursdays at 9:30 a.m.

🕒 9:30-10:30 a.m.

📍 Parish Office Conference Room

Join us Thursday, January 8 as we prepare for our Sunday Mass encounter with Jesus. All are welcome!

After the 8:00 a.m. Thursday Mass, you're invited to pray the Rosary & Chaplet.

📞 Questions? Contact Pat Smith: 573-310-3472



**March 22, 2026  
Fifth Sunday of Lent**



The Gospel today challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. If your neighbors were to ponder the signs of grace in THEIR lives, would YOU enter their pondering? If you're not certain, there are ways to enliven that peace and joy in your heart. PLEASE NOTE: This month has 5 Sundays, and therefore there will be an extra collection on March 29th for our SVdP support! Thank you!

For more information,  
email [connie41370@gmail.com](mailto:connie41370@gmail.com)

Business Meeting: March 23rd 6:30 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting: April 8th 6:30 p.m.

All Meetings in the Corpus Christi Center

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS  
OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND**

*May those who are ill be blessed by Jesus' healing presence:*

- |                  |                       |
|------------------|-----------------------|
| Scott Haase      | Johnathon Klee        |
| Sharon Schindler | Peggy Deckard         |
| Noella Torgerson | Tim Deckard           |
| Jim Kaiser       | Jody Stockwell        |
| Roland Kaiser    | Rich "PorkChop" Jones |
| Dena Moss        | Steve DeVore          |
| Sharon Dickmann  | Zachary Floyd         |
| Jerry Baumann    | Judy Becker           |
| Diana Droege     | Pat McInroy           |
| Kari Wojtkowski  | Jane Werner           |
| Judy Love        | David Werner          |
| Bob Ivy          |                       |

Reminder: Names are published for 60 days.  
Please contact the office to add/remove names.

**Prayers for Our Active Military Members:**

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Andrew Hunt           | James Moloney          |
| Austin McHaffie-Sharp | Jared Sheets           |
| Caleb Curran          | Lauren Slough          |
| Cory Stockton         | Lucas Weiland          |
| Douglas Moloney       | Mary Margaret Lombardo |
| Grant Staggenborg     | Meaghan Angus          |
| Isaac Longtin         | Megan Stockton         |
| Jack Jeffers          | Michael Moloney        |
| Jack Vilchis          | Tony & Elise Rich      |
| Jacob Sarfraz         |                        |

Names remain for 12 months.  
To add a loved one, contact the parish office.



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**Join Council 2333**

**Sunday, March 29th**

**7:30-11:30 a.m.**

**Corpus Christi Center**



**Cost**

**Adult: \$10**

**Kids 12 & Under: \$5**

**Families of 4 + : \$30**

**Proceeds will be donated to the family of  
a brother Knight who lost everything in a  
home explosion**



A word from **Saint Joseph School**



**Spring Break**

We hope everyone had a relaxing, fun, and safe Spring Break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to classes on Monday!

**Lenten Activities**

During this Lenten season, our students have been attending the Stations of the Cross on a weekly basis. This week, our 2nd through 8th grade students will participate in the sacrament of reconciliation, and next week our 5th grade students will perform in a Passion Play. We are so grateful for the opportunities to practice and grow their faith that Catholic education provides to our students.

**Registration for 2026-2027 School Year**

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year remains open. If you have a potential new student and have not yet completed an Admissions Inquiry, please scan the QR Code below or submit an Inquiry on the Admissions section of our website.



**Scholarship Information**

TTEF Scholarship and MOScholars applications are open. Many of the scholarships are awarded on a first come first serve basis while they remain available. Please apply soon! Reminder, if you currently receive a scholarship, you must reapply each year.

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**40 Cans for Lent – Because Hunger Has No Season**

The Knights of Columbus invite you again this year to participate in 40 cans for Lent. What is 40 cans for Lent? It is a program designed to help fight hunger, an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others. The program is simple: Collect one can of food per day during the 40 days of Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday. Drop off your cans at any time throughout the Season in the vestibule at church. All donations will go to benefit Sister Christine's Food Pantry

**40 Cans for Lent**

**FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

**THE FEAST OF THE Annunciation**



St. Joseph Parish

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

MASS INTENTIONS

**Contributions for: February 23 - March 1**  
Fiscal Year 26- July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026

	Current	Fiscal YTD
<b>Offertory</b>		
Total Collected	\$32,846	\$ 1,041,451.51
Amount Needed	\$25,646.59	\$ 897,630.57
Surplus or Shortage	\$7,199.41	\$143,820.94
<b>Special Collections</b>		
St. Vincent De Paul	\$536	
St. Christine's Food Pantry	\$2,500	
Tuition Assistance	\$386	

<b>Monday</b>	<b>March 23, 2026</b>
6:30am	Craig Cox Special Intention
8:00am	Cindy Lorenz Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>March 24, 2026</b>
6:30am	The Father of Steve DeVore
8:00am	Jim Sondermann
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>March 25, 2026</b>
6:30am	Elaine Frauenhoffer
8:00am	Werner Family Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>March 26, 2026</b>
6:30am	The Nuspl Family Special Intention
8:00am	Catherine Marie Moloney
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 27, 2026</b>
6:30am	Albert Kohne
8:00am	Charles McAndrews
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 28, 2026</b>
8:00am	Mark Hendel
4:30pm	Peggy Schmees
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>March 29, 2026</b>
7:00am	Roger Pleis
8:30am	Elaine Frauenhoffer
10:00am	June Jaime
11:30am	Jim Sondermann
4:30pm	For the people of SJBD/SJ Parishes



**5th Sunday of Lent**

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

To request a Mass intention, please contact the parish office. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass.

## Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 6:30am & 8am

Sat: 8am & 4:30pm

Sun: 7, 8:30, 10, 11:30am; 4:30pm



**Masses are livestreamed: 8 am Monday - Saturday, and 10 am Sunday.**



### Confession:

Monday: 5:30-7pm

Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm



### Adoration:

T/W/TH: 9am-9pm



### Baptism:

A preparation class is required. Please call the office to schedule.



### Receiving Holy Communion:

Homebound visits can be arranged by calling the office.



### Eucharist & Confirmation:

For those who have been baptized Catholic, or wish to enter the Catholic Church, OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) classes are required. For more information, contact Sr. Rosemary.



### Anointing of the Sick:

To arrange an anointing, please call our parish office at anytime.



### Marriage:

Couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church, please contact one of the priests at least nine months in advance.

## Submit to the Bulletin



All bulletin submissions are due by noon the Monday the week of the bulletin you wish to be published in. Please send submissions to [bulletin@sjiparish.org](mailto:bulletin@sjiparish.org). Deadlines are subject to change around holidays.

## Do you receive emails from the parish?

We use "Constant Contact" to email parishioners. If you do NOT get the emails & wish to receive them, please notify Kim Johnson in the parish office at [kjohnson@sjiparish.org](mailto:kjohnson@sjiparish.org) or 636-464-1013.

## New to St. Joseph's?

If you are new to our parish, or the Catholic faith, you are invited to join us in encountering the love of Christ - through Holy Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, & more. Discover the extraordinary ways Jesus may be inviting you to deepen your faith, develop friendships, & find community at St. Joseph's.

### BECOME A PARISHONER!

Scan the QR Code to register online. You can also call our parish office at 636-464-1013 or you can email our Admin. Asst. Kim Johnson at [kjohnson@sjiparish.org](mailto:kjohnson@sjiparish.org).



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