



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent
March 26, 2023

Parish Mission

We are one Church: loving Jesus,
serving Jesus, and sharing Jesus.

Parish Vision

We are a vibrant Catholic church
serving a diverse community in a
safe and welcoming environment
where we care for all people
along their faith journey.

Core Values

Discipleship • Hospitality
Serving • Worship

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:45 a.m.,
3:00 p.m. (Spanish)

Weekday Masses

Monday 6:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:30 a.m.
Wednesday 6:30 a.m., 5:15 p.m.
Thursday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m.

Confessions

First Friday of month 12:00 noon
Saturday 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
or by appointment

*Jesus in the
Blessed Sacrament
is the Living Heart
of each of our parishes*
POPE SAINT PAUL VI

*See the beauty,
discover the joy*

Lenten Parish Mission

with

Patty Schneier

March 27-29, 2023 • 6:30 p.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Monday, March 27

The Eucharist - the Source & Summit of Everything!

Tuesday, March 28

Unlock the Treasure

Wednesday, March 29

Onward - Without Fear!

Patty Schneier is a life-long Catholic, housewife, and mother of three from the Archdiocese of St. Louis. For the past 20 years, Patty has been speaking at parishes and Catholic conferences across the United States. Last year, she was the presenter at the Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau Principals' Meeting, Teachers' Meetings, and St. Vincent's Advent by Candlelight.

Patty has been a guest on EWTN and various Catholic Radio shows. She currently hosts a weekly radio show to foster holy vocations called *The Pearl of Great Price* and a podcast called *The Daily Dose of Encouragement*, both of which are heard on Covenant Network.



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• Mass Intentions •

Monday, March 27

6:30 am Simon John Bisher ☩

Tuesday, March 28

6:30 am Richard and Doris Hagedorn ☩

Wednesday, March 29

6:30 am Robert Stroder ☩

5:15 pm Frankie and Chule Reid (living)

Thursday, March 30

6:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the John Loeffler Family

8:00 am Jim and Carol Welter ☩

Friday, March 31

6:30 am Frank Hahn ☩

8:30 am Living and Deceased Members
of the Tony Biondini Family
(DePaul Gym)

Saturday, April 1

6:30 am John Moore Family

5:00 pm Harold Siebert ☩

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

7:30 am Greg Swoboda ☩

9:00 am Montey Grimes ☩

10:45 am St. Vincent de Paul Parish Family

3:00 pm Poor Souls in Purgatory ☩
(Bilingual)

• Prayer Requests •

Please remember **Susan Ayers**, the sick, the hospitalized, and those who care for them. Pray also for homebound St. Vincent parishioners.

NDRHS Spring Musical

Notre Dame Regional High School presents Disney's The Little Mermaid. Performances will be held on **March 30, March 31, April 1, and April 2**. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday shows will begin at 7:00 p.m., while the Sunday performance will be a family friendly matinee beginning at 3:00 p.m. Doors will open at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday for face painting. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at www.notredamehighschool.org/musical.

Based on one of Hans Christian Andersen's most beloved stories and the classic animated film, Disney's The Little Mermaid will capture your heart with its irresistible songs, including "Under the Sea," "Kiss the Girl," and "Part of Your World."

When Jesus heard about the illness of His friend, Lazarus, He responded, "This illness is not to end in death; rather it is for God's glory, that through it the Son of God may be glorified." Every aspect of our lives — our gifts as well as our sufferings — can, if surrendered to Christ, lead to blessing for others and ourselves.

Reconciliation During Lent

"Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel!" During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at various times each week. Take advantage of these blessed encounters with the Forgiving Father!

- Every Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
On March 29, Father John Braun will be available.
- Every Friday from 12:00 - 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.
- Every Saturday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

You may also make an appointment if these times are not good for you.

Attention: Catholic Men

You are invited to the Southeast Missouri

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT
Men Meeting Jesus

Wednesday, March 29 • 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

St. Denis • Benton, Missouri

An evening of Adoration, Confession, and a Manly Meal with discussion
To plan for food, please RSVP to SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com,
or "SEMO Catholic Man Night" on Facebook or text 573-275-5214.

