

SAINT KATHARINE DREXEL

THE TOMB OF
LAZARUS
AL-EIZARIYA (BETHANY)

Jesus cried out in a loud voice,
“Lazarus, come out!”

JOHN 11:43

MARCH 29
2020

fifth Sunday
OF Lent

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WELCOME! SHARE OUR MISSION.

We at Saint Katharine Drexel Catholic Church pray and worship God as a community of faith through the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments of the Church. Our purpose is to nourish our Christian community with Gospel values and works of charity. We dedicate our efforts to proclaim the good news through evangelization, teach the message of Christ through education and formation, and to serve the needs of all people in our community. We ask God to guide and bless our efforts through the intercession of Mary, Joseph, St. Katharine Drexel, and all the Saints.

*St. Katharine Drexel Parish warmly welcomes visitors and new members at all times. If you are not worshipping with another parish community or you are new to the area, we encourage you to fill out a registration form available at the entrance of church. Perhaps you are not Catholic and are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church; all you have to do is ask or call us. Don't put off what your heart is telling you to do. Jesus left the Church behind to continue His work here on earth and we are all called to be His disciples and to follow him **together**.*

PARISH INFORMATION

MASS SCHEDULE / HORARIO DE MISAS

Vigil Mass: Saturday at 4:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

Misa en Español: Domingo 12:15 PM

Weekdays 8:00 AM Monday - Friday

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES

Saturday / Sábado: 3:15 to 3:45 PM

First Friday/Primer Viernes: 7:15 to 7:45 AM
or by appointment

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MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 29, 2020

4:00 PM Vigil Parishioners of St. Katharine Drexel

8:30 AM

Michael Joseph Murphy

10:30 AM

Mildred Robinson

12:15 PM

Adela Banegas

Mon., Mar. 30

8:00 AM

Thomas Daly

Tues., Mar. 31

8:00 AM

Catherine Ishaq

Wed., Apr. 1

8:00 AM

Mr. & Mrs. L. Francis McElwee

Thurs., Apr. 2

8:00 AM

ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA

Fri., Apr. 3

8:00 AM

Mary & Frank Pileggi

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

APRIL 4 AND 5, 2020

VIGIL MASS: 4:00 PM

Lector: Christopher Brawley/Duyen de Gain

Ushers: Ed Larkin, Al Willis, James Ianni

8:30 AM

Lectors: Jim Morgan, Franny Bloom

Greeter: Mary Stock

10:30 AM

Lector: Evola Johnson, Gus Lugay

Ushers: Rick Dennis, Gus Lugay, Dan Kennedy,

Victor Mekwunye

Greeters: Paulette Fuller, Janice Roberts

MONTHLY FIRST FRIDAY CONFESSIONS

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Friday, April 3 from 7:15-7:45 AM.

*This week, the Sanctuary Candle burns in honor of
God The Father, Jesus Our Lord and St. Andrew,
as requested by Joanne Pelusi.*

Sanctuary or shrine candles can burn in memory of a loved one or for someone's intentions. Please contact our office by phone or in person to make arrangements.

An offering of \$10 per candle is requested.

FROM OUR PASTOR



LAZARUS: REFLECTION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

BY MARCELLINO D'AMBROSIO, PH.D.

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Some find it hard to accept that God would love some people more than others. That wouldn't be fair, they say.

But God became man. If he did not love some more than others, Jesus wouldn't be fully human. For human beings have family and friends. While we can do good and even risk our lives for a stranger, we have special bonds of intimacy and affection with a rather small circle. Out of twelve, Jesus had one especially beloved. In the Gospel of this beloved disciple, we learn that Jesus had one family who was particularly beloved. The family was that of Mary, Martha, and their brother Lazarus.

So it was a surprise to all that Jesus did not come immediately when he heard that Lazarus was ill. Of course he was a busy man. But Jesus had dropped everything many times before to heal strangers. This, on the other hand, was one of his dearest friends. Not to worry, he explained to his disciples. This sickness would not end in death.

So imagine their surprise when he tells them a few days later that Lazarus was dead and that they were going to visit the grave. Jesus knew what he was going to do. Yet when he encountered a distraught Mary and her weeping companions, he did not rebuke them for crying. He did not say they should wear white and rejoice that their brother had finally gone home to heaven. No, he wept with them.

Some people accept death as a natural part of human life. Others think death to be merely a portal to eternity. Jesus saw death as an enemy. His Father had never intended for us to experience it. In fact, he forbade Adam and Eve only one thing – a fruit that would make them subject to it. It was through the envy of the devil that death came into the world, not the plan of God. Death wrenches soul from body. It rips loved ones from the embrace of their families. So in the presence of those wounded by death's sting, Jesus weeps.

Jesus' miracles in the gospels always spring from his compassion. But he always has more in mind than simply helping the victim lying before him. His miraculous works in John's gospel are called signs because they point beyond themselves to something greater he will do to gain a still greater benefit for all.

This is why Jesus allowed Lazarus to die in the first place. Because in calling Lazarus forth from the tomb, Jesus was making clear why he had come. His teaching was of course sublime. And his cures were life-changing. But wiser and healthier people still faced the horror of death. If Jesus were really the savior, he had to save us from the grave. And the salvation would have to be a permanent one. Lazarus' resuscitation was only a stay of execution. A few years later, the mourners would have to assemble around his bedside once again.

