

# Saint John Catholic Church Iglesia Católica San Juan

April 7, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Lent  
7 de Abril de 2019 - Quinto Domingo de Cuaresma



## 5th Sunday of Lent 3rd Scrutiny

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." *Jn 11:21-23*

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### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday .....5:30 p.m.  
Sunday..... 9:00 a.m.  
Daily Masses: ..Thursday ..... 8:30 a.m.  
                  ..Wednesday and Friday ..... 12 noon  
CONFESSIONS (Saturday)..... 4:30 p.m. or by appointment

### HORARIO LITURGICO

Domingo.....12:15 p.m (Español)  
Misa Diaria: ..Jueves ..... 8:30 a.m (Ingles)  
                  ..Miércoles y Viernes ..... 12:00 del medio día  
CONFESIONES (Sábado)..... 4:30 p.m. o por cita

### HORARIO DE OFICINAS

LUNES—JUEVES: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
VIERNES: 9:00 a.m. - 12 del medio día

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday: 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m.—12 NOON

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### St John Parish Calendar

**SATURDAY APRIL 6, 2019**  
 4:30 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass soul of Dan Hinton

**SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2019**  
 9:00 AM Mass souls of David & Margaret Pulliam  
 10:00 AM Rosary  
 12:15 PM Misa por Feliciano Puluc

**WEDNESDAY APRIL 10, 2019**  
 12:00 NOON Lenten Services HS United Methoist

**THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019**  
 8:30 AM Mass

**FRIDAY APRIL 12, 2019**  
 12:00 Noon Mass

**SATURDAY APRIL 13, 2019**  
 4:30 PM Reconciliation  
 5:30 PM Mass for soul of Feliciano Flores

**SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2019**  
 9:00 AM Mass soul Tom Yates  
 10:00 AM Rosary  
 12:15 PM Misa

**ST. PETER OFFERS MASS DAILY AT NOON**

**THERE WILL BE NO WEDNESDAY NOON MASSES DURING LENT. JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN SERVICES AT NEIGHBORING CHURCHES.**

There will be **NO Penance service** during Lent. Confessions will be heard before and after all Masses and/or by appointment.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS/ RECUERDE EN SUS ORACIONES:** Keith Pinney, Rudy Caló'oy, John Kolakoski, Ron Price, Jr., Red and Nancy Goodman, Pat Nolte, Richard Painter, Maxine DiMarino, Melanie Patterson, Lillian Arthur, Mary Helen Sohaski, Esperanza Godinez, Sherry Wright, Otts Miskimon, Dan Mages, Martha Livingston, Austin Okoli, Jr., Georgina Gerhardt, Sulma Rojas, Elena Chavez, Doris Bartlett, Lynn Miskimon, Suzanne DiMarino, , Ruth and Donald Barock, Jeff Konschak, Virginia Saunders, Gerry Biartel, Fred Brown, Ewing Family, Jones Family, Beverly Burrow, Marie Ellett, Evelyn Clatterback, Dick Wassel, Bobby and Christie Osterloh.



Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." - Jn 8:10-11

#### Readings for the week of April 7, 2019

Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:12-20

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Lk 22:14--23:56 or 23:1-49

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#### March 30 & 24 , 2019

Weekly	Year to date
Actual \$4,757.03	Actual \$128,250.09
Budget \$4,807.00	Budget 187,473.00
Difference (\$49.97)	Difference (\$59,222.91)

#### MASS ATTENDENCE

5:30	9:00	12:15
69	123	290

If someone you know is sick, hospitalized or home bound and would like our Eucharistic minister or a priest to visit, please call the office. **Unless you call we have no way of knowing.** If you need a priest for someone who is dying or gravely ill, call our emergency number **804-402-1221.**

The item being collected for **FISH** for **April**  
**Beef or Brunswick Stew**  
 En el mes de **BRIL** necesitamos  
**Beef or Brunswick Stew**

### Pastor message

Today in the Gospel reading you heard about Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. You may have heard another reading depending on if your parish had the 'scrutiny' rite after the homily. But for most of you it was the Gospel reading where Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

Can you imagine? Have you ever been to a funeral? Have you ever been in the presence of a dead body? Take yourself back to that time. Now think about while you are standing there looking at a dead body, imagine what you would do if all of a sudden that body sat up and said 'hey there, what are you crying about.'  
I think you would pass out.

