

**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

April 2, 2017  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

**Gospel: John 11:1-45**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection**

Those of us who have lost a beloved family member or friend know how Martha and Mary must have felt. Their brother Lazarus died. And Jesus did not protect them from the pain of mourning. In fact, Jesus wept, too, and was deeply troubled. But death is never the end of the story for Jesus or those who believe in him.

"I am the resurrection and the life," Jesus tells Martha. At Jesus' command, Lazarus, all bound up in burial wrappings, slowly emerges from the tomb. What a scene that must have been! And what a promise to us!

**Gospel Questions:**

1. What happened in this Sunday's Gospel (Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead) seems too good to be true. How would you have reacted to this miracle?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your daily life?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What do you hope for after your life on Earth is ended?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. Jesus' question to Martha is the same question we are asked when we renew our Baptismal promises. How would you answer the question "Do you believe?"

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**Confirmation Mass Assignment**

April 9, 2017

Palm Sunday

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27,66**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the questions. Turn in with a bulletin from the mass.

**Gospel Reflection:**

This gospel is a reading of the passion (or suffering) of Christ. On this Sunday we are reading it "according to Matthew." We see Jesus betrayed by two of his friends, Judas and Peter, and by the crowd. We see him mocked and beaten by the soldiers who laughingly "honor" him as King of the Jews.

Wounded, crowned with thorns, and dying a little more each step of the way, Jesus carries his cross to Calvary. His suffering is so great that he wonders if even God has left him to die alone. Still Jesus willingly gives up his spirit. With the centurion we pray: "Clearly, this was the Son of God!"

**Gospel Questions:**

1. This week, which is called Holy Week, we remember the sacrifice that Jesus made for us. During this week, we reflect on and pray about the events of Jesus' last days. How will you watch? Pray?
2. What could you do to show respect for Jesus this week as the Church remembers his Death and Resurrection?
3. Can you name some of the ways and some of the reasons why people suffer today? What does Jesus want us to do about human suffering? (Think about the parable of the Good Samaritan.)

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### **Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

April 16, 2017

Easter Sunday

#### **Gospel: John 20:1-9**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

#### ***Gospel Reflection***

Imagine the headlines that might accompany this Easter gospel: "Woman Finds Tomb Empty," "Race to Tomb Lost by Peter," "Burial Shroud Mysteriously Vacated." John's account makes it clear that Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the empty tomb. Like Peter and John, she did not at first understand that Jesus had risen from the dead.

In an historical time when women were not allowed to testify in a court of law, Jesus chose a woman to be the first witness to the empty tomb and to the risen Lord himself. The very next story in John's Gospel tells us how Mary Magdalene meets the risen Jesus and he sends her to announce to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). Whenever we hear this or any other Easter gospel proclaimed, we can rejoice that we too have been chosen as witnesses that Jesus is the Son of God who has risen from the dead.

#### ***Gospel Questions***

1. What "stones" block people's rising to new life?
2. How can you show this week that you truly believe in the Resurrection of Jesus?
3. Like the first disciples, we are not always completely fearless and faithful witnesses to the risen Jesus. But he has chosen us just the same! Name one quality or skill you can use to help others experience the joy of following Jesus.
4. What are some of the things we associate with Easter? What do these symbolize?

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**Confirmation I Mass Assignment**

April 23, 2017

Second Sunday of Easter

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**

**Instructions:** While attending mass listen to the gospel and then read the gospel reflection. Answer the following questions and turn in your answers with a bulletin from the mass.

***Gospel Reflection***

What a surprise for the disciples! The risen Christ comes to them through locked doors, breathes on them, and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." By the power of the Spirit, the disciples will forgive sins and communicate the peace of Jesus himself. However, there is another part to this gospel story. The story revolves around Thomas but it is also about us. Sometimes we are like Thomas and miss the most important part of our faith, belief in Jesus! But "blest" are we who are guided in faith by the Holy Spirit.

***Gospel Questions***

1. Are there locked doors in your life? What happens when Jesus enters?
2. What could you do this week to help strengthen the faith of someone who is faltering?
3. Do you think Thomas's reaction to the news about Jesus was reasonable? Why?
4. Thomas is known as "the Doubter." What is a good way to handle our doubts?

