



March 25, 2020

St. Mary's **MESSENGER**

Hello St. Mary's Family,

Bishop Doyle has continued the suspension of at "Church worship" for the time being. Check your email for your copy of the sermon on Sunday mornings. We will update you on alternative means of worship early next week.

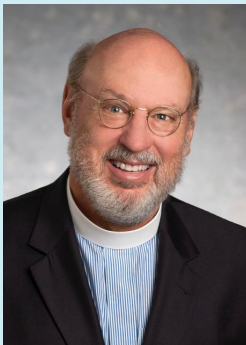
**In His Peace,
Rev. Bill**



*Readings for This 5th Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020*

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

From Your Priest:



"If You Only Had Been Here!"

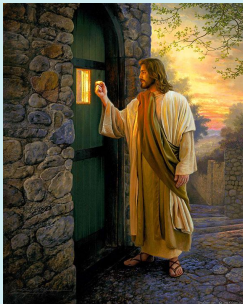
John 11:1-45

Mary, Martha, and Lazarus were like family to Jesus. Each had a distinct human personality, and Jesus loved them. The relationship Jesus had with them is plainly visible in the case of Lazarus' death. Human struggle is vivid and graphic in their conversation. While the raising of Lazarus demonstrates

Christ's absolute power over life and death, this does not prevent Jesus from showing compassion over the genuine, human pain of this separation. He, too, is grief-stricken.

Illness and death are fixtures of the human condition. Jesus understood the heartbreak we experience in such moments. Nor did he trivialize human grief; he wept alongside his family. Christ nonetheless directs us to our own place in eternity and guides us to resurrection. We see in our Gospel lesson for this Sunday the power of the Incarnation, the merging of the human and divine.

THINK ON THIS:



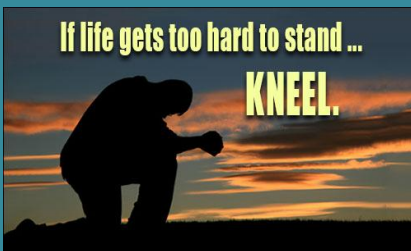
"You will conquer. Do not fear changes. You can never fear changes when I, your Lord, change not. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever. I am beside you. Steadfastness, unchangingness, come to you, too, as you dwell with Me. Rest in Me."

—A.J. Russell, *God Calling*, 1980.

"Seek the kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need." Matthew 6:33

"If at any time in the day we find ourselves in need, we may pray, 'Be Thou my stronghold, whereunto I may always resort;' and if we find ourselves missing something that we naturally desire-- 'Thou O Lord God, art the thing I long for' brings us back to our Rest."

- Amy Carmichael, *Edges of His Ways*, 1932.



Bow the Knee

"Trust the heart of your Father when the answer goes beyond what you can see...in the presence of your King, bow the knee." -Chris Machen



Prayer List:

Don Peterson, Larry & Becky Hart, Jean Harrison, Ricky Gilmore, Anne Brown, Jim & Pat Anderson, Alec Richardson, Katherine Mezger, Buck, Alex, Randy, Debbie, Jack, John, Buddy, Rebecca & Nina.

May we experience God's peace during this time of trial - the peace that

passes all understanding.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

- Hebrews 10:23

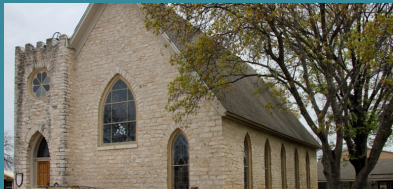
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