

Jackson County Catholic Community



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 22nd, 2026

REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

In spite of amazing characters like the disciples, Martha, Mary, Lazarus, and their neighbors, today's Gospel message plays out on a higher plane, best summed up in Jesus' words: "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Through His self-revelation - "I AM the resurrection and the life" - Jesus challenges those sympathetic to Him to a trusting faith that goes beyond the messianic titles and pharisaic beliefs they customarily relied upon. And as seen in Gospel accounts from the previous two Sundays, misunderstanding hampers belief.

The raising of Lazarus consists of six scenes. Scene one introduces the characters, the place, the situation, and the important interpretive statement that Jesus makes about the purpose of this event. In scene two, Jesus decides to go to Judea and the disciples decide to go with Him. Scenes three and four describe Jesus' encounters, first with Martha and then with Mary. Scene five provides the details of the miracle, and scene six indicates that many came to faith because of the miracle. In addition to the fact that Jesus' identity is again being probed, earlier Johannine themes such as day and night, light and darkness, and sight and blindness are sounded. These pave the way for the major challenge: a new kind of faith.

Jesus seeks out this new kind of faith from others through various conversations. He begins with His disciples, a most sympathetic group. Failing to understand that Lazarus' sickness will not end in death, but rather will lead to God's glory and Jesus' glorification, the disciples concentrate on human concerns: if Lazarus is asleep, then he will recover, and if Jesus returns to Judea, the people will try to kill Him. Even their final decision to accompany Him has the tone of a suicide mission. Clearly, they have misunderstood Him. When Jesus encounters Martha, she identifies Him as a divinely inspired rabbi with power from God for healing, and she repeats the pharisaic belief in the resurrection on the last day. Jesus then seizes her words and clarifies that he is not some divine agent; rather: "I AM the resurrection and the life". Echoing the divine identity of Israel's God (I AM), Jesus asks Martha to move beyond her belief in categories of a messiah or the Son of God, and to believe in Him as the *life*. Ultimately, she does not. Jesus' conversation with Mary fares slightly better. Although she echoes some of Martha's words, her posture of falling at His feet and her omission of messianic qualifiers indicate that she possesses a deeper and humbler trust in His role. Still, her weeping and that of those with her unleashes deeply troubled emotions within Jesus and drives Him to the tomb. In the end, prior to the miracle, none of those people Jesus has encountered have truly embraced His identity as the resurrection and the life.

While it is reasonable to believe that Jesus' weeping is prompted by the death of His friend Lazarus, the deeply distressed emotions expressed earlier ("he became perturbed and deeply troubled") and at the tomb ("perturbed again") coupled with Martha's objection to removing the stone, heighten Jesus' distress that none truly understand or believe in His true identity as one with the Father. Thus, in response to Martha, He declares that "if you believe you will see the glory of God". And so it is. As He is already one with the Father, Jesus gives thanks to the Father who will receive glory through this greatest of signs. He then calls Lazarus forth. The details at the tomb are sparse but parallel the scene at the empty tomb following Jesus' resurrection.

The raising of Lazarus verifies Jesus' interpretation of his illness: it gives glory to God and points toward Jesus' own death and resurrection. It affirms that Jesus has the power to give eternal life to all who believe so that they will never die. The passage concludes with the statement that many who had seen what He had done began to believe in Him. The sign is doing its work.

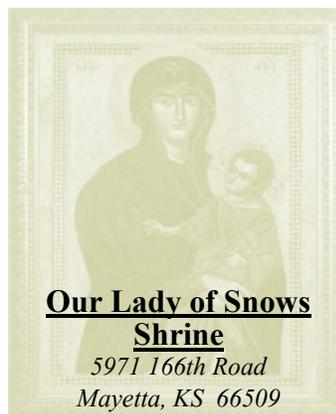
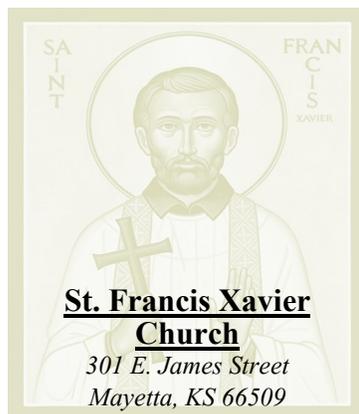
~Stephen J. Lampe

TODAY'S READINGS:

Reading I: 1 Ezekiel 37:12-14

Reading II: Romans 8:8-11

Gospel: John 11:1-45



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9:15 a.m. ~ 12 noon Friday

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WEEKDAY MASS Schedule:

St. Francis Xavier:

8:30 a.m. ~ Tues., and Thurs.

