

## 5th SUNDAY OF LENT < A

March 21 - 22, 2026

of the Death and Resurrection of your Son, who left us this pledge of his love, we offer you what you have bestowed on us, the Sacrifice of perfect reconciliation.

### Invocation of the Holy Spirit

Holy Father, we humbly beseech you to accept us also, together with your Son, and in this saving banquet graciously to endow us with his very Spirit, who takes away everything that estranges us from one another.

### Intercessions: For the Church

May he make your Church a sign of unity and an instrument of your peace among all people and may he keep us in communion with *N.* our Pope and *N.* our Bishop and all the Bishops and your entire people.

### In Communion with the Saints

Just as you have gathered us now at the table of your Son, so also bring us together, with the glorious Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with Blessed Joseph, her Spouse, with your blessed Apostles and all the Saints.

### For the Departed Souls

With our brothers and sisters and those of every race and tongue who have died in your friendship.

Bring us to share with them the unending banquet of unity in a new heaven and a new earth, where the fullness of your peace will shine forth in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Concluding Doxology

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever, and ever.

**Amen**

### Communion Rite

**STAND**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

*Priest:*

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant us peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress,

as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*People:*

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

### Sign Of Peace

*Priest* : Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* : **Amen**

*Priest* : The peace of the Lord be with you always

*People* : **And with your Spirit.**

*Priest* : Let us offer each other the sign of peace

### Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Have mercy on us.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:*

**Grant us peace.**

### Reception of Communion

**KNEEL**

*Priest* : Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

*People* : **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

*Priest* : The body of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

*Priest* : The blood of Christ.

Answer : **Amen**

### Communion

### Prayer after Communion [Union with Jesus]

**STAND**

We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **R/ Amen.**

### General Announcements

**SIT**

### Blessing

**STAND**

Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen.**

And may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, come upon you and remain with you for ever. **R/ Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**MC: Greeting**

**Entrance song**

**STAND**

### Introduction by the Celebrant

**ENTRANCE ANT.** *[Rescue Me]*

*Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.*

### Penitential Act

Sin is the illness and the death of God's life in us.

Let us ask the Lord to forgive us:

*(pause)*

Lord, our resurrection and life, forgive us that we have wounded others and brought sadness into their life.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Jesus Christ, our resurrection and life, we have let the death of discord and malice divide our communities:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, our resurrection and life, we have not cared enough for the true life which you have brought to us:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution:

May almighty God have mercy on us, destroy the death of sin in us and let us live in your love until you lead us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

### The Gloria is omitted

**C: Collect** *[Walk in Charity]*

By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R/ Amen.**

### Liturgy of the Word

**SIT**

**First Reading** *Ez 37:12-14 [The Lord's Promise]*  
*The Lord promises to bring his people back to their homeland. He will be with them and they will know him.*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall

know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 130*

*[Mercy and Redemption]*

**R./ With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication. **(R.)**

If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?

But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered. **(R.)**

I trust in the LORD;

my soul trusts in his word.

More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD. **(R.)**

For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption; and he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** *Rom 8:8-11*

*[Indwelling of Christ's Spirit]*

*The followers of Jesus live in the Spirit of God. The same Spirit who brought Jesus back to life will bring mortal bodies to life since God's Spirit dwells in them.*

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

*The word of the Lord.*

**R/ Thanks be to God.**

**Verse Before the Gospel** *Jn 11:25a, 26*

*[Resurrection]*

**STAND**

**R/ Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

**R/ Praise and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**



"The dead man came out, tied hand and foot."

**Gospel** Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**SHORTER FORM** [Lazarus]

Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, died, and was buried. When Jesus came, he assured them that he was the resurrection and the life. Jesus gave life back to Lazarus.

**R/ The Lord be with you.**

**R/ And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

**R/ Glory to you, O Lord**

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, 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."

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

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."

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.*

**R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Homily**

**SIT**

**I believe in God**

**STAND**

**General Intercessions**

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life, and life to the full. Trusting in the Father, we pray:

*(Pause)*

For those preparing to be received into the Church this Easter: that they will remain vigilant in nurturing their faith in Christ all the days of their life. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

For all those in authority: that they may imitate the goodness of God by securing justice and peace for the good of the peoples; and protecting the sanctity of all human life. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

For the repose of the souls of all the faithful and our beloved departed: with the grace of God, they will find eternal peace and see the glory of God. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

For the poor, the sick, the hungry, the unemployed, and those who suffer from neglect and the forgotten: that God may show them his love and mercy to provide them helps from our Parish Community. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

Lord Jesus, You are the head of the Church, we humbly seek Your providence of the St. Peter Canisius International Catholic Parish, the grace to live with greater faith in You and to be the Light to the nations. Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

We pray for those intentions offered for the Mass and for our personal intentions ...

*(Pause)*

Let us pray to the Lord:

**Loving Father, give us life.**

Loving Father, your mercy is great and your love is without compare. Turn with compassion and respond favorably to our petitions. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**SL: Offertory hymn**

**SIT**

**Liturgy of the Eucharist**

**Preparation of the Bread**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the bread we offer you:

fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Preparation of the Wine**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation, for through your goodness we have received the wine we offer you:

fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

*All : Blessed be God for ever.*

**Invitation To Prayer**

**STAND**

Priest : Pray, brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**People : May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his Holy Church**

**Prayer over the Offerings** [Hear Us] **STAND**

Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Eucharistic Prayer**

**STAND**

*Introductory Dialogue*

The Lord be with you.

**And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them up to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just**

**Preface** [Christ Raised Lazarus]

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord.

For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life.

Through him the host of Angels adores

your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts....**

**Eucharistic Prayer For Reconciliation II**

**KNEEL**

**Praise to the Father**

You, therefore, almighty Father, we bless through Jesus Christ your Son, who comes in your name. He himself is the Word that brings salvation, the hand you extend to sinners, the way by which your peace is offered to us. When we ourselves had turned away from you on account of our sins, you brought us back to be reconciled, O Lord, so that, converted at last to you, we might love one another through your Son, whom for our sake you handed over to death.

**Invocation of the Holy Spirit**

And now, celebrating the reconciliation Christ has brought us, we entreat you: sanctify these gifts by the outpouring of your Spirit, that they may become the Body and ✠ Blood of your Son, whose command we fulfill when we celebrate these mysteries.

**The Lord's Supper**

For when about to give his life to set us free, as he reclined at supper, he himself took bread into his hands, and, giving you thanks, he said the blessing, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my Body, which will be given up for you.**

In a similar way, on that same evening, he took the chalice of blessing in his hands, confessing your mercy, and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my Blood, the Blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

**Do this in memory of me.**

**Memorial Acclamation**

*Priest : The mystery of faith.*

*All : When we eat this Bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.*

**The Memorial Prayer**

Celebrating, therefore, the memorial