Special Lenten Meditation and Evening for Women

You are invited to attend a Special Lenten Meditation and Evening for Women on Friday, **March 31, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.** at St. Denis Catholic Church, Benton, Missouri. Pray the Stations of the Cross through the eyes of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. Refreshments and a social gathering will be held after Stations in the parish center. Women of all faiths are invited.

Lenten Fish Fry

The St. Vincent's Men's Association will sponsor a Catfish Dinner each Friday during Lent from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. The meal includes fresh American pond raised catfish, "Todt cole slaw," "Koehler famous hush puppies," sides, dessert and drink. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$7 for children, and ages 7 and under eat free. Carryouts are available.

Each week during Lent, the Circle Leaders of the Women's Council will contact parishioners to donate desserts for the Friday Fish Dinner. If you have never been called and would like to bring a dessert on Friday, March 31, please contact one of the following: Jill Janet (573-270-0174), Jan Kelley (573-576-4981), or Carol Glueck (573-225-8473).

May She Rest in Peace

Sympathy is extended to the family of

Leona Butler, former member of the St. Vincent de Paul Parish family.

*May she and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



Stations of the Cross - A Beautiful Tradition

The Stations of the Cross are images of stories about the passion and death of Jesus Christ. Most of the stories which make up the Stations were drawn from Scripture, and others, such as Saint Veronica wiping the face of Jesus, were taken from tradition. The route traditionally held to have been taken by Jesus to his death at Calvary (Golgotha) in Jerusalem is called the Via Dolorosa or the Sorrowful Way. The Stations were erected in local churches as a way of bringing this prayerful experience to those who could not travel to Jerusalem.



Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the church every Friday during Lent at 5:00 in Spanish and at 6:15 p.m. in English. Stations are also celebrated by the school children on most Wednesday afternoons at 2:00 p.m. Please join in this devotional prayer and make it a part of your Lenten journey.

Chrism Mass

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Annunciation

The **Mass of Chrism** is celebrated on Tuesday evening, **April 4, 2023**, at St. Mary Cathedral beginning at 7:00 p.m. During the Mass, the bishop and priests renew their commitment of service to God's people and olive oil is blessed for the sacramental celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick, and Ordination. All are invited.



Holy Thursday Pilgrimage to SEVEN Churches

April 6, 2023
8 PM-Midnight

A time for Adoration and prayer:
Reflect on the "seven stations" between
the Last Supper and Jesus' Crucifixion.

Look for more information in next week's bulletin.

Beatitude Boxes / Bags

During the season of Lent, the parishioners of St. Vincent were invited to collect food and paper items for distribution to the needy. **Beatitude Boxes** are be filled with specific food items and **Beatitude Bags** are filled with specific paper products. **Please return the items to the designated boxes in the gathering area no later than Friday, April 7.**

• The Week Ahead •

Monday, March 27

6:30 pm Parish Lenten Mission

Tuesday, March 28

6:00 pm Tuesday Evening Bible Study

6:30 pm Parish Lenten Mission

Wednesday, March 29

8:00 am Ugly Quilt Ministry
(8:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Wednesday Morning Bible Study

2:00 pm SVS Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Holy Hour

6:00 pm Parish School of Religion

6:30 pm Parish Lenten Mission

Thursday, March 30

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 - 11:00 am)

9:00 am Thursday Women's Bible Study

1:00 pm Thursday Afternoon Bible Study

5:00 pm School Board

5:30 pm Centering Prayer

Friday, March 31

12:00 pm Reconciliation

5:00 pm Lenten Fish Fry

5:00 pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

6:15 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00 pm Reconciliation

Saturday, April 1

9:00 am Maxine's Shareable Wearables
(9:00 - 12:00 noon)

3:30 pm Reconciliation

Sunday, April 2

9:00 am Children's Liturgy



Readings - April 2, 2023

Matthew 21:1-11

Isaiah 50:4-7 • Philippians 2:6-11

Matthew 25:14-27:66

????????????? GUESS WHO!

March 19 Answer: Deacon Rob Huff's favorite candy is a Crunch bar and he will celebrate his birthday on April 2. Happy Birthday Deacon Rob!

