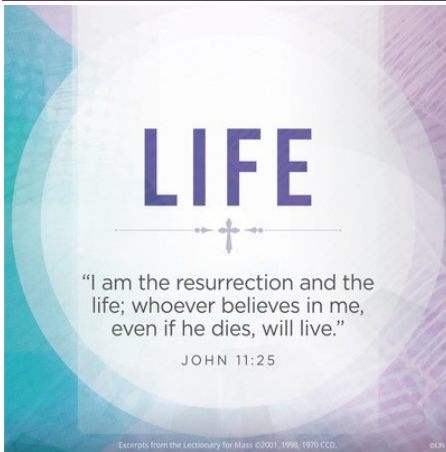


# THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 29, 2020



## GOD OPENS NEW POSSIBILITIES

Even though we say that we believe, there is a part of us that doesn't. There are many times in our lives when we experience death, whether it be the physical death of someone we love, a failed relationship, the loss of a job, or a broken dream. As we are going through these death experiences, we can easily find ourselves reaching out to God to make it better and fix it! We think that the proper order of life is to maintain the things of this world, especially those things that are essential to our sense of well-being and security. We do not like change. The grieving that comes from our death experiences can keep us stuck and in despair. If we have lost something or someone of great value, the very meaning and essence of life is lost with them. We need gentle companions to lift us from despair and that is precisely who

God desires to be in our life as well.

God calls us out of our tombs, where we have been closed up in fear and despair, and shouts, "Come out!" He desperately wants to show us the path to hope and the new life that is possible after loss and death. But our faith can be weak, and we still prefer to cling to the memory of what we had rather than the joyful possibilities of tomorrow. We sometimes live as if God is not real and that the transformative power of His resurrected presence is a story found in the Bible rather than a narrative unfolding in our lives.

God is the God of surprises, not our demise. God opens new possibilities, begins new chapters, creates new verses, and brings us to new heights! We spend so much time and energy ruminating over what we left behind yesterday that we are far too tired to see what can unfold tomorrow. Loving someone new doesn't negate our past loves. Embracing the love of a person, God, or life itself tomorrow doesn't diminish the love of yesterday. Each of our loves is different, and one cannot be replaced by another. They don't cancel each other out. God truly has tended to every detail of our lives, and if we listen to each detail, we find that they all lead us back to Him. Jesus wants us to come out of our closed-up tombs. Are we going to listen this time?

### PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONA VIRUS DISEASE

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

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Sunday, March 29  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
 Ez 37:12-14  
 Rom 8:8-11  
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday, March 23  
 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62  
 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24  
 Nm 21:4-9  
 Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25  
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95  
 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday, March 26  
 Gn 17:3-9  
 Jn 8:51-59

Friday, March 27  
 Jer 20:10-13  
 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28  
 Ez 37:21-28  
 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday, April 5  
**Palm Sunday**  
 Mt 21:1-11  
 Phil 2:6-11  
 Mt 26:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION  
 April 5, 2020

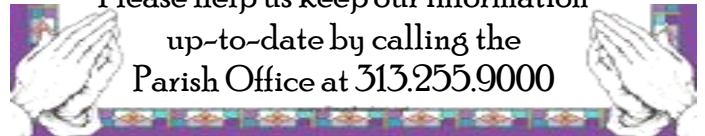


† PRAYER LIST †

AT HOME

*Wayne Bradley, Sarah & Thomas Diggs,  
 Ruth Donaldson, Wesley Duggan,  
 Emily McGhee, Virginia Murphy, Joyce Patton,  
 Doris Robinson, Mary Elizabeth Robinson  
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 June Sutton, Janice Wilson*

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 up-to-date by calling the  
 Parish Office at 313.255.9000



**The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent**

I remember Jim Valvano, Jimmy V to many, saying the iconic words, "Don't give up; you can never give up." The former coach of the NC State men's basketball team was dying of cancer, yet he refused to throw in the towel and give in to his disease. His words exemplified the best of the human spirit we all share. Sometimes, living out those words seem much more difficult than saying them.

These words are also important for our faith life. The life Jesus calls us to is not easy. When working toward a life of greater generosity and surrender of all to God, we are prone to fall flat on our face many times. We are not called to this life only when we are strong. It is how we respond when times are the most difficult that truly defines us as disciples and stewards. The world may think we are down for the count, but rising again gives testimony that in Christ we are stronger.

