



Fifth Sunday of Lent

22 March 2026 | Sunday



*I am the resurrection
and the life*

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

As we gather, let us remember and pray for . . .

Monday, March 23

St. Turibius of Moaroveio

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Donato DiMatteo

Tuesday, March 24

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Rosetta Merante

Wednesday, March 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Marlon Roldan

Thursday, March 26

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. ♦ Special Intention Daison Thomas

Friday, March 27

(8:25 a.m. rosary)

9:00 a.m. † Therese & Joseph Theberge

7:00 p.m. † Excelina Respicio

6:30 p.m.
*Stations
of the
Cross*



Saturday, March 28

4:30 p.m. † Margaret Young, Clarence Lennox
Maria & Eugene Tamburri

Sunday, March 29

9:00 a.m. ♦ People of the parish

11:00 a.m. † Rhic Martinez

5:00 p.m. † Irineo Monzon



DIOCESAN SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

March 22

Development and Peace – Caritas Canada



ST. THOMAS MORE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM

Presents **GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY** for
CHILDREN and FAMILIES April 3 at 11:00 am.



**MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR
FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP!**

Sunday Collection March 15 - \$5,702

Prayer Intention for the Month of March:

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



THE MASS OF CHRISM

Will be celebrated in the Cathedral Church of St. Catherine of Alexandria on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 31 (7:00 p.m.). The holy oils are blessed (or consecrated); the priests of the Diocese renew their dedication. Everyone is invited to attend, including those journeying through the R.C.I.A. and preparing for Easter sacraments.

PARKING FOR THE UPCOMING SUNDAYS

As many of you know, parking will be limited on Palm Sunday (29) and Easter Sunday (April 5) due to the short turnaround time between Masses. With two morning Masses on Palm Sunday and two Masses on Easter Sunday (9:00 & 11:00), parking will be tight.

We encourage you to consider parking at the nearby lots at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel or the former St. Thomas More School, both just a short walk from the church. This will help ensure a smoother experience for everyone, especially senior parishioners and those with mobility challenges. Plus, it will give you a hassle-free time as we hope for nice spring weather!

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

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THE SOUP KITCHEN

Your food donation will help provide nutritious meals to people in need within Niagara. Your generosity makes a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals and families facing hardship in our community.

Greatest Needs:

Soups, penne pasta, granola bars, dried beans, canned tomatoes, and tomato sauce.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support!



BINGO! BINGO! BINGO!

Please come out and support St. Thomas More Bingo April 8. Delta Monte Carlo Bingo Hall 4735 Drummond Rd.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

THANK YOU!



MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Easter Flowers

to help decorate the church for the season

\$20 or more memorial donation;

please print names clearly,

Names must be submitted by **March 29**

to be published for Easter.

Attach a cheque or cash to this slip,

and place in the collection



HOLY WEEK

Passion (Palm) Sunday – March 29

Blessing and Distribution of Palms at the start of all weekend Masses

Saturday Mass 4:30 pm

Sunday Masses 9:00 am 11:00 am & 5:00 pm



Monday-Wednesday March 30, 31 & April 1

9:00 am Mass

Tuesday March 31

7:30 pm Mass of Chrism (celebrated at the Cathedral)

EASTER TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday - April 2

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration until 11:00 pm



Good Friday - April 3



11:00 am Passion Service for Children & Families

3:00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 4

12:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 pm Solemn Easter Vigil Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday - April 5

Eucharistic Celebration of the Lord's Resurrection

9:00 am & 11:00 am **NO 5:00 PM MASS**

The **GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION** is taken at the request of the Holy See. It is for the support of the many social, educational, and parish projects of the Church throughout the Holy Land, as well as the upkeep of the Holy Sites. It helps to ensure the presence of the Church and peace in this land. We invite you to give generously to support the Church of the Holy Land and our brothers and sisters in their need.

“Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast. The other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache.” – Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

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