March 26, 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ezekiel 37:12–14 / Romans 8:8–11

John 11:1–45 or John 11:3–7, 17, 20–27, 33b–45



## Called from the Pits

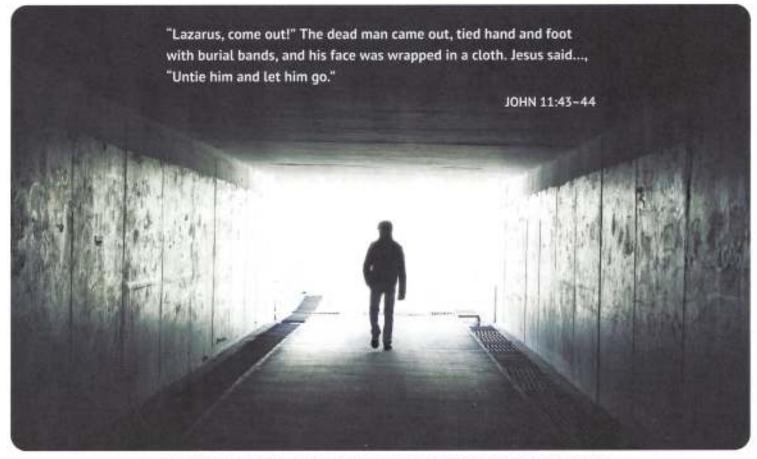
FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

hen I feel sorry for myself or just down in the dumps, when I feel buried by life not going the way I think it should, sometimes I remember to stop thinking about myself and my problems, and I say to myself, I need to go care about someone else. It seems that doing so pulls me out of that tomb of darkness and back into the light. Then I ask myself, Why didn't I do that sooner? The truth is, I didn't remember. But the very fact that I eventually do remember is the spirit of God dwelling within me that pulls me back into life, just as Paul once wrote (Romans 8:9 and the verses afterward). It's like hearing a voice calling me out of a dreary tomb of death, just as sure as Lazarus heard Jesus calling him out.

Have you experienced times when your spirit feels deader than dead, but then someone or something calls you back into life? I have. When that happens to us, I think we've been blessed with a hint of the resurrection. When I find myself wondering if there is really life beyond death, if resurrection really does happen to us, then I think about all the times that what I thought was a death turned out to be some unexpected doorway to new life. If that happens with such little deaths along the way, wouldn't it also happen on our last day on this earth?

### Reflect

Have you ever experienced something that seemed terrible at the time that turned out to be a blessing in disguise?





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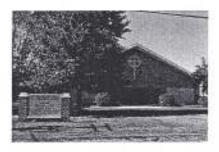
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St. Thomas More

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Adoration Room at STM

Open Monday - Sunday Regular Hours 9 am - 6 pm

Holy Thursday Adoration

8:00 pm - 12:00 am

Fish Fry ~ Fri, March 31 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm



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### Emergency Number for all 3 Churches 779-248-2164



9: 30 am - 10: 30 am at Cherry Church Hall Sunday, March 26th - K thru 4th Grades Sunday, April 2nd - No Class CCD email address is holytrinitycherry@gmail.com

### Daily Mass Intentions for the Week of March 27, 2023

Monday	3/27			+	No Mass
Tuesday	3/28	9:00 am	STM	+	Doris Schwamberger
Wednesday	3/29	5:30 pm	HT	+	Norma Templeton
Thursday	3/30	9:00 am	HT	+	Lois Marie Flaherty
Friday	3/31	9:00 am	STM	+	Janice Rynkewicz
20.000000000000000000000000000000000000		5:00 pm	STM (Stations of the Cross)		and constant in the massive program

### Mass Intentions for the weekend of April 1–2, 2023

Saturday	4/1	4:00 pm	St Thomas More	† Alan Hahn
Sunday	4/2	8:30 am	Holy Trinity	† Leo & Darlene Greskiwcz
		10:30 am	St Patrick	† Mary Jane Smith
		5:00 pm	St Thomas More	† For the Parishioners



### Preparing for Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a reminder of the selfless love Jesus showed by laying down his life for us, and it is a time to reflect on our own lives and how we can show that same love to those around us. Palm Sunday is the day we remember and celebrate the day Jesus entered Jerusalem as Savior and King.