St. Dominic:

5:30 p.m. ~ Wednesday

8:30 a.m. ~ Friday

WEEKEND MASS Schedule:

Saturday Vigil

5:30 p.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

Sunday

7:00 a.m. ~ @ St. D: **Cancelled until further notice.**

8:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Francis Xavier

8:30 a.m. ~ @ Our Lady of Snows

10:30 a.m. ~ @ St. Dominic

CONFESSION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic

Weekends, 30 minutes prior to St. FX

and St. D weekend Masses

ADORATION Schedule:

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. @ St. Dominic

BAPTISM: Those requesting baptism

for their children need to be registered

parishioners. Preparation classes are

required for parents and Godparents

prior to event.

MARRIAGE: Preparation begins with

initial consult with parish priest. Please

allow at least six months notice to fulfill

the Archdiocesan marriage requirements.

ANOINTING of the SICK: Call

the office during business hours. Call the

rectory after hours or for emergencies.

If no answer, call (785) 364-7402.

DECLARATION of NULLITY:

Please call the parish office for details.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: next week

Psalm Sunday

March 28th & 29th	Sat. 03/28 @ 5:30 pm SD	7:00 am SD	Sun. 03/29 @ 8:30 am SFX	Sun. 03/29 @ 10:30 am SD
SACRISTAN	Wanda Weldin	Cancelled	Joann Walker	Terry Ludvicek
MUSIC	Cody Utz		Patricia Goering, Andrea Bailey	Leigha Sweet
LECTOR	Barb Heideman, Mark Pruett		Thad Holthaus Marguerite Mzhickteno	Cullen Jackson Zach Lancaster
GREETER- USHER	Kenyon & Carolyn Moran		Chris Harris, Farrell Holthaus	Dale & Kathleen Noel
EMHC	Tom Heideman		Steve Devlin	Mike Meerpohl
Acolytes			Dalton Cole (CB) Lanna Brown Charlii Brown, Maddie Everts	Ambree Leiker (CB) Amelia Larkins, Calvin Henry

Homebound Communion Ministers: Niki Meerpohl (*St. Dominic*), Joann Walker (*St. Francis Xavier*), and Angie Reith (*Nursing Homes*)

CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 23rd, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:00 p.m. BEATITUDES Mtg.	St. Dominic Hall
March 24th, Tuesday 8:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier
March 25th, Wednesday 5:30 p.m. MASS 6:00 p.m. Adoration and Confession 6:30 p.m. Religious Ed.	St. Dominic St. Dominic St. Dominic Hall
March 26th, Thursday 8:30 a.m. MASS 6:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. Class	St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic Office
March 27th, Friday 8:30 a.m. MASS 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross 5:00-7:00 p.m. Fish Fry	St. Dominic St. Francis Xavier St. Dominic
March 28th, Saturday 9:00 a.m. Inside-Out Parish Campus Clean-Up 5:00 p.m. Confession 5:30 p.m. MASS	St. Dominic Church & Yard St. Dominic St. Dominic
March 29th, Sunday 8:00 a.m. Confession 8:30 a.m. Mass 9:30 a.m. BEATITUDES Mtg 9:30 a.m. Religious Ed. 8:30 a.m. Mass 10:00 a.m. Confession 10:30 a.m. MASS	St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier St. Francis Xavier Our Lady of Snows St. Dominic St. Dominic
March 30th, Monday Parish Office is Closed 6:00 p.m. K of C Mtg.	St. Dominic Hall

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

SFX Lenten ALMSGIVING tree

To practice the Lenten discipline of almsgiving, we are encouraging everyone to pick a tag off of our Lenten almsgiving tree. Each colored tag represents an item that can be donated to one of four charitable programs:
JCMA Food Pantry **JaCo Crisis Pregnancy Center**
JCMA Essential Bags **Mayetta Blessing Box**
Items can be dropped off in the lobby area of St. Francis Xavier.
Thank you for your generosity.

