



Paragon Simulacra Sancti Iudae Tardus

# Fifth SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A)



*Saint Jude's Shrine, March 22, 2026.*

**COMMENTARY** *The Lord, defeater over death, gathers us on this day consecrated to Him to praise the Father for His love and for the power manifested in the resurrection of Jesus. Through Baptism, we participate in this same grace: with Christ, we have been resurrected to a new life. On the eve of Holy Week, this Eucharist allows us to savor, from now on, the blessings that we hope to celebrate fully at the approaching Easter. May our participation be a sign of hope. Let us raise and welcome **Father Maximiliano** and begin our Eucharistic celebration.*

## **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

### **1. ENTRANCE SONG**

We come to you on this day  
With faith we kneel down to pray.  
Wash us from our guilt and free us from our sins.  
Teach us to trust you, o Lord.

**We open our hearts and we praise you Lord  
by your cross You save the World  
forgive us our sins, have Mercy on us.  
Teach us to trust you, o Lord.**

Repeat verse 1

*Repeat the REFRAIN*

**(End twice) Teach us to trust you, o Lord.**

### **2. GREETINGS**

**Celebrant:** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And with your spirit.**

### **3. PENITENTIAL ACT**

**Celebrant:** My brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

1. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and to the Father  
**Lord, have mercy (2x)**
2. Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division  
**Christ, have mercy (2x)**
3. Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with Your Father  
**Lord, have mercy (2x long)**

**Celebrant:** May almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: **Amen.**

### **4. LET US PRAY**

**Celebrant:** By your help, we beseech you, Lord our God, may we walk eagerly in that same charity with which, out of love for the world, your Son handed himself over to death. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE WORD**

### **5. FIRST READING (Ez 37: 12-14)**

**A Reading from the prophet Ezekiel.**

Thus says the Lord GOD: O my people, I will open your graves and have you rise from them, and bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live, and I will settle you upon your land; thus you shall know that I am the LORD. I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD.

**The Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God**

### **6. RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 130:1-2,3-4,5-6,7-8)**

**R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

LORD, hear my voice!

<sup>2</sup> Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

**R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

**R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

<sup>5</sup> I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.

<sup>6</sup> More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

**R. (7) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

<sup>7</sup> For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;

<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption. (2x)**

## **7. SECOND READING (Rom 8:8-11)**

### **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.**

Brothers and sisters: Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit dwelling in you.

**The Word of the Lord.**

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **8. GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Jn 11:25A-26)**

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory! (2x)**

<sup>25A</sup> I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

<sup>26</sup> whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless Glory! (2x)**

## **9. GOSPEL READING (Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33B-45)**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you

All: **And with your Spirit.**

**Celebrant:** A reading from the Holy Gospel, † according to John.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "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." Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see." And Jesus wept. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him." But some of them said, "Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?" So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the dead man's sister, said to him, "Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said "Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear

me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me." And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go." Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

**Celebrant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to You Lord, Jesus Christ.**

## **Homily**

## **10. PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLE'S CREED)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and Earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. All: Amen.**

## **11. PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

**Celebrant:** Brothers and sisters, let us raise our prayers to God the Father, who, through Christ, gives us the gift of eternal life and the assurance of resurrection.

**Let's pray together:** All: **Lord, hear our cry!**

1. Lord God, we ask you for all the baptized and for the pastors of your Church, that we profess faith in Jesus Christ, who rose and gave us Eternal Life.  
**Response: Lord, hear our cry**
2. Father, we ask you for those who are preparing for Baptism, that they may always be led by the Spirit.  
**Response**
3. Lord of mercy, we ask you for the sick, the depressed and those in hospitals, that the mystery of the cross may strengthen them, relieve them, revive them and give them hope. **Response**
4. Lord of the living and the dead, accompany those among us who are in mourning, so that faith in Christ, Resurrection and Life, may fill their hearts with your peace. **Response**
5. Lord and our Creator, sustain us on the path of conversion and rekindle in our hearts the desire to serve you in our brothers and sisters who need shelter.  
**Response**

**(Community intentions)**

**Celebrant:** Let us conclude by saying the prayer of the "Fraternity Campaign":

**God, our Father, / in Jesus, your Son, / you came to dwell among us / and taught us the value of human dignity. / We thank you / for all the people and groups who, / under the impulse of the Holy Spirit, / strive for dignified housing for all. / We beseech you: / grant us the**

grace of conversion, / **so that we may help** / to build a more just and fraternal society, / **with land, shelter and work** / for all people, / **so that one day** / we may dwell with you, / **in the house of Heaven.** / All: **Amen!**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **12. OFFERING SONG**

1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you; Change our hearts; fill us with peace, transform our lives anew. / Open our eyes so that we might see; your presence in one another. / Your life, poured out in love today, unites us all in you.
2. Loving Lord, Creator God, open our eyes to see; / The good that live in each of us, that called the world to be, / And when we fail to see the good, when friendships falter and crumble, / Give us the courage to forgive that we may live in peace.
3. Living word, o son of God, your love shows us the way;/ That we may live in harmony, and from you never stray. / Wipe all oppression from our midst; give us a love for all people. / Your song of justice sing in us, to live for peace today.

