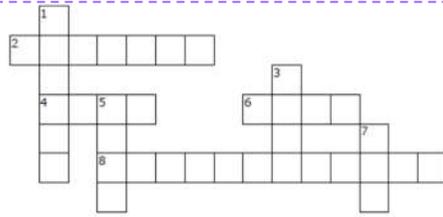


just for kids



ACROSS

2. A man that Jesus raised from the dead
4. A place where someone is buried
6. To be physically ill; not well or healthy
8. Rising from the dead or returning to life

DOWN

1. One of Lazarus' two sisters
3. To be alive or have life
5. Woman who poured perfume on Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair
7. To stop living

TOMB	MARTHA	DIE	MARY
LIVE	RESURRECTION	LAZARUS	SICK

food for thought

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.

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.

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29 MAR 2020

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

YEAR A





Sunday Readings

First reading	Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 129
Second reading	Romans 8:8-11
Gospel	John 11:1-45

Mass Schedule @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

Weekdays (English)	12:30pm and 6:30pm
Saturday (Sunset - English)	6:00pm and 7:30pm
Sunday (English)	7:30am, 11:30am and 1.00pm
Sunday (Tamil)	9:30am and 6:30pm
Public Holiday	9:00am (English) 10:00am (Tamil)

Parish Activities

English	- Our Lady of Lourdes Novena (Saturday)	5:15pm
	- Rosary Recitation (Weekdays)	11.55am
	Monday and Wednesday	5.55pm (Sunday @ 10.55am)
	- Holy Hour with Benediction (1st Friday)	7.00pm
	- Sacred Heart Devotion (Friday)	7.00pm
	- Divine Mercy (Tuesday)	5:45pm
	- Legion of Mary (Tuesdays)	7.30pm
	- Infant Jesus (Thursday)	5:45pm
	- Charismatic (Friday)	7.45pm
	- Divine Mercy (Saturday)	3.00pm
	- Legion of Mary (Sundays)	9.45am
Tamil	- Infant Jesus (Tuesday)	4:30pm
	- Divine Mercy (Friday)	5:45pm
	- OLPS Novena (Every Saturday)	8:30pm
	- Rosary and OLOL Devotion (Sunday)	8:30am
	- All Night Vigil (2nd Saturday)	9.30pm to 5.30am
Indonesian	- Karismatik Katolik Indonesia Holy Spirit (Thursday)	2.30pm
	- KKIHS Youth Group (Last Friday of the month)	7.30pm
	- Mass in Indonesian (1st Sunday)	3.30pm
Filipino	- Light of Jesus Bible Sharing (Monday)	7.30pm

Important Parish Information

Wedding Arrangements	Church Wedding bookings must be made in advance. Please contact the Secretariat.
Infant Baptism	Register at the Parish Office. Please provide photocopy of church marriage certificate of parents, birth certificate of infant and confirmation certificate of Godparents.
Mass Intentions	Please drop your Mass intention into the Box located outside the Parish Office by 7pm on Friday for the following week's intentions.
Lourdes Prayer Hall	For bookings contact the Parish Office at 6294 0624
Anointing	Make an appointment with a priest before planned admission to hospital.
Holy Communion for the Homebound	Register with the Parish Office.

Kindly be aware of people who profess to pray over others in the Parish Grounds, and/or in your homes for the purpose of soliciting funds without the approval of the Archdiocese and Priests of the Parish.

The restoration of Our Lady of Lourdes parish will begin soon. Cheque donations can be made in favour of 'Church of Our Lady of Lourdes' with 'Building Fund' written on the back. Please give generously!

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes Online Masses

Please follow our Masses online at
<https://www.facebook.com/ChurchOfOurLadyOfLourdes>
 or on the Church of Lourdes YouTube channel at <http://tiny.cc/ololsg>.
 Do remember to click **Subscribe** to receive notifications when we upload the videos.

Dear Parishioners of Church of Our Lady of Lourdes,

As you are aware, public masses in our Archdiocese have been temporarily suspended since 15 Feb 2020. Masses have been broadcast on Youtube and CatholicSG Radio.

As the parish will still need funds for the general operations and maintenance of the church, we seek your kind generosity and support to continue making a weekly donation to the Church by electronic bank transfer using PayNow at the current time.

Here is what you need to do:

- Step 1: Select bank transfer
- Step 2: Key in Parish UEN # T08CC4026C
- Step 3: Check Name – Church of Our Lady of Lourdes
- Step 4: Key in amount
- Step 5: Key in Ref - Mass Collection

Alternatively, you can issue a cheque and mail it to the Parish Office. If any parishioner chooses to give cash, please drop the cash in the existing donation box at the Parish.

Thank you once again for your generosity. God Bless.

Fr Michael Sitaram
Parish Priest

Divine Mercy @ Church of Our Lady of Lourdes

"He who knows how to forgive prepares for himself many graces from God. As often as I look upon the cross, so often will I forgive with all my heart." (Diary, 390).

Please be informed that there will be no 3pm DMD sessions on Saturdays until further notice.

EASTER REFLECTION BOOKLET

The Office for the New Evangelisation has produced a booklet of reflections for the season of Easter in English, Mandarin and Tamil. The theme is "Singing Alleluia in Communion". Please take home a booklet for your family. Also available online at tinyurl.com/20easterbooklet

JESUS YOUTH SINGAPORE – CRUCIS SINGAPURA

Jesus Youth invites you to join 'Crucis Singapura' – a 'virtual' Way of the Cross on 4 April 2020 at 3pm. There will be a guided reflection with touching testimonies, interactive prayers and worship music. Link will be provided upon registration. Register for free on www.singapore.jesuyouth.org or call 90874674/83286194 for details.

CARITAS SINGAPORE – CHARITIES WEEK 2020

"The season of Lent is the time when the Caritas Singapore conducts its annual Archdiocesan fundraising campaign – Charities Week 2020. Your donation will provide much-needed funding to support the work of the Caritas Singapore family to journey with the vulnerable and marginalised in our community such as low-income families, youth-at-risk, the incarcerated, people with physical disabilities, and people with mental health issues. Please pick up an appeal envelope, and give generously. It will enable our Catholic charities to further their cause and do more to help our brothers and sisters in need."

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