

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

On this Fifth Sunday of Lent, Jesus proclaims himself as “the Resurrection and the Life” when He restores his friend Lazarus to life after four days in the tomb (John 11:1-45).

Before raising Lazarus, Jesus arrives and, as God who became human, joins Lazarus’s family, friends, and neighbors in their grief and mourning.

By restoring Lazarus to life, Jesus demonstrates that God’s power and love can overcome pain, sorrow, and disappointment, bringing joy, comfort, and hope even amid suffering and death. Through this miracle, Jesus reveals to His disciples and the people that death does not have the final word. He assures us of His authority over death. Subsequently, through His own death and resurrection, Jesus affirms to all the faithful that He is truly “the Resurrection and the Life”; the source of “Living Water” that grants everlasting joy and life (John 4:14); the Light of the world, the Light that gives life (John 8:9); and “the Living Bread that came down from heaven, and whoever eats His Flesh and drinks His Blood will have eternal life” (John 6:51-58).

As we enter Holy Week, let us pray for ourselves and for our brothers and sisters worldwide to grow in God’s love and compassion. May we share in the grief of those who mourn, offer support to those in despair, and extend hope to those who feel hopeless. Together with all believers, may we continue to deepen our faith and trust in the Risen Lord, live according to His teachings, and proclaim the Good News of Salvation in our daily lives. Ultimately, we hope to share eternal life and joy with the angels and saints through the sacrificial love and mercy of the Risen Lord in His glory before our Merciful Father in heaven. Amen.



ST. THOMAS CATHOLIC CHURCH
Gassaway, West Virginia

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — A

MARCH 22, 2026

Gospel

John 11:1-45

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 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. So the sisters sent word to him saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.”

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.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.

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

Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

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



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. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him.” He said this, and then told them, “Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him.” So the disciples said to him, “Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved.” But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary sleep.

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<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/032226.cfm>

Readings of the Week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Palm Sunday
Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62	Numbers 21:4-9	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10	Genesis 17:3-9	Jeremiah 20:10-13	Ezekiel 37:21-28	Isaiah 50:4-7
Psalms 23:1-6	Psalms 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21	Psalms 40:7-11 Hebrews 10:4-10	Psalms 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9	Psalms 18:2-7	Jeremiah 31:10-13	Psalms 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 Philippians 2:6-11
John 8:1-11	John 8:21-30	Luke 1:26-38	John 8:51-59	John 10:31-42	John 11:45-56	Matthew 26:14—27:66

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Sharing God's Blessings

Date	March 14 + 15, 2026
Collection	240 & 1242
Mass Attendance	8 + 9 & 43

Thank you for your contribution

Liturgy Schedule
RISEN LORD CHURCH

SUNDAY MASS: **8:30am**
Liturgy Schedule

ST. THOMAS PARISH

ROSARY: Sunday 10:30a.m.

WEEKEND MASSES:

Sat: 4:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sun: 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY: Tue & Wed: 4:00p.m.
Thu & Fri: 8:00a.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Every Tuesday at 4:00p.m.
 prior to Mass

RECONCILIATION:

- Any time 30 minutes before or after daily Mass, After Sunday Mass
- *Other days by appointment*

SIGN-UPS FOR

Holy Thursday: **Food Washing**
Blessed Adoration

Stations of the Cross
Risen Lord

Every Sunday at 8:00 am

Stations of the Cross
St. Thomas Church

at **6:00pm** on Fridays
 — after **5:30 pm Mass**

MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Foods Pantry Distribution at Risen Lord Mission in Maysel on this coming Thursday, March 26, 2026, we will have Mass at **8:00am on Wednesday** and at **4:00pm on Thursday** at **St. Thomas Church** in Gassaway.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 22, 2026

Vocation Views:

“Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ!” With this belief, Jesus is able to work marvels through those who trust in Him, even to raising the dead to new life.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Date	Readers	Bring up the Offertory Gifts	Extraordinary Ministers
March 29	Lindsay Harman	Kathy & Marty Bronkhurst	Tom Teubert & Candy Teubert
March 22	Mac Bailes	Shavers	Westley Carpenter/ Fred Friend

RISEN LORD

FAMILY NIGHT

March 12, 2026



Next FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday, April 9, 2026

5:30pm — 7:30pm

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March 29th, 2026

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Thursday, March 26th, 2026
 2:00pm

Ecumenical Luncheon

Dates/Location

Time: Noon to 1:00 pm

Monday, March 30, Gassaway
Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, March 31, Gassaway
St. Thomas Catholic Church

Wednesday, April 1, Gassaway
Methodist Church

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Easter Flower donation — ongoing until Palm Sunday

Community Lenten Luncheons / Ecumenical Services 3/30 — 3/31
 — 4/1 Locations and time TBA

Holy Thursday — April 2 — 6:00pm

Washing of the Feet:

Need 12 volunteers

Good Friday — April 3 — 3:00pm

Holy Saturday/ Easter Vigil —

April 4 — 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday — April 5 — 11:00am

Easter Egg Hunt following Mass for the children

RISEN LORD FOOD PANTRY

Special Thanks!!!

to Benefactors & Volunteers
for St. Thomas Food Pantry

February 26, 2026:

Ann and Mike Hall, Vicky Grose,
Cheryl and Vernon Hensley,
David Linkinoggor, Tim Hahn, Mike Mance,
Megan, Madison and Michael Murphy
Duane Smith, Rick Allen,
Kathy and Larry Schoonover.

Your sacrifice and service made it possible
for **248 families** to experience
the love of neighbors and of God,
especially in times of need.

*May God's
abundant grace
and blessings
continue to
pour upon you,
your families
and friends
throughout this
Holy Season
of Lent
and Easter
when it comes*



St. Thomas Food Pantry

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March 12, 2026:

Marian Agostino, Kathy & Marty Bronkhurst,
Louise & Dale Elwood, Connie & John Moore,
Scott Lazur, Fred Friend, Rick Allen.

The **115 families** and **20 Moms** were experiencing
God's love, comfort and joy like the rain and wind
from your gracious services to the less fortunate.

