



I Am the Resurrection

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The prophets before Jesus had long spoken of God’s dreams for our world. In seasons of darkness and despair, they would offer snapshots of hope for what it would be like in the “kingdom of God.” Those who were blind would see. Those unable to walk would dance. Those imprisoned would be free. And those who had died would be raised to life again.

In today’s gospel, we hear that Martha shared in the prophets’ hope. When Jesus tells her that her brother Lazarus will rise, she replies, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” In other words, Martha believes in the coming “kingdom of God.” But then, Jesus stuns her with his response: “I am the resurrection and the life.” That is, “I am the kingdom of God.”

Origen of Alexandria—a third-century theologian—spoke of Jesus as the *autobasileia*. The term comes from two Greek words: *auto*, meaning “self,” and *basileia*, meaning “kingdom.” It was his way of expressing that Jesus was the fulfillment of all that the prophets had preached. He was all of God’s dreams for us manifest, not as had been anticipated in a future time, but in a living person.

We still wait for God’s dreams to be realized on a global scale, but, like Martha, we have seen what that realization will look like already in our experience of Jesus. With Martha, we can confess that he is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.” ●

Reflect

Where do I see signs or snapshots of the kingdom of God?



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I will put my spirit in you that you may come to life, and I will settle you in your land,” [says the Lord God].

EZEKIEL 37:14



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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	March 21st	6:30pm		Special Intentions of Mary Lou DeSilva
Sun.	March 22nd (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello Manuel Medeiros, Maria de Jesus Andrade, Jose Soares Oliviera, Maria de Lourdes Lima Nelfred Furbert, Anniversary of Death Mrs. Dolores Madio
Mon.	March 23rd	7:30am 12:10pm	+	St. Theresa's Parish Family Evie Soares
Tues.	March 24th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Eileen Boys
Wed.	March 25th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Paul Scaife, Aurelia Leite, Ermelina Serodeo, Fr. Julio Blazejewski, Souls in Purgatory Special Intentions of Carol Ann Tungate
Thurs.	March 26th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	John Johnson, Birthday in Heaven Betty Slater, Birthday in Heaven
Fri.	March 27th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Mirabella Diaz, Happy 1st Birthday Christine Pratt
Sat.	March 28th	6:30pm		Special Intentions of Gabrielle Brackstone
Sun.	March 29th (Portuguese)	8:30am 10:00am 11:30am 6:00pm	+	Special Intentions of Herscheo Minks Susana Cartas, Obulio Lares, Alicia Lares Cartas, Alejandro Lares Cartas, Alvaro Lares Cartas St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : March 28th & 29th, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	C. Powell N. Medeiros	K. Scarth C. Scarth	E. Mosley A. Cannonier	H. Velasco J. Placedes
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Palm Sunday Masses

March 28th - Sat. Vigil: 6:30pm

March 29th - Sun: 8:30am

10am (Portuguese)

11:30am & 6:00pm

March 30th - Mon: 7:30am Mass

March 31st - Tues: 7:30am Mass

Mass of the Chrism: 7:30pm

April 1st - Wed: 7:30am Mass

NO 12:10pm Mass

April 2nd - Holy Thursday:

Morning Prayer: 7:30am

NO 12:10 noon Mass

Mass of the Lord's Supper:

7:30pm (Followed by Rosary in various languages, then Sri-Lankan Holy Hour)

April 3rd - Good Friday:

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Ecumenical Stations of the Cross in Victoria Park: 11:15am

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

English: 3:00pm

Portuguese: 5:00pm

April 4th - Holy Saturday:

Morning Prayer: 9:00am

Easter Vigil Mass: 6:30pm

April 5th - Easter Sunday, Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord:

8:30am, 10:00am (Portuguese),

11:30am & 6:00pm Mass



Good Friday is a day of **Fasting and Abstinence.** This Penitential practice consists of refraining from the consumption of meat.

FOCUS: Those who have the Spirit of Christ belong to him and will share his resurrection.

Today's Gospel is not just about the resurrection of Lazarus. It is also about ours. Because the Spirit lives in us, death has no power over us. We, too, will share Christ's resurrection. May this hope inspire and guide us through these final days of Lent.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Mar. 14th & 15th	\$5,158.00
Electronic Offering:	Mar. 14th & 15th	\$740.00
Filipino Mass	Mar. 6th	\$500.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 12	\$63,086.52
Lenten Almsgiving	to date	\$200.00



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
March 22nd—28th, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 Day Candles
And Two Roses
In Loving Memory of Frank & Betty Slater

DIOCESAN LENTEN ALMSGIVING:

Special Collection: There will be a special collection for The Family Centre this weekend, **March 21st & 22nd**, as part of our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving. Envelopes are available for this collection, but if you wish to donate online you may do so to our diocesan account with Butterfield Bank; Account Name: ORCC Special Account, Account Number: 20006060021098100, and include "FAMILY CENTRE" in the memo line.



12:10 MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please be advised that during the season of Lent, the **12:10pm Mass** at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday**. The **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the Cathedral for **Fridays** during Lent at **11:40am & 6pm (English)** and **Sundays 4pm (Portuguese)**.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:

Forms are located at the doors of the Cathedral and on the communion rail for anyone who wishes to make an offering for Easter Flowers "In Memory" of their deceased loved ones. The Easter Flower Memorials will be listed in a special pamphlet and the names will be remembered at all Masses on Easter Sunday. **Deadline is this Sunday, March 22nd, 2026.**



NOTICE: Please be advised that beginning on Wednesday, March 25th, the Wednesday Portuguese Mass at St. Patrick's Church will be celebrated at 7pm.