Commitment takes a willingness to do the things needed to get stronger and build our spiritual muscles. We cannot expect to find success in the spiritual life unless we continue to work on our resolve and grow in our knowledge of the faith. A marathon runner would never be able to make it to the finish line unless they have trained and prepared in advance. We must work hard to stay the course and prepare for the race at hand. No matter what this life may have in store for us, we are called to not give up. God will never give up on us.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**CONTACT INFO & CONTRIBUTIONS**

By now, you must have heard that we will not be celebrating Holy Week & Easter together as a Parish. As sad as this may be, we all know that it is in the best interest of all.

We do appreciate receiving current contact information from those of you that have called us. It will certainly help when the need arises to reach out to you.

To those of you that have sent in your weekly contributions, thank you. The parish does rely on this support to help cover our day-to-day operating expense.

At this time, you may drop your envelope in the mail which will be received in our locked mailbox. We have been looking into an online giving option that we will make known to you if it comes available.

*Prayers for all of you, and for the safety and protection of the medical staff working night and day to fight this virus.*

Take the time to visit the Trinity Vicariate website

[www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org](http://www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org)



# HELPFUL RESOURCES

## ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Live Mass Times

<https://www.aod.org/livemasses>

## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

10 Guideposts for Christians in the time of coronavirus pandemic

<https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite>

## ST. MARY'S PRESS

Elementary School Resources

[https://www.smp.org/homeactivitieschild/?utm\\_source=SM&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2](https://www.smp.org/homeactivitieschild/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2)

High School & Middle School Resources

[https://www.smp.org/homeactivitiesteen/?utm\\_source=SM&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2](https://www.smp.org/homeactivitiesteen/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2)

## DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

How to Slow Down and Focus on What Matters Most

[info@dynamiccatholic.com](mailto:info@dynamiccatholic.com)

### Puzzle

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

GOD'S-SON  
SICKNESS  
RISE

LAZARUS  
MARY  
MARTHA

BELIEVES  
WEEPING  
WRAPPED

S A O E T R H I E T Y  
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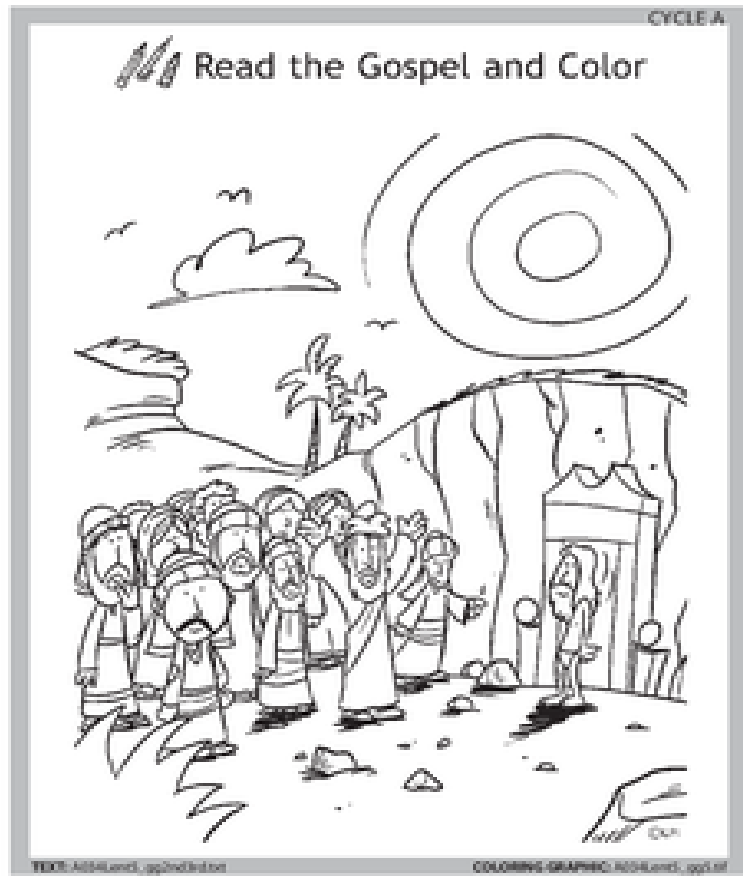
### Mission for the Week

Write the words, "God can do anything" on a piece of paper. Read it every morning.

PUZZLE: GRAPHIC RESOURCES, 991617 / MISSION: HEALING: gpmemorial



John 11:1-45 ■ 5th Sunday of Lent



Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

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Jonathan Sanders, Chairperson, Thomas Digggs, Anthony Timbers, Michael Vincent

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† Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo  
Monday-Friday 8am-10am† Christ is the Answer-Fr. John Riccardo  
Monday-Friday 11am† Kresta in the Afternoon-Al Kresta  
Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line  
Monday-Friday 3pm† Catholic Answers  
Monday-Friday 6pm-8pm  
990 am / 130 Sirius XM Satellite Radio