After celebrating Palm Sunday, parishioners return home with several palms and are often unsure how to properly display or otherwise hold onto them. Because these palms are sacramentals, they cannot be thrown away. They must either be burned or buried to be disposed of correctly.

### Holy Thursday Adoration

Calling all members who have strong faith in the Eucharistic Real Presence of Jesus, and are devoted to the Eucharist, which is a great mystery of our Faith: Please don't forget to sign up for Thursday evening adoration. This is a very special opportunity to spend quality time with the Eucharistic Lord, and to show Jesus how much we love and appreciate Him, who has given Himself as heavenly food for believers to eat. There is still plenty of empty time slots to choose from.

8:00 pm - 12:00 am



## Holy Trinity Cemetery Committee

We are looking for parishioners interested in being on the HT Cemetery Committee. If you're interested and would like to learn more please contact Julie at the church office.

815-894-2006

# Friendly Reminders

- Easter is a perfect time to remember your loved ones with Easter flowers so please turn in your flower envelopes.
- Due to the Fish Fry at STM on Friday, March 31 please be reminded that Stations of the Cross will be at 5:00 pm.
- Reminder to fill out and return parishioner update forms if you have not already done so.

### Palm Sunday Children's Mass



Sunday, April 2nd ~ 8:30 am at HT

Join us for Palm Sunday Mass!

Children attending will have the option to participate in the mass and/or be a part of the procession carrying palms to the altar.

A great way to continue your Lenten season as a family attending mass together.

Hope to see you there.

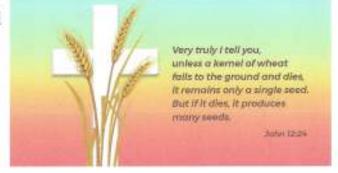
### LATEST OFFERING'S

WEEKEND MAR 19TH

HT- \$900.00

SP- \$646.00

STM- \$740.00



#### CONFESSIONS

THE NEXT CONFESSIONS
WILL BE SAT. APR 1ST
10:30-11:15 AM AT
ST PATRICK
IN THE CHAPEL

# Dear Padre,

### Are Catholic religious orders dying?

Yes...and no.

In Africa and Asia, some religious orders are vibrant, with orders of men and women religious increasing in number. In the United States, Europe, and Oceania, it's a different story. As many as 300 of the 420 institutes of women religious in the US are in their final decades of existence (Leadership Conference of Women Religious, 2019). One-third of all women's congregations in the US have fewer than fifty members. In the US, sisters over age ninety far outnumber those under sixty. Consequently, many communities fall

short of the number of active ministers needed to replace their elderly and retiring members. The story is similar for many orders of religious men.

As those in religious orders struggle to remain effective in their mission and ministry for God and humanity, they are reimagining styles of leadership, levels of administration, and, in short, ways of getting the job done. This includes, for example, creative partnerships with laypeople to share in the charism, community life, and ministry of the religious order.

People are still drawn to Jesus and the work of building the kingdom. Only God knows how this "building process" will look in the future. As in all challenging times, the Church remains hopeful. From crisis comes resurrection! .

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	
March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1	April 2	
Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Palm Sunday	
Dn 13:1-9,	Nm 21:4-9	Dn 3:14-20,	Gn 17:3-9	Jer 20:10-13	Ez 37:21-28	of the Lord's	
15-17, 19-30,	Jn 8:21-30	91-92, 95	Jn 8:51-59	Jn 10:31-42	Jn 11:45-56	Passion	
33-62 or		Jn 8:31-42				Mt 21:1-11	
Dn 13:41c-62						Is 50:4-7	
Jn 8:1-11	Phil 2:6-11						
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### A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Take away the stone from your heart! Let the Word of God restore life where there is death. Jesus repeats to us: "Take away the stone." God did not create us for the tomb....He created us for life, [which is] beautiful, good, joyful.

ANGELUS, MARCH 20, 2020



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