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2026 (Deadline = May 1st, 2026)

*Archdiocesan 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration
 June 7th, 2026, 2:00 pm, Church of the Nativity/Leewood*

To receive your invitation from Archbishop McKnight,

Please call the parish office and give us your name, address, phone number and date of your wedding.

Please do this as soon as possible.

Couple Response Google Form - This link is available for couples, if they would like to submit their information to the archdiocese office.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgmGRXBJAvnbFMBtJfGrPJyhI4OzGwF70D5kXHLTro-y-few/viewform?usp=header>

ACTS ARCHDIOCESAN CALL to SHARE <small>ARCHDIOCESAN CALL TO SHARE (as of March 6th, 2026)</small>	Saint Dominic	St Francis Xavier
Target Goal	\$18,000.00	\$5,000.00
Total Committed	\$17,590.00	\$3,180.00
Goal Progress	98%	64%
Participation %	28%	24%

 PARISH STEWARDSHIP March 14th & 15th, 2026	St. Dominic	St. Francis Xavier
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Envelopes	\$8,145.00	\$1,785.00
Plate	484.00	328.00
TOTAL	\$8,629.00	\$2,113.00
<i>Week of March 7th & 8th</i>	\$3,390.00	\$4,441.00
<i>Week of February 28th, March 1st</i>	\$10,830.00	\$2,382.00

PASTORAL COUNCILS

FINANCE COUNCILS

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Wayne Leiker	Ben Ehrhart
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Leigha Sweet	Chris Everts
Cody Utz	Marguerite Mzhickteno
Niki Meerpohl	Jeri Albright
Joshua Shupe	Mike Henry
Theresa Watkins	Tina Bailey

<i>St. Dominic</i>	<i>St. Francis Xavier</i>
Barb Heideman	Mary Lou Koch
David Ashcraft	Sharon Cole
Diane Gross	Farrell Holthaus
Mark Starr	Donald Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR MARCH:

For Disarmament and Peace

Let us pray, that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy, instead of violence.

INTENTIONS OF FR. JONATHAN FOR MARCH:

For all members of our parish, to make good and honest effort to fulfill our Lenten disciplines as we look forward to the Easter festivities.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTIONS:

Parishioners:

Barbara Bausch	Bill Berns	Jim Bowhay	Bob Butts
Mary Devader	Steve Devlin	Mildred Eisenbarth	Sheila Fernkopf
Freda Galer	Martin John Hamm	Mary Harris	Pat Hasenkamp
Ed Hrenchir	Carolyn Koger	Karen McClaskey	Don Morford
Mary Morford	Richard Mulroy	Mike Myers	Joe Purcell
Larry Reilly	Ramona Robinson	Barb Schussler	Kade Sides
Arneil Springer	Evelyn Sullivan	Ray Zeller	

Relatives of Parishioners:

Bill Albright	Jorgan Beck	Christopher Brown	Roger Brown
James DeVader	Don Dillner	Brad Fiedler	Dennis Fiedler
Jennifer Fiedler	Mike Fiedler	Sherri Fiedler	Warren Fiedler
Van Fuqua	Allan Gibson	Gladys Gibson	Kase Glassel
Jamie Goldman	Vickie Goodman	Eric Harris	Floyd Klein
Felicia Nicholes	Lainey Parks	Leonard Riley	Danyell Russell
Butch Schiffbauer	Linda Schiffbauer	Anna Segenhagen	Hannah VanHorn
Susana Dizon			

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM:

US Army: MP ANG Therron Fox SSgt. Matthew Zeller **US Marines:** Maj. JP Turner
US Navy: E-5 Dennis Reed Potter **US Air Force:** Andrew Morris, McClain Morris,
 MSgt. Dylan Parks, TSgt. Nicole Parks

To place or remove someone's name on the prayer list, please call the Parish Office.