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Journey through Lent with Covenant Network Catholic radio as your daily companion. Excellence in broadcasting combined with the Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other devotions will help keep you focused on a fruitful Lenten season. There will be special Lenten programming throughout the season to help you on your Lenten journey. Tune in to 94.3 FM or listen anytime on our Covenant Network app or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org/good-Friday.

Parish Easter Egg Hunt



To celebrate the season of Easter, an Egg Hunt will be held for parish children on **Easter Sunday, April 9**, between the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses (approximately 9:45 a.m.). The hunt will take place on the fields behind Church. For more information, contact the parish office.

save the date

• RESTORE •

*A Day of Formation for Those
Called to Pray with Others for Healing*

Saturday, April 29, 2023

When pain, suffering, and sickness are overwhelming, everyone needs help with being **Restored**. Come see how God, our Heavenly Father, can surround each person with the mercy and grace of healing power. Learn how to access the grace to pray for others with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Allow yourself to really believe Sacred Scripture when it says: "I have heard your prayer; I have seen your tears. Now I am healing you." [2 Kings 20:5]

Please join the St. Raphael Prayer Ministry from St. Vincent de Paul Parish, Cape Girardeau, in this daylong workshop on **Saturday, April 29, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** More information to follow.

**"PROCLAIM A HOLY FAST! CALL AN ASSEMBLY!
GATHER THE ELDERS, ALL WHO DWELL IN THE LAND,
TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, YOUR GOD,
AND CRY OUT TO THE LORD!" JOEL 1:14**

Parish Fast

**EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
PARISH FAST AND PRAYER**

ROSARY & CHAPLET 6:15 P.M. • ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Guidelines for Fasting/Abstinence during Lent

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. **Fasting** is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for ages 18 - 59 (inclusive). The Church defines fasting as one meal a day, and two smaller meals which if added together would not exceed the main meal, as well as no eating between meals.

Note: If a person is unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial suitable to their condition.

Uncover the Secrets to a Lasting, Supportive, Transformational Marriage!

For more than 50 years, Worldwide Marriage Encounter has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the "I do." The Marriage Encounter experience helps you listen, share, and connect more deeply. There's no group discussion. It's just about the two of you learning to be the best, most loving and thriving couple you can be.

All married couples in the diocese are invited to attend the next retreat weekend being offered on **May 5-7, 2023**, at the Drury Plaza Hotel in Cape Girardeau! Register at <https://wwme.org/>.



Look What's Happening with St. Vincent Stewardship and Service

St. Vincent's monthly community meal, Vincent's Vittles, feeds more than 100 community members and parishioners each month. When you attend, you get to know great members of the community like Judy, Jack, Dave, Jerry, and more who look forward to enjoying a warm, nutritious meal. Thanks to all the groups who volunteer to host the meal and for their service in preparing, serving, and greeting the guests. ~~New this year will be a community meal offered in December!~~ Would you like to help with this **great** service opportunity?? If so, contact Deacon Mark at the parish office.

• Holy Week Schedule •

Tuesday, April 4

Chrism Mass • 7:00 p.m.
Blessing of Oils and Priests'
Renewal of Commitment
St. Mary Cathedral

"Spy" Wednesday, April 5

Confessions "on the hour"
12:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Please note there will be no scheduled confession times during the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday.

Holy Thursday, April 6

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper
7:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration
9:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Good Friday, April 7

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m.
Passion of the Lord • 12:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord (Bilingual)
3:00 p.m.
Passion of the Lord • 7:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 8

Morning Prayer • 9:00 a.m.
Easter Vigil Mass • 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 9

Easter Masses
6:30 a.m. • 8:30 a.m. • 10:30 a.m.
3:00 p.m. (Bilingual)



Welcome to St. Vincent de Paul

If you would like to register for the parish, change your address, or simply have questions, please fill out the form and place it in the collection basket. You may also mail it to the parish office at 1913 Ritter Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Please free to contact parish office staff anytime during regular office hours, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. You may email the parish office at contactus@svparish or call 335-7667. A parish registration form is available at <http://www.svcape.com/Parish/>.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- ☐ I am new to Cape Girardeau. ☐ I am new to St. Vincent de Paul Parish.
☐ I have been attending St. Vincent Parish and would like to register as a member.
☐ I would like to learn more about the Catholic faith. ☐ Please change my address to the one shown above.
☐ I would like to register my child/children for Parish School of Religion. ☐ I would like to sign up for Faith Direct.