That is what happened when Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus was dead...dead as a doornail as the saying goes. In fact he was dead three days. Now you have to remember back then there was no modern-day embalming process to make the body nice. It just decayed naturally and immediately. And it is hot in Jerusalem. So after three days his body would have been a good bit decayed. In fact, the Gospel says they were even worried about the smell.

So think about it this way. Not only did Christ raise him from the dead, but he also restored his flesh to him that was decayed, made his veins start pumping blood again, brain cells start firing again.

Most of the time when the brain is deprived of oxygen for even a short period of time, the brain suffers terrible brain damage and effects on the person are awful. His brain did not have any oxygen for 3 days!!!

And yet when he woke up, he was just fine. Brain totally restored, regenerated, and fully alive. It is an absolutely amazing miracle that Christ performed. He really knows how to make a statement!!!

But you know what is also very true and I guess unfortunate is that Lazarus died. Even though he was raised from the dead and Christ did an amazing thing, he still died. Don't get me wrong, it was not right away. I reckon he lived a good while after Christ raised him from the dead. But he did eventually die. You can be sure of that. It is the only thing in life that is certain, in addition to taxes (just a reminder your taxes are due in a week).

So when I put it that way, doesn't it seem sort of less impressive? Doesn't the fact that Christ couldn't stop death from happening all together sort of undermine the grandness of the miracle?

My point in bringing this up is by no means to disparage the amazing miracle that Christ performed when He raised Lazarus from the dead.

But I do intend to compare this miracle in all its grandeur with an even greater miracle that Christ performs. There is an even greater miracle that Christ performs than the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. The reason this other miracle is even greater than the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead is because this other miracle has eternal consequences.

This other miracle lasts forever, and ever, and ever and ever. It raises from death something that lives forever and ever and ever. It heals something that, unlike that old body of Lazarus, will live forever. This miracle is what happens every time a soul walks into the confessional and is forgiven of their sins. This greater miracle is when a person dead in sin, mortal sin, which kills the life of the soul, is rejuvenated and resuscitated in the Sacrament of Confession.

How amazing that miracle is!!! When Christ raises that the soul to life, He gives it the chance to live forever! He gives it the opportunity to live and never ever die!!! If you have the option of being raised from the dead after you die (bodily) or having your soul raised from the death of sin, CHOOSE THE LATER OF THE TWO!

These old bodies ain't going to make it, no matter how good your doctor or how good your miracle worker. But your soul is capable of eternal life. So when you're given the chance for Christ to perform a miracle for you, ask... BEG Him to restore life to your SOUL!

Fr Rossi

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS FRIDAYS AT 5:00 PM FOLLOWED BY STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 6:30 PM**

Many thanks for the generosity of Sharon Lucas, Mr. & Mrs. J. S. Balacke, Julie & Lloyd Mercer, John & Zennie Kolakoski, Carole Trent and as usual Anonymous. Because of these donations we were able to meet our wish list request for the expenses of our Lenten Dinners. **Thank You, Thank you.**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS IN OUR RECYCLING PROGRAM. JUST A FEW REMINDERS: PLEASE FLATTEN ALL BOXES, NO STYROFOAM (CARRYOUT OR PACKAGING MATERIALS), EVEN IF THERE IS A RECYLING LOGO ON IT, AND LASTLY RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS AT LOCAL RETAIL/GROCERY STORES.**

**FOR SALE** - 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park - we recently came into possession of 4 burial plots at Washington Memorial Park. They are in a beautiful location within the cemetery. The cost of the burial plots is approximately \$20k (or \$5k each) but we are planning to sell them at a discount of 20% to anyone interested for \$16k. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the office. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis.

**Christians throughout Richmond are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life effort from March 6 through April 14.** We will be dedicating 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America. A peaceful vigil of prayer will also be held outside of the Richmond Medical Center for Women abortion clinic at 118 N. Boulevard next to the Virginia Museum of Fine Art from 7 am to 7 pm each of these 40 Days. contact: Ann Niermeyer, 804-714-5170.