

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISHES OF OUR LADY OF LORETTO (LODGE GRASS), ST. CHARLES BORROMEO (PRYOR),
ST. DENNIS (CROW AGENCY), ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (ST. XAVIER), ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA (WYOLA)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

OPENING SONG

Akbaatatdía lláaxbaaxpeesh alákaassalahtaa

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CLOSING SONG

Akbaatatdíakaataa Bii Daásdeeawakuh

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday (4/2) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday (4/6) 7:00 PM Saint Xavier
7:00 PM Saint Charles

Good Friday (4/7) 8:00 AM Walk with Cross
from St. X to St. Dennis
7:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto
7:00 PM Saint Charles

Holy Saturday (4/8) 8:00 PM Saint Dennis (Easter Vigil)

Easter Sunday (4/9) Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE

9:30 AM Saint Dennis
10:30 AM Saint Charles Borromeo
12:00 AM Our Lady of Loretto
4:00 PM Saint Francis Xavier

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY

6:00 PM Saint Dennis

FRIDAY

6:00 PM Our Lady of Loretto

CONFESSIONS

Before mass and on request.

PARISH HALL

TUESDAYS

6:00 PM Sewing Group
Meeting Room in Small Hall

WEDNESDAYS

6:45 PM St. Dennis Cash Bingo
Main Hall

STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT

Thu., 5:45 PM Saint Dennis
Fri., 5:45 PM Our Lady of Loretto

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Our Gospel on this day, the fifth Sunday of Lent, is again taken from the Gospel according to John. The reading from John continues the break from Cycle A's focus on the Gospel of Matthew. Today's Gospel reading recounts another sign, or miracle, found in John's Gospel, the raising of Lazarus. As our catechumens move closer to the celebration of their Baptisms at the Triduum, today's reading invites us to reflect upon what it means to call Jesus the Resurrection and the life.

The context for the story of the raising of Lazarus is the Jewish leaders' growing animosity toward Jesus. Jesus has been in Jerusalem, taking part in the feast of the Dedication, which we have come to know as Hanukkah. The people have been pressing him to declare plainly whether he is the Messiah. Jesus tells them to look to his works, which testify to his coming from God. Many do not believe Jesus, however, and some try to stone him for blasphemy.

Into this scene of confrontation, Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus, send word to Jesus that his friend is ill. Jesus is said to love Mary, Martha, and Lazarus, but he delays his journey for two days. The delay heightens the drama and shows Jesus' obedience to God, who is to be glorified through Lazarus's resurrection. When Jesus finally declares that he will journey to Bethany, his disciples fear for his life. Thomas declares that he and the other disciples should prepare to die with Jesus.

The scene described at Bethany is a sad one. Martha meets Jesus weeping and saying that if

Jesus had been there, Lazarus would not have died. Yet she remains confident that God will do whatever Jesus asks. Martha affirms her belief that there will be a resurrection of the dead in the last days. Then Martha's sister, Mary, comes to Jesus with the same confidence, saying that Jesus could have cured Lazarus. Jesus asks to be brought to Lazarus's tomb where he prays and calls Lazarus out from the tomb. At this sign, many come to believe in Jesus, but others take word of the miracle to the Jewish authorities, who begin their plans for Jesus' death.

Set against the backdrop of Jesus' impending death, many elements of the raising of Lazarus foreshadow the good news of Jesus' own Resurrection. Jesus, facing the conflict with the Jewish authorities, acts in complete obedience to God. In raising Lazarus, Jesus shows his power over death so that when Jesus dies, those who believe in him might remember that and take hope. Just as Jesus calls for the stone to be rolled away from Lazarus's tomb, so too will the disciples find the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb.

With our catechumens preparing for their Baptism at Easter, the Gospel today calls us to reflect on Baptism as a dying and rising with Jesus. In Baptism we die to sin's power over us, rising as children of God. In Baptism we join ourselves with Christ, who conquered death once and for all so that we who believe in him may have eternal life. With Martha and Mary, we are called to profess our belief that Jesus is indeed the Resurrection and the life.

Family Connection

Jesus' promise of eternal life is a central element of our Catholic faith. Even though Easter is still two weeks away, our Gospel today invites us to acknowledge Jesus' power over death, evidenced in the raising of Lazarus, and to anticipate Jesus' conquering of death once and for all in his death and Resurrection. We sometimes use examples from nature to help describe this mystery of our faith. Jesus himself talked about the seed that dies when planted in the ground in order to produce new life (John 12:24). Using that image and others, we find hope and con-

fidence in Jesus, the Resurrection and the life.

Gather your family today and read today's Gospel in its shorter form, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33b-45. Write Jesus' promise from today's Gospel ("I am the resurrection and the life.") on a large sheet of white paper. As your family talks about what Jesus means by this promise, decorate Jesus' words with symbols that will remind you of his promise of eternal life. Display this reminder of Jesus' promise in a prominent place in your home and keep it there until Easter. Pray that you will always remain confident in Jesus' promise of eternal life.

BAPTISMS RESUME AT EASTER

Baptisms will resume with the Easter Vigil on **April 8th**. The next class for parents and godparents is on **Saturday, April 1st at 10:30am** at St. Dennis (and on **every 1st Saturday** of the month). The date & location of your child's baptism will be determined by the parent/guardian(s) and the priest who will be celebrating the sacrament.

HALL OR GYM RENTALS

As we approach the graduation season later this spring, there's often a high demand for the use of our facilities. We are prioritizing requests from our parishioners over non-members. As a parish member, If you anticipate the need to reserve one of our locations for your family's event, please let us know as soon as possible or at least two weeks prior to the event.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TRAINING

Today, at **9 AM** and next Sunday, **April 2nd**, at **9 AM** at St. Dennis. If you want to help but haven't signed up yet, please contact Bros. Mike or Thomas at 406-620-7500 for more info.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER EXPERIENCE

The readings today are full of hope and promise. Your marriage likewise is full of hope and promise. Good marriages go through tough and challenging times, sometimes we even desire a 'do-over.' This is normal in every good marriage. The Marriage Encounter Experience is a private opportunity to explore those difficult times and together take ownership of your do-over. The Elk Mountain Experience will be April 21-23 and is limited to 11 couples due to the size of the hotel. Apply today by calling 307-215-9444 or visit the website: wwme.org.

OPENING SONG



Ak-baa-tat-dí - a I - láax baax-peesh a-lá-kaa - ssaa -la-htaa
God's Holy Spirit, even if you don't see Him,



Dáh- ka - la-tche-lak ii baa koot-kaá-sheesh koók. HE HE-LE
If you believe in Him, then all things are possible.

CLOSING SONG



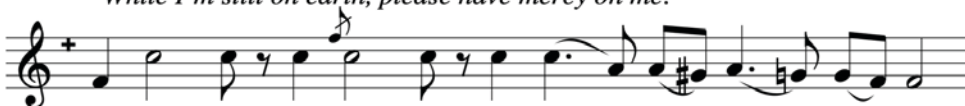
Ak - baa - tat - dí - a-kaa - taa HE - LE
Dear God,



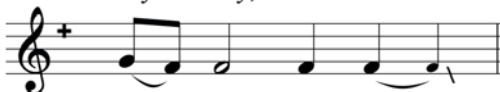
Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Have mercy upon me.



A - wé áa-keen-maak bii daás - dee-a - wa-kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
While I'm still on earth, please have mercy on me.



Bas baa - pé ii- háa - ke bii ku - lu - tta - wa - kúh.
On my last day, come take me.



A - HE - HE - LE



Bii daás - dee - a - wa - kuh. A - HE - HE - LE
Please have mercy on me.