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Fourth Sunday of Lent



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Make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Baptism

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements.

Confessions

Saturday 5:30-6:30 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

Visits to the Sick

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend

Saturday Vigil

7:00pm Spanish (organ & cantor)

Sunday

8:00am English (organ & cantor)
9:30am Spanish (organ & cantor)
11:30am English (organ & cantor)
1:30pm Vietnamese (keyboard & choir)

Weekdays

Monday - Friday

8:30am Spanish 12:00pm English

Thursday & Saturday

7:45am Vietnamese

2 PRAYER AND WORSHIP

MARCH 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Felix Antonio Hernandez,
Maria Olinda Ramirez,
Keren Hernandez, Juan
Bautista Hernandez (D),
Elisa Reyes & Epifanio
Mañon (D)

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Petronila Sosa de
Gonzalez, Teofilo
Gonzalez Sosa & Ezequiel
Gonzalez Acevedo (D) (D)

12:00 p.m. Adlai Torres (D)

Wednesday, March 18

8:30 a.m. Elpidia Gonzalez Sosa,
Cristobal Gonzalez Sosa,
Ermogenes Gonzalez
Sosa (D), Guarrionex
Polanco Espinal, Ana Mara
Espinal (D)

12:00 p.m. Ulises Francisco Aquino
Sterling (D), Regino
Figura Sr (D)-40 days

Thursday, March 19

8:30 am Nancy Margarita Perez (D)
- 1er Anni, Ramona
Altagracia Vega (D),
William Antonio Bank (D),
Jose Flores & Odulia
Muñoz (D)

12:00 p.m. San Rafael, God
Almighty, Holy Spirit, San
Miguel, Antigua Nuñez
Holy Trinity

Friday, March 20

8:30 a.m. Maria Tereza Alvarez &
Ramon Garcia (D), Celeste
Sanchez & Baldemiro
Guzman (D)

12:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

7:45 a.m. Phero Mi & Isave Day (D)

7:00 p.m. Ramon Marte (D), Ana
Cristina Guzman (D),
Manuel Herrera Soto &
Ofelia Soto (D), Juan
Caban & Sara Vele (D),
Guarionex Mercedes (D),
Wally Dominguez,
Florinda Cabrera (D), Juan
Pimentel (D), Francisco
Roldan (D)

Sunday, March 22

8:00 a.m. People of SNT,
9:30 a.m. Henry Thomas
Guzman (D), Manuel
Barbecho, Rosa
Barbecho (D), Lilian
Morcelo Jesurum, Joaquin
Seguro (D)
11:30 am Anthony Burnett (D)
1:30 pm Maria Hanh (D)

READINGS

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of
oil in hand,
anointed David in the
presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the
spirit of the LORD rushed
upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there
is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you
light.” (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the
saliva,
and smeared the clay on his
eyes, and said to him,
“Go wash in the Pool of
Siloam” — which means Sent
— .
So he went and washed, and
came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-
7)

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Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

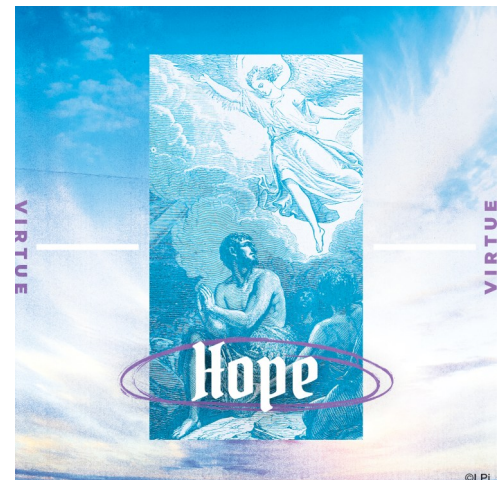
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



4th Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.
— *Father John Muir*

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- 21-Sep NY -Rome
- 22-Sep Parish of St. Aurea in Ostia, Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls
- 23-Sep Audience with Pope, St. Peter and St. Augustine Basilica, P. Navonna & Trevi
- 24-Sep Bas. of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Roccaponera, St. Rita of Cascia Basilica
- 25-Sep St. Rita of Cascia Convent, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and St. Carlo Acutis
- 26-Sep St. Mary of Angels (Porziuncula), St. Gimignano
- 27-Sep Holy Cross, Di Santo Spirito and St. Mary the Fiore Basilica. Piazza de la Repubblica, Porcellino market and Ponte Vecchio
- 28-Sep San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro (skeletal remains of St. Augustine), Certosa di Pavia
- 29-Sep Cassago Brianza
- 30-Sep Duomo, St Ambrosio Basilica and Saint Lawrence Maggiore Parish.
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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

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