THE WORKS OF MERCY

CORPORAL & SPIRITUAL

FEED THE HUNGRY 	 INSTRUCT THE IGNORANT
GIVE DRINK TO THE THIRSTY 	 COUNSEL THE DOUBTFUL
SHELTER THE HOMELESS 	 ADMONISH SINNERS
CLOTHE THE NAKED 	 FORGIVE OFFENSES
VISIT THE SICK 	 COMFORT THE AFFLICTED
VISIT THE IMPRISONED 	 BEAR WRONGS PATIENTLY
BURY THE DEAD 	 PRAY FOR THE LIVING AND THE DEAD

"A BIT OF MERCY MAKES THE WORLD LESS COLD AND MORE JUST" (POPE FRANCIS) 

MASS INTENTIONS for the WEEK

March 21st (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	5th Sunday of Lent Danielle Nelson+
March 22nd (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	5th Sunday of Lent All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	John & Barbara Grau Family Living & Deceased
March 24th (Tues.) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Lenten Weekday Betty Fuqua+ Bob Hood+
March 25th (Wed) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	The Annunciation of the Lord Brent Nelson+ Grollmes Family Living & Deceased+
March 26th (Thurs) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Lenten Weekday Jason Seematter+ Marcelline Meyer+
March 27th (Fri) 8:30 a.m. St. Dominic	Lenten Weekday Robert (Bob) Powls+ Dale Reed+
March 28th (Sat) 5:30 p.m. St. Dominic	Palm Sunday T.A. Parks+
March 29th (Sun) 8:30 a.m. St. Francis Xavier	Psalm Sunday Samantha Justice+ All Parishioners, Living & Deceased
10:30 a.m. St. Dominic	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CORNER

Angie Reith, Director of Parish Life & Faith Formation
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Youth Class Times:

St. Dominic: Wednesdays 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
St. Francis Xavier: Sundays 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Dates

April 11: 1st Communion Rctreat, BOTH Parishzs, @ St. Dominic Parish Hall
 April 25: First Communion @ St. Dominic
 April 26: First Communion @ St. Francis
 April 29th: LAST CLASS @ St. Dominic
 May 3rd: LAST CLASS @ St. Francis Xavier,
 May 3rd; Graduation Sunday,
 May 3rd: May Crowning

WELCOME BACK

from Spring Break!
 Class resumes March 22nd & 25th for
 St. Francis Xavier and St. Dominic

THEMES: 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

The readings for this Sunday invite us to reflect on life, resurrection, and faith in God's power. The readings remind us of God's promise to bring new life and His power over death.

- ◆ **Resurrection and New Life:** God promises to raise His people from their graves and give them new life. Jesus fulfills this by raising Lazarus, showing His power over death and pointing to His own resurrection.
- ◆ **Power of the Spirit:** The Spirit of God brings life and renewal. The second reading reminds us that the same Spirit that raised Jesus will give life to our mortal bodies.
- ◆ **Faith and Trust in Jesus:** Martha shows faith in Jesus even in her grief. Jesus calls her and all believers to trust in Him as the resurrection and the life.
- ◆ **God's Glory Revealed:** Jesus explains that Lazarus's death will glorify God. The miracle strengthens the faith of those who witness it, showing Jesus' identity as the Son of God.
- ◆ **Hope Beyond Death:** The readings remind us that death is not the end. God's promise of resurrection gives hope and calls us to live with faith and courage.
- ◆ **Jesus' Compassion and Humanity:** Jesus is deeply moved by the grief of Mary and Martha. His tears show His compassion and His sharing in human suffering.

The 5th Sunday of Lent, Year A, challenges us to believe in Jesus as the source of life and hope. The readings invite us to trust in God's promise of resurrection and live in faith. (YoungCatholics.com)



This Week on Formed

Week of March 22, 2026



The Annunciation

The Angel Gabriel appeared and all of Heaven trembled in anticipation. Mary gives her fiat and our long wait is over! Generation after generation of longing and aching for a Messiah comes to fulfillment.



The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



The Annunciation: Hail Mary

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

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