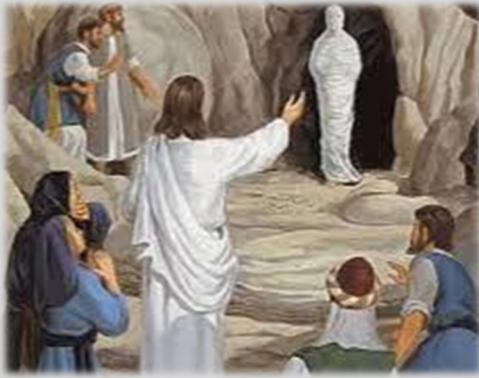


Fifth Sunday of Lent – Solidarity Sunday

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The Way of the Cross – After Friday Mass during Lent
Second Collection this week for Share Lent

Fifth Sunday of Lent

• [Ezekiel 37:12-14](#) • [Psalm 23](#) • [Romans 8:8-11](#) • [John 11:1-45](#) •

“Jesus wept.” John 11:35

Kara's close friend had just passed away from cancer, leaving behind a husband and four children. Many people had prayed for her to be healed, but it didn't happen. How could a good and loving God allow this? Kara searched the Scriptures for answers. Nothing satisfied her until she read these words in today's Gospel: “Jesus wept” *John 11:35*. It didn't solve the mystery of why God allows suffering, but it did comfort her. She knew that the Lord was with her and with all the people who were grieving the death of this young woman. In fact, she sensed that he was weeping along with them.

Jesus' weeping at the tomb of Lazarus shows how, as a human being, he experienced every emotion we experience, including grief. John writes that when Jesus arrived in Bethany and saw Lazarus' sister Mary weeping, he was “deeply troubled” *John 11:33*. This shows us that Jesus understands exactly what we are going through when we lose a loved one. Not only that, but he feels the pain and sorrow that we are feeling. That's why we can find so much solace in drawing near to him in those difficult times.

The reality of death was painful for Jesus even though he was planning to raise Lazarus. We might believe that a loved one is with God, and perhaps feel guilty about grieving because of the joy that they are now experiencing in heaven. But Jesus' example shows us that it's human to be sad, and that our faith isn't somehow deficient if we grieve.

If you are experiencing grief, know that Jesus is with you in your sorrow, not as a dispassionate bystander, but as a fellow mourner. He understands your pain, and in your darkest hour, he is with you to comfort and console you.

the Word among us, March 2023

Lenten Mission – The Passion – This Weekend

Fr. Pierre Leblond will be leading his Lenten Mission - a meditation on the Passion of the Lord:

Our Lady of the Mountains: **25th March, 6:00-7:00pm**, followed by confession.

St. Christopher's: **26th March, 12:30-1:30pm**, followed by confession.

Sacrament of Penance

We often consider the Sacrament of Penance from a standpoint of forgiveness, and even from one of reconciliation. But of healing? This aspect of the sacrament is easily overlooked, yet so profound! By forgiving us our sins – not only drawing us closer to him but making us more whole, more perfect, more fully human. What better time to receive such a sacrament or the very least, to reflect upon it – than these days during which we commemorate Christ's saving action? His Passion, Death and Resurrection!

Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux: Cell: 1-778-257-4203

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St Francis of Assisi Pemberton	Sunday	11:30 am	

Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Tuesday to Friday	6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St Francis of Assisi Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday	11:00 am

Rosary before Mass on Saturday and Sunday: for those who have left the Church

Way of the Cross

Our Lady of the Mountains	Friday	6:30-7:30 pm
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A Quick Journey through the Bible Study- followed by pot luck

St Christopher's, Mt. Currie	Sundays	12:30 pm
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MASS LECTORS



Sat, 1st April Ralph

Sun, 2nd April Roberta

Holy Week Readers

Required, - see church noticeboard

Development & Peace – Caritas Canada, Solidarity Sunday



This Solidarity Sunday, Development and Peace - Caritas Canada's *Stand for the Land* campaign invites you to give generously and thanks you warmly for your generosity.

Your donation transforms the lives of some of our most vulnerable sisters and brothers across the world. **Our solidarity rests on your generosity.**

"The support we receive from Development and Peace has been very important for me. It allowed me to find myself, to live again." *Raquel Soto*, participant in the documentary filmmaking school of the *Asociación Campesina de Antioquia* (ACA)

Such is the difference you can make by giving to your Share Lent parish collection or at www.devp.org/give. Thank you for helping us build a world of justice. This year, John and Liz Corrigan are unable to talk to you in person. They thank you for your past donations to Development and Peace and want to let you know that this year only, there are matching funds, dollar for dollar, for all new monthly donors. Even a small monthly donation can grow quickly. God bless you!

The Turning Point in the Lenten Journey:

The Fifth Sunday of Lent can be seen as a turning point in the Lenten journey as we enter the final days of the liturgical time, with less than two weeks left before we begin the Sacred Paschal Triduum. The powerful account of the raising of Lazarus is the Gospel for the Fifth Sunday of Lent. Yes, Jesus' power extends even to the realm of the dead and he can and does bring life out of death. What might this mean to our own lives right now? Know that Lent is not so much about what we do for God, as it is about what God wishes to do for us: re-creating us in his love and life. Our sacrifices, our Lenten practices are important, yes, for they help us to focus on God; our acts of self-denial create an opening for God's creative work in us. It is this new life, our life recreated in and by the Risen Christ, that we will celebrate at Easter. Enter, then, into these forty days with joy.

Fr. Andrew's Podcast suggestions

- **Abiding Together:** Part five of the Lenten series on the book "Be Transformed" by Dr. Bob Schuchts. <https://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com/podcastarchive/s12e12-lenten-study-part-5-reconciliation>
- **Restore the Glory Podcast:** Jake and Bob begin a new series on Judgement, Mercy and Healing from a Catholic lens. The first topic on the table is Right Judgement as they address the tension between 'we have to judge' and 'we can't judge'. <https://www.restoretheglorypodcast.com/episodes/66>
- **Interior Integration for Catholics:** If we love deeply, we're going to grieve deeply. It's inevitable. And it's that simple. So together, let's understand and experience grief better in order to love better. Choose Episode 81 <https://www.soulsandhearts.com/iic-archive>

Office Hours

Monday to Thursday 9:30am-3:00pm
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Calendar

25th Mar – The Annunciation of the Lord
26th Mar – Share Lent Solidarity Sunday - Second Collection
2nd April – Palm Sunday