Celebrating the Sacraments Celebrando los Sacramentos

Marriage: Please contact the parish office at least **six months** in advance. (If you have been married before, an annulment may need to be done first.)

Matrimonio: Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial por lo menos con **seis meses** de antelación. (Si usted ha estado casado antes, una anulación del matrimonio puede necesitar ser hecha primero.)

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Baptism: Your family needs to be registered in the parish for three months prior to the baptism. It is necessary to schedule baptismal preparation classes six weeks prior to your child's baptism. Taking the baptism class prior to birth is encouraged! Contact Deacon Mark at the parish office (573-335-7667).

Bautismo: Es un requisito ser inscritos en la parroquia por lo menos 3 meses antes de bautizar. También los padres tienen que celebrar la santa misa cada fin de semana. La clase de preparación para el bautismo para padres y padrinos es cada último lunes del mes. Favor de comunicarse con Padre Rick una semana antes al 573-335-7667.

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Anointing of the Sick: If you are going to the hospital for a planned surgery, please call the parish office so this Sacrament can be celebrated with you.

Unción de los enfermos: Si usted va al hospital para una cirugía planificada, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para que este Sacramento pueda ser celebrado con usted.

Employment Opportunities

Teaching Positions - St. Vincent de Paul School, Cape Girardeau, is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year for the following positions: **Second Grade Teacher** and **Early Childhood Educator**. Applicants should have current Missouri teaching certification. Preference will be given to practicing Catholics. Interested applicants should send a completed application to Kay Glastetter at St. Vincent de Paul School. Applications may be found on the Diocesan website: dioscg.org, by calling the St. Vincent School Office at 573-334-9594, or by emailing kglastetter@svcape.eduk12.net.

In-Home Care - A St. Vincent de Paul parishioner is in need of in-home care for evenings and some weekends. For more information, please call the St. Vincent Parish office at 573-335-7667.

Teaching Positions - St. Francis Xavier Catholic School, Sikeston, is now accepting full and part-time teaching applications for the 2023-2024 school year. To request an application, including a detailed job description, please email Barb Tomaszewski at principal@stfxsikeston.org or call the school office at 573-471-0841.

Part Time Custodian - Notre Dame Regional High School is seeking a dedicated individual to join their custodial team. The custodian is responsible for daily routine maintenance. This part-time position is for afternoon and early evening hours. Salary is \$12/hour. To apply, please contact Scott Wilson at 573-335-6772, ext. 415. Find a complete job listing online at www.notredamehighschool.org/jobopenings.

Bus Driver - Notre Dame Regional High School is seeking a reliable and experienced high school bus driver to transport students, teachers and staff to and from various school events. The successful candidate will ensure the safety of passengers and adhere to all traffic laws and regulations. This is a part-time position with a flexible schedule based on event needs. Salary is \$15/hour. If you meet the qualifications and are interested in this opportunity, please submit your resume and cover letter for consideration to Jeff Graviett at jeffgraviett@notredamecape.org. Find a complete job listing online at www.notredamehighschool.org/jobopenings.

Youth and Family Director - Immaculate Conception Parish, Jackson, is currently accepting applications for a Youth and Family Director. Applicant must be a practicing Catholic. This position offers competitive pay and benefits. Interested applicants should contact Father Randy Tochtrop at 573-243-3182 or pastor@icjacksonmo.com.

Low-Gluten Hosts for Holy Communion

Low-gluten communion hosts are available at all weekend liturgies to those suffering from Celiac Sprue disease. The hosts, made by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Clyde, Missouri, contain 0.01% wheat gluten. They are accepted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/celiac-disease-and-alcohol-intolerance.cfm>), and are recommended by the journal *Gluten-Free Living* as "perfectly safe" for sufferers of Celiac Sprue disease (Vol. 9, no. 1). The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau has approved these low-gluten altar breads for use in the Diocese. During a weekend Mass, the minister having the consecrated low-gluten hosts will be in the **center aisle** on the **left side**. When you approach this minister, just indicate that you need one of these consecrated hosts.