**Celebrant:** Pray, brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### **13. PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS LET US PRAY**

**Celebrant:** Hear us, almighty God, and, having instilled in your servants the teachings of the Christian faith, graciously purify them by the working of this sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

### **14. EUCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

**Celebrant:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

All: **It is right and just.**

**Preface: Lazarus.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For as true man he wept for Lazarus his friend and as eternal God raised him from the tomb, just as, taking pity on the human race, he leads us by sacred mysteries to new life. Through him the host of Angels adores your majesty and rejoices in your presence for ever. May our voices, we pray, join with theirs in one chorus of exultant praise, as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of host  
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory  
**(2x) Hosanna in the highest**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
**(2x) Hosanna in the highest**

You are indeed Holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness. Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall, so that they may become for us the Body † and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

At the time he was betrayed and entered willingly into his Passion, he took bread and, giving thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT: FOR THIS IS MY BODY WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way, when supper was ended, he took the chalice and, once more giving thanks, he gave it to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT: FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD, THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT, WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

**The mystery of faith.**

All: **When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.**

Therefore, as we celebrate the memorial of his Death and Resurrection, we offer you, Lord, the Bread of life and the Chalice of salvation, giving thanks that you have held us worthy to be in your presence and minister to you.

Humbly we pray that, partaking of the Body and Blood of Christ, we may be gathered into one by the Holy Spirit.

Remember, Lord, your Church, spread throughout the world, and bring her to the fullness of charity, together with **Leo our Pope and Odilo our Bishop** and all the clergy.

Remember also our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection and all who have died in your mercy: welcome them into the light of your face. Have mercy on us all, we pray, that with the blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, with blessed Joseph, her Spouse, \* with the blessed Apostles, and all the Saints who have pleased you throughout the ages, we may merit to be co-heirs to eternal life, and may praise and glorify you through your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Celebrant: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.**

All: **Amen.**

### **15. COMMUNION RITE**

**Celebrant:** At the Savior's command, formed by divine teaching, we dare to say: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**Celebrant:** Deliver us, Lord; we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

All: **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Celebrant:** Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will, Who live and reign for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
All: **And also, with you.**

**(Celebrant:** Let us offer each other the sign of peace.)  
All: **Peace be with you.**

### 16. **LAMB OF GOD**

(3x) Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the World: grant us peace.

**Celebrant:** Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: **Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### 17. **COMMUNION SONG**

1. We lift our voices / We lift our hands / We lift our lives up to you / We are an offering / Lord use our voices / Lord use our hands / Lord use our lives they are yours / We are an offering

**All that we have / All that we are / All that we hope to be / We give to you / We give to you**

2. We lift our voices / We lift our hands / We lift our lives up to you / We are an offering / We are an offering / Oh, oh, ohhhh

**Refrain**

3. We lift our voices / We lift our hands / We lift our lives up to you / We are an offering / Lord use our voices / Lord use our hands / Lord use our lives they are yours / We are an offering... / We are an offering / Oh, oh, ohhhh

### 18. **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** **LET US PRAY**

**Celebrant:** We pray, almighty God, that we may always be counted among the members of Christ, in whose Body and Blood we have communion. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. All: **Amen.**

## **CONCLUDING RITES**

### 19. **FINAL BLESSING**

**Celebrant:** The Lord be with you.  
All: **And with your Spirit.**

**Celebrant:** Bless, O Lord, your people, who long for the gift of your mercy, and grant that what, at your prompting, they desire they may receive by your generous gift. Through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

**Celebrant:** May the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the Son † and the Holy Spirit come down on you and remain with you forever.

All: **Amen**

**Celebrant:** Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.  
All: **Thanks be to God**

### 20. **FINAL SONG**

1. God of mercy and compassion,/ Look with pity upon me,/ Father, let me call Thee Father/ 'Tis thy child returns to thee.

**Jesus, Lord, I ask for mercy;/ Let me not implore in vain;/ All my sins, I now detest them,/ Never will I sin again.**

2. By my sins I have deserved/Death and endless misery/ Hell with all its pains and torments/ And for all eternity.

**Refrain**

3. By my sins I have abandoned/ Right and claim to heav'n above./ Where the saints rejoice forever / In a boundless sea of love.

**Refrain**

4. See our Savior, bleeding, dying,/ On the cross of Calvary;/ To that cross my sins have nail'd him,/ Yet He bleeds and dies for me.

**Refrain**

### **REFLEXION...**

*Singing Lent is, above all, singing the pain one feels for the sin of the world which, in every age, in so many ways, crucifies the children of God and thus prolongs the passion of Christ... It is a song of mourning. To the sound of these songs, the Christian remembers and lives the mystery of the forty days and forty nights of the purifying Flood of Moses' retreat on Mount Sinai, of Elijah's journey, of the forty years of the crossing of the people of God through the desert... and above all, of the forty days and nights of Jesus' retreat in the desert. This is how singing inspires and encourages us to take on the cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ with greater vigor.*



**DON'T FORGET**

*Join us every  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in the month  
at 10 am at St. Jude's Shrine.*

*Our next Mass is on April 26.*