

DAY	FEAST	READINGS	TIME
Mon 23	5 th Week of Lent Psalter week I St Turibius de Mogrovejo	Dan 13: 1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Jn 8: 1-11.	5:30 PM
Tues 24	5 th Week of Lent Psalter week I	Num 21: 4-9; Jn 8: 21-30.	5:30 PM
Wed 25	ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Is 7: 10-14; 8: 10; Heb 10: 4-10; Lk 1: 26-38.	6:00PM
Thu 26	5 th Week of Lent Psalter week I	Gen 17: 3- 9; Jn 8: 51-59.	5:30 PM
Fri 27	5 th Week of Lent Psalter week I	Jer 20: 10-13; Jn 10: 31-42.	12:15 PM
Sat 28	5 th Week of Lent Psalter week I	Ez 37: 21-28; Jn 11: 45-56.	5:30 PM
Sun 29	PALM SUNDAY	Is 50: 4-7; Phil 2: 6-11; Mt 26: 14—27: 66 (or 27: 11-54).	8:00 AM 5:30 PM



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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT A

Reading I: Ezekiel 37: 12-14;

Responsorial Psalm: 129;

Reading II: Romans 8: 8-11;

Gospel: John 11: 1-45 (or John 11: 3, 7, 17, 20-27, 33-45).



Revised Roman Missal: 280 (Bahasa 349)

REFLECTION: Jesus Wept

In today's gospel, we see a tender side of Jesus, Lazarus, brother to Martha and Mary, is sick, and the sisters send word to Him. Jesus loves them but does not rush to their aid, and Lazarus dies. When He arrives, Martha questions Him, leading to the powerful verse, "Jesus wept." Even though He knows He will raise Lazarus and that death will not have the final word, He weeps because love feels the pain of others and is not indifferent to their suffering.

Today, we allow this gospel to remind us that Jesus is not distant from our grief. When we lose someone, when we face disappointment, when prayers seem unanswered, Jesus is not cold or indifferent. He stands with us. He shares our tears. In the passage, Jesus calls Lazarus out of the tomb, and so the One who weeps is also the One who gives life. Thus, we hold onto Jesus, who walks with us in our sadness and lead us always toward hope.

Reflective question:

Do I believe that Jesus loves me personally and that He brings me comfort in my darkest moments?

DIVINE MERCY

THE COMPLETE REMISSION OF TEMPORAL PUNISHMENT:
ACHIEVING PERFECT PURITY ON DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Novena to the Divine Mercy (3rd April – 12th April)

- Day 1 Good Friday, 3rd April - 3:00pm
- Day 2 Holy Saturday, 4th April - 3:00pm
- Day 3 Easter Sunday, 5th April - 8:30am
- Day 4 Monday, 6th April - 6:00pm
- Day 5 Tuesday, 7th April - 6:00pm
- Day 6 Wednesday, 8th April - 6:00pm
- Day 7 Thursday, 9th April - 6:00pm
- Day 8 Friday, 10th April - 12:45pm
- Day 9 Saturday, 11th April - 6:00pm
- Divine Mercy Sunday, 12th April - 7:30am

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Second Collection

The Second Collection today will be for the Seminarian Fund.

Lenten Boxes / Envelopes

Please remember to return the Lenten Box / Envelope on Palm Sunday.

COOL 70th Anniversary Souvenirs & Magazine

Souvenir packs and commemorative magazine of COOL 70th Anniversary are available for purchase. Souvenir Pack: \$5.00 per set; Magazine: \$10.00 per copy.

SUNDAY SCHOOL & COM CLASSES

There will be no lesson for Sunday School and COM classes from 15th March to 5th April. Classes will resume on Second Sunday of Easter, 12th April.

Liturgy Meeting (22nd March)

The meeting of Liturgy Committee members will be held today at 10:30AM in Fr Robert's office.

Rehearsal for Easter Vigil (24th March)

There will be a general rehearsal for Easter Vigil on Tuesday, 24th Mar starting from 7:30PM onward. All liturgical committee members, OCIA elects and catechists, and their godparents are requested to attend.

Vocation Discernment Program (12th April)

Are you seeking clarity about your calling in life?

Date: 12th Apr 2026 Time: 9:30AM – Noon

Venue: COOL Parish Hall

Those who are interested are invited to register by 5th Apr using the QR code provided.



Indulgences and Divine Mercy Sunday

An indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment still due to sin that has already been forgiven. Temporal punishment refers to punishment that takes place in time on earth or in Purgatory and that has an end when the soul is purified and permitted into heaven. Oppositely, eternal punishment is due to unrepentant mortal sin. If a person does not repent before death of the mortal sin he has cut himself off from God's grace for eternity.

There are two types of indulgences. Plenary indulgences remove all punishment for sin. Partial indulgences remove some of the punishment. Indulgences can be applied to the living and the dead; for example, you can pray and do penance for souls in Purgatory to help to lessen their suffering.

Divine Mercy Sunday is an opportunity for plenary indulgence. The usual conditions are as follows:

- sacramental confession [according to previously issued norms, within about 20 days before or after]
- Eucharistic communion [according to previously issued norms, preferably on the day, or the days before or after]
- prayer for the intentions of Supreme Pontiff [certain prayers are not specified]

The specific conditions for this indulgence on Divine Mercy Sunday are:

- in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy
- or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!)"

**LAUNCHING OF THE
CREATION OF JUSTICE
MINISTRY**
- CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

**MY PROMISES TO
PROTECT MOTHER EARTH
JANJI SAYA UNTUK
MELINDUNGI BUMI**

**START AND SUSTAIN!
MULAKAN DAN
KEKALKAN!**

**JOIN THE MOVEMENT
TO SAVE THE PLANET**

**LAUNCHING ON
APRIL 15TH 2026
at 5:30PM**

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