This Week at Home

True Justice

Monday, March 27

Daily news sources regularly report stories of innocent people wrongly imprisoned. Seeking exoneration for the wrongfully convicted is the life work of many people committed to truth and justice. Today's Scripture stories remind us that this sin has repeated itself across the centuries. One of the corporal works of mercy urges care for the imprisoned. How are you called to a deeper awareness of the need for an unbiased criminal justice system? *Today's readings: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62; Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; John 8:1-11.*

Not Alone

Tuesday, March 28

Patience runs thin in today's Scripture readings. The Israelites complain with weariness on their sojourn to the Promised Land. The Pharisees of Jerusalem shudder in exasperation at the words of Jesus. Jesus offers a message of assurance in response, "The one who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone." No matter our frustration or lack of understanding, God remains steadfast and close to us. When impatience flares, try this antidote: take five deep breaths, recall God's nearness, and then respond. *Today's readings: Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21; John 8:21-30.*

Keep Holy the Lord's Name

Wednesday, March 29

There is a beloved *VeggieTales* episode recounting the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's trust in God's faithfulness in the face of King Nebuchadnezzar and the fiery furnace. These trusting servants of God stand in the fire and sing with one voice to God, "Blessed is your holy and glorious name, praiseworthy and exalted above all for all ages" (Daniel 3:52). They provide a poignant model of trust in God and reverence for God's holy name. Pay attention to your use of the Lord's name today. Are there instances when you do not honor the name of the Lord in your speech? *Today's readings: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Daniel 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; John 8:31-42.*

Remain Steadfast

Thursday, March 30

As Holy Week draws near, the promises made to the faithful through the covenant with Abraham echo stronger in our daily Scriptures. Jesus faces threats from all sides and the psalmist assures us that the Lord "remembers forever his covenant" (Psalm 105:8). We are close to the end of our Lenten journey. God has constantly communicated his desire to be close to us. Have you responded with faithfulness to your Lenten intentions? *Today's readings: Genesis 17:3-9; Psalm 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; John 8:51-59.*

The Lord, Our Strength

Friday, March 31

The prophet Jeremiah, the psalmist, and Jesus all face threats and enemy attacks. Yet all three readings echo trust in God's mantle of protection and steadfast faithfulness. They provide a powerful reminder for us that God is near in times of great distress. *Today's readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7; John 10:31-42.*

Swell in God

Saturday, April 1

The promises of the prophet Ezekiel are a source of hope for the faithful across all generations. Ezekiel delivers the assurance of God, "My dwelling shall be with them; I will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Ezekiel 37:27). The enemies of Jesus circle in close and the Scriptures remind us that God is even closer, "like a shepherd guarding his flock" (Jeremiah 31:10). Holy Week begins tomorrow. Make plans to accompany Jesus through the solemn remembrances of his journey from suffering to resurrection. *Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:21-28; Jeremiah 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13; John 11:45-56.*

Sunday, March 26

Do You Believe This?

Today's readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14; Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45. The readings from the Gospel of John proclaimed on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent are explicitly tied to the scrutiny rites celebrated with those preparing for baptism at Easter. Throughout Lent, the assembly participates in these rites that are part of the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. The assembly, too, benefits spiritually as all pray that the candidates be enlightened with a deeper knowledge of Christ and purified from anything that blocks their full assent of belief. Those seeking baptism are preparing to approach the font and make a profession of faith in front of the community. Simultaneously, the rest of us are preparing to renew our baptismal promises with full hearts.

These Gospel accounts guide us so that we may hear and believe (like the Samaritan woman), see and believe (like the man born blind), and finally believe without proof (like Martha, Mary, and Lazarus). In each of these Gospels, Jesus reveals his true identity. They culminate in the exchange between Jesus and Martha on the road to Bethany. Jesus proclaims to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25) and then asks Martha, "Do you believe this?"

This final week of Lent invites us to join those preparing for baptism in prayer and reflection. Are you ready to affirm with Martha: "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world" (John 11:27)?

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