LOST & FOUND: Have you, or do you know of someone who has left something behind in church? If so, please stop by the Sacristy after Mass, and have a look in our Lost and Found basket.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER

Dear Fellow-Catholics,



While students everywhere might be dismayed to learn that there is an International Day of Mathematics, a so called Pi Day, (on March 14th), a former Mathematics and Physics teacher, Pope Leo, actually joined in the occasion with a message to the participants of a specially organized webinar.

The Pope wrote, "As you reflect on the theme 'Mathematics and Hope' in the context of the manifold challenges facing the human family, not least the rapid technological development with all its potential for good or evil, I encourage the participants to consider how Mathematicians can be hopeful signs to the wider world. In this regard, an especially fruitful area of research is the use of algorithms, particularly in the field of artificial intelligence. Such a task requires not just intellectual effort and ingenuity but an integral growth of the whole person, in order to encompass the moral dimension of these emerging technologies."

Indeed, recalling his own time as a teacher of Mathematics and Physics, Leo XIV pointed out in his address to the students gathered for the Jubilee of the World of Education: "Having a great deal of knowledge is not enough if we do not know who we are or what the meaning of life is." He prayed that, "everyone involved in the present event will be attentive to the profound spiritual needs of the human heart, will seek ways of humanizing the digital sphere, shaping it as an opportunity for fraternity and creativity, and will be prophets of hope, truth and goodness in the world."

May your weekend be serene and your 5th week of Lent be blessed!

Bishop Wes

TO ALL OUR LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Please come to our **Liturgical Commissioning (all Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors) this Sunday, March 22nd** during the **11:30 am Mass**.



MEN OF GOD MONTHLY GROUP:

The next Men of God monthly group meetings will be held on **Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 7pm**.

We hope to see you there!



MSA INFORMATION SESSION:

MSA will host its next information session on **Wednesday, April 15th at 9am**.

This session will focus on the Early Learning Program and Kindergarten. You can register at www.msa.bm



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Can you help to volunteer?

Our Gift Shop needs at least one volunteer that can assist for 2 hours per week on Saturday's from 12-2PM, or as a fill-in for any absences.

If you can assist, please contact the Gift Shop at 292-0416 or drop by in person.
Many thanks in advance!!!



Dear Padre,

I've offered many Masses for wife and family, thinking if perhaps they are in Purgatory, it would help shorten their time. How can we tell if our prayers and Masses are beneficial? How do we know?

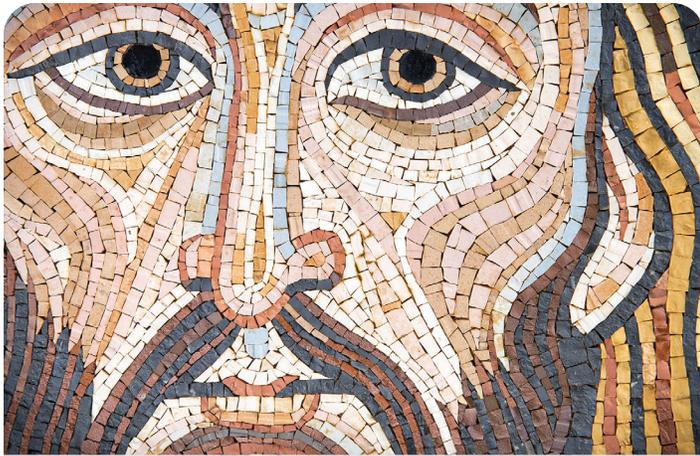
It has been a long- and well-established expression of Catholic faith and practice to pray for the departed. Our prayers help us as we grieve and mourn the passing of the people we love. Our prayers help us keep their passing in perspective—not as the end of something, but rather as the beginning of new life in Christ. This is beneficial and needs no further evidence to illustrate the value of the practice.

Your question, on the other hand, goes beyond what the tradition emphasizes. It seems like you are seeking some sort of guarantee or warranty, which you assume will be reassuring. Unfortunately, there is no guarantee or warranty either promised or implied in this spiritual practice. In death, indeed in the whole of Christian life, we bump up against mystery, not certitude. We are invited to enter into the mystery. To grow in the mystery. To be graced by the mystery. Nothing more is possible. We hope because we believe. We believe because we practice what we hope for. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

A very widespread ailment of our time is the fatigue of living: reality seems to us to be too complex, burdensome, difficult to face. And so, we switch off, we fall asleep.... But reality has to be faced.... Let us go to Jesus: he can heal us; he can revive us. Jesus is our hope!

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 25, 2025

Monday

MARCH 23

Lenten Weekday

Dn 13:1–9, 15–17,
19–30, 33–62 or
13:41c–62
Jn 8:1–11

Tuesday

MARCH 24

Lenten Weekday

Nm 21:4–9
Jn 8:21–30

Wednesday

MARCH 25

*The Annunciation
of the Lord*

Is 7:10–14; 8:10
Heb 10:4–10
Lk 1:26–38

Thursday

MARCH 26

Lenten Weekday

Gn 17:3–9
Jn 8:51–59

Friday

MARCH 27

Lenten Weekday

Jer 20:10–13
Jn 10:31–42

Saturday

MARCH 28

Lenten Weekday

Ez 37:21–28
Jn 11:45–56

Sunday

MARCH 29

*Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord*

Mt 21:1–11
Is 50:4–7
Phil 2:6–11
Mt 26:14–27:66 or
27:11–54

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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