So in the presence of the great crowd who had assembled for the funeral, Jesus called Lazarus out of the tomb. This demonstration of Jesus' power over death was a sign of his own coming resurrection — and of Lazarus's and ours as well. This is the last recorded miracle or "sign" in John's gospel. Jesus knew it would be. You and I might expect that the news of this miracle, brought back to Jerusalem by numerous eyewitnesses, would lead to the acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Messiah. But the Lord knew it would have the exact opposite effect. It demonstrated to his enemies just how great a threat he was. They had to act fast to stop things from getting out of hand.

However, that was all part of his plan. For Jesus was in total control. He was determined to lay his life down willingly, to experience the horrible torture of crucifixion, the bitter wrenching of body from soul and friend from friend. He was willing to do this because, by means of it, he knew he would accomplish more for us than he had for Lazarus—a victory over death that would last forever.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEN OF SKD MEETING CHANGE OF DATE

Please note our meeting in April will be on the first Saturday of the month, April 4 at 9:00 AM in the rectory. Join us!

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? The annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will take place on **Saturday, May 2** at the Cathedral Basilica of SS. Peter and Paul at the 5:15 PM Vigil Mass. This Mass is to pray for, and with, all married couples who are newlyweds 1-5 years, who have been married 25 years or more, or 50 years or more. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED** To register visit: phillycatholiclife.org or call: 215-587-0500.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THOSE WHO CARE FOR THEM

Bernie Brill, Olivia Weatherly, Pat McGarvey, Patty Hackett, Alice Walton, The King Family, Patricia Brown, Paula DiMaio-Reczek, Mary Ann Vail-Etzler, Ralph Langdale, Carmen London, Julie Forcielli, Patricia Jones, Brielle Barbara, Catherine Kimes, John A. Smith, Linda Garcia, Christine, Gordon Sookrae, Aiyanna Fredericks, James Robinson, Yoselin Rivera, Matthew Woods, Gabby Dillon, Francis Seeley, Julie White, June Maguire, Elizabeth A. Young, Robert McFarland, Regan Kauf, Cassidy Jane Johnson, Hernán García, Jack Klotz, Pearlina Taylor, Emma Clare M., Madeline Divinny, Andrew Perkins, Bill Epp, Peggy Diggins, Roberto Rivera, Luis A. Martinez, Clara Mifflin, Maria Polilli, Michael & Kathy Murphy, Carmen Ramos, Kevin Houseman, Ruth Ann Mullen, Mark Reczek, Jack Sekel, Renee Elliot, Barbara Kertis, Carole Duncan, Tanya Boscher, Crystale Diaz and family, Alyssa DiMaio, Adele Koch, Al Perry, Vicky Berry, Sally Staats, Sam Auman, Christine Cavaliere, Dorothy Murphy, Judith Rivera, Barbara Hunter, Russell Forsyth, Regina Frost, Christine Shiiba, Valerie Jefferson, Jean Marie Davidson. Names on the Sick List will be on for Five Weeks. If you wish to leave them on longer, please call the rectory. No names will be published unless we have approval.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

- Thursdays at 2:15 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.
- Fridays at 12:00 Noon followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 5 PM. Please find the sign-up sheets in the vestibule.
- Fridays at 7:00 PM bilingual.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE AND OTHER ACTS OF PENANCE FOR LENT 2020

- All persons who are fourteen years of age and older are bound to abstain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.
 - All persons eighteen years of age and older, up to and including their fifty-ninth birthday, are bound to fast by limiting themselves to a single full meal on Ash Wednesday and on Good Friday, while the other two meals on those days are to be light.
- All the faithful are encouraged:
- to participate at Mass and to receive the Holy Eucharist daily,
 - to celebrate frequently the Sacrament of Penance,
 - to undertake spiritual reading, especially the study of the Sacred Scriptures, and
 - to participate in parish Lenten devotions as well as Lenten education programs.
 - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is especially recommended.

EASTER DUTY

To be a Catholic in good standing, one must receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Lent or Easter. To receive Holy Communion, one must be in a state of grace, and so all Catholics who have reached the age of reason are required to confess their mortal sins during Lent or Easter. This is, of course, a minimal obligation. Even if we are not guilty of a mortal sin, it is healthy thing to increase the gift of sanctifying grace in our lives and allow the Holy Spirit to spur us on towards deeper conversion to Christ.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 9

NO MORNING MASS

7:00 PM MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - BILINGUAL

The Church will be open with the Most Blessed Sacrament in the repository until midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Church will be open for visits at 8:00 AM.

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

12:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND CONFESSIONS AFTER STATIONS

3:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (ENGLISH)

7:00 PM CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (SPANISH)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 11

The Church encourages us to continue fasting and abstaining until the Easter Vigil.

9:00 AM MORNING PRAYER

8:00 PM EASTER VIGIL—BILINGUAL

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 12

8:30 AM WITH ORGAN AND CANTOR

10:30 AM WITH THE GOSPEL CHOIR

12:15 PM IN SPANISH

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