

*Church of the Holy Family*

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Pray for the following on their anniversary of passing:

- 30 Mary E. Porterfield, Hugh Lacey,
- 31 Lenora Davis, Paul F. Eaton, Sr.
- 1 Harry B. Amen, Jennie B. Buckley, Nellie Phillips, Amanda Ray, Paul Rorick
- 2 Paul Bachler
- 3 Rita Hanrahan, Natalie Yakalis Lisa Barnhart
- 4 Guenther Noeth
- 5 Carlo Bianchi, Michael R. Cuneen, Larry Doyle, James Holstead

Remember those in special need of prayer:

Fr. Michael Flannery, Mary Hunter, Brian Lacey, Bill, Ann, Stewart, Ronnie Hunter, Dominic Pedrotty, Lucille Courtney, the Tassitanos, Richard.

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Scripture

Monday: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62; Ps 23:1-3-4,5,6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30

Wednesday: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52-56; John 8:31-4

Thursday: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-9; John 8:51-59

Friday: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-7; John 10:31-42

Saturday: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10-13; John 11:45-56

Palm Isaiah 50:4-7; Psalm 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24;

Sunday: Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14--27:66

Sunday Scripture Reflection

As we draw near to the end of Lent, the Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view. That is why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary--that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering. These details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (John 20:1, 6, 7). Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead man," for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death. John even recalls the blind man in his account today (John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (John 9:3), and again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life. By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in the First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in the Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe, as Martha does in the Gospel that Jesus is the resurrection and the life, even if we die, we will live. "I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as the Psalm proclaims: with Him is forgiveness and salvation.