



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
15th Of March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A
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Mass Readings for the 22 nd March 2026, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A	
1 st Reading	Ezekiel 37:12-14
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8
2 nd Reading	Romans 8:8-11
Verse Before the Gospel	John 11:25A, 26
Gospel	John 11:1-45 Or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

1st Reading - Ezekiel 37:12-14

12 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.
 13 Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people!

14 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.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

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

- 1 Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD; LORD, hear my voice!
- 2 Let your ears be attentive to my voice in supplication.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- 3 If you, O LORD, mark iniquities, LORD, who can stand?
- 4 But with you is forgiveness, that you may be revered.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- 5 I trust in the LORD; my soul trusts in his word.
- 6 More than sentinels wait for the dawn, let Israel wait for the LORD.

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

- 7 For with the LORD is kindness and with him is plenteous redemption;
- 8 And he will redeem Israel from all their iniquities.

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2nd Reading - Romans 8:8-11

Brothers and sisters:

- 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.
- 9 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.
- 10 But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness.

11 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.

Verse Before The Gospel - John 11:25A, 26

25A I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

26 whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die.

Gospel - John 11:1-45

1 Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha.

2 Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill.

3 So the sisters sent word to him saying, "Master, the one you love is ill."

4 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."

5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

6 So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

8 The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?"

9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

10 But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

11 He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him."

12 So the disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved."

13 But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.

14 So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died.

15 And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him."

16 So Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

17 When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away.

19 And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother.

20 When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

21 Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

22 But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

24 Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

25 Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live,

26 and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

27 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."

28 When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary secretly, saying, "The teacher is here and is asking for you."

29 As soon as she heard this, she rose quickly and went to him.

30 For Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still where Martha had met him.

31 So when the Jews who were with her in the house comforting her saw Mary get up quickly and go out, they followed her, presuming that she was going to the tomb to weep there.

32 When Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

33 When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who had come with her weeping, he became perturbed and deeply troubled,

34 and said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Sir, come and see."

35 And Jesus wept.

36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him."

37 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?"

38 So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it.

39 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."

40 Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?"

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you for hearing me.

42 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."

43 And when he had said this, He cried out in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

44 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."

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Saint(s) Of The Day

- Saint Nicholas Owen
- Blessed Clemens August von Galen
- Blessed Bronislaw Komorowski
- Saint Epaphroditus of Terracina
- Blessed Marian Górecki
- Blessed Hugolinus Zefferini
- Saint Benevenuto Scotivoli of Osimo

Saint Basil of Ancyra

St Basil was a priest in Ancyra, Galatia, Asia Minor. He fought against the Arian heretics in the reign of emperor Constantius, and against the iconoclast heretics in the

persecutions of Julian the Apostate. Due to his defense of orthodox Christianity, he was imprisoned, then tortured and executed and mauled by wild beasts in 364 AD and died as a martyr in the area at Caesarea, Palestine.

Blessed François-Louis Chartier

Blessed François-Louis Chartier was a priest in the diocese of Angers, France. He was born on June 6 1752 in Marigné, Maine-et-Loire, France. He was killed and died as a martyr on March 22 1794 at Angers, Maine-et-Loire, France during the persecutions of the French Revolution. He was beatified on the 19th Of February 1984 by Pope John Paul II in Rome, Italy. We celebrate him with an additional memorial on January 2 as one of the Martyrs of Anjou.

Saint Lea of Rome

St Lea of Rome was born to the wealthy nobility and died of natural cause in 384 AD as a patronage of widows. She lived and was married in Rome, Italy, and later became a widow. She supported the house run by St Marcella, working as a menial servant, and later served as the group's superior. In addition, she was known for her austere lifestyle and extreme penances. St Jerome wrote a panegyric in her honour.

Saint Darerca

St Darerca died in the 5th century. She was a sister of St Patrick, a wife to Conis and a mother of nineteen children, ten of whom became bishops they include St Mel of Ardagh, St Sechnall, and St Rioc. She was reported to have been a miracle worker and to have the gift of prophecy. Her history is obscured by legend. Additionally, she is the patron Saint of Valentia Island, Ireland.

Saint Octavian of Carthage

St Octavian of Carthage, also known as Octavius or Ottaviano, was martyred in 484 AD at Carthage, North Africa. He was an archdeacon at Carthage, North Africa. Additionally, he was martyred with several thousand of his flock in the persecutions of the Arian Vandal King Hunneric.

Saint Callinica of Galatia

St Callinica of Galatia, also known as Callinicus, was martyred in 250 AD in Galatia, Asia Minor (part of modern Turkiye). She was a wealthy woman in Galatia, Asia Minor (part

of modern Turkiye). She used to visit and comfort Christians imprisoned for their faith and sadly she was martyred for doing so.

Saint Avitus of Périgord

St Avitus of Périgord died of natural causes in 518 AD. He was a soldier in the army of Alaric. He was captured at the Battle of Vouillé and taken to Paris, France. When he was released he became a monk in Poitou, France, and then a hermit in the area of Perigord and Ruffec.

Saint Harlindis of Arland

St Harlindis of Arland died of natural causes in 745 AD. She was a daughter of Count Arland, a sister of St Belindis, and a nun. Additionally, she helped found an abbey in Belgium and served as its first abbess. Corresponded for many years with St Boniface and St Willibrord of Echternach.

Saint Basilissa of Galatia

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Saint Paul of Narbonne

St Paul of Narbonne died of natural causes in 250 AD. He was a third-century priest, ordained in Rome, Italy, and a missionary to Gaul. He was very successful in Narbonne, France but later, he was buried on the Via Domitia outside Narbonne, France.

Saint Trien of Killelga

St Trien of Killelga was also known as Trienan of Killelga. He was a fifth-century spiritual student of St Patrick and a missionary abbot of the monastery in Killelga, Ireland.

Saint Saturninus the Martyr

St Saturninus the Martyr was martyred in northwest Africa with nine Christian companions whose names are still unknown.

Saint Deghitche

St Deghitche was also known as Deghitghi, Degitheia or Geghia. She was listed on several early Irish calendars and martyrologies, but no information about her has survived.

Saint Failbhe of Iona

St Failbhe of Iona was born in Ireland and died in 680 AD. He was a brother of St Finan of Rath, a monk, and an abbot of Iona Abbey.

Other Saints of the Day for March 22 2026

- Antonio Cocq
- Our Lady of Sorrows of Castelpetroso
- Antonio Rubino
- Our Lady of the Seven Veils

Mass Times For the weekend:

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
Saint Anne's & Holy Family	11:00 am
Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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