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WELCOME TO DIVINE MERCY PARISH

We are a Welcoming Community that
Inspires Disciples of Jesus to Share God's
Love & Transform the World.



JOHN 9: 1-41

Today is traditionally called "Laetare Sunday," a name derived from the first words of the proper entrance antiphon, "Rejoice, Jerusalem."

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

cf. Isaiah 66:10—11

10 a.m.

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

cf. Psalm 25(24):15–16

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY

Today is traditional known as Laetare Sunday. This Latin word, pronounced lay-TAR-ray, means “rejoice.” Even during Lent, we remain a joyful people, for we believe that God loves us despite our sinfulness, loves us so much that Jesus Christ sacrificed himself so that we may be redeemed and born into eternal life. Today on Laetare (“Rejoice”) Sunday, we anticipate the joy we will feel on Easter. Let us give thanks to God for the grace and mercy we have regularly received and trust we will continue to receive throughout our lives.

There are many kinds of blindness. We can be blind to the gifts in our own lives, blind to the hurt we unintentionally cause others, and blind to the injustice all around us. We see in today's Gospel that vision can come with a price: the man born blind is expelled from the synagogue because he speaks, without fear, the truth he knows in his heart: that Jesus has healed his eyes, and that only through God could this have come to be.

THE ORDER OF MASS

PRELUDE

Rejoice, Jerusalem

LAETARE, JERUSALEM

K. Macek, Paul Tate

We join our voices together as we sing the Entrance Hymn.

ENTRANCE HYMN

REJOICE, JERUSALEM

ST. THOMAS

1. Re - joice, Jer - u - sa - lem, re - joice all who love
 2. You — who now mourn re - joice, re - joice with-in your
 3. Let us go to the house of the Lord, Jer - u - sa - lem our

her. Be joy - ful and ex - ult. Re -
 hearts. Be sat - is - fied and ex - ult. Re -
 home. Re - joice Jer - u - sa - lem, re - joice. Re -

joyce Jer - u - sa - lem.
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 joyce Jer - u - sa - lem.

4:30 p.m.

ENTRANCE SONG

LORD GOD, YOU LOVE US

Lord God, you love us, source of com - pas - sion.
 Toi, tu nous ai - mes, sour - ce de vie.

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 Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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SIGN OF THE CROSS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **R. Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

– or – Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

– or – The Lord be with you. **R. And with your spirit.**

The Penitential Act, page 3, follows.

PENITENTIAL ACT

Following the Greeting.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, — **all strike their breast** — through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen. *The Kyrie is sung.*

Because the Gloria (Glory to God) is a festive song, during Lent it is omitted from Mass except on Solemnities.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a
Samuel anointed David to be king.

Psalms 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6
The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Ephesians 5:8–14
Rise from the dead, children of light.

John 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38
I know this much: I was blind,
but now I see.

KYRIÉ

The musical notation for the Kyrie is presented in three systems. Each system has two staves: the top staff is for the Cantor and the bottom staff is for the All. The music is in 4/4 time and G-clef. The lyrics are written below the staves, with dashed lines indicating the melody for the Cantor and the All. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son. Lord, have mer - cy. Chri - ste, e - le - i - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ed Bolduc
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COLLECT

O God, who through your Word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way, grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

Please be seated after the prayer.

COLLECT 10 a.m.

Almighty ever-living God, give to your Church an increase in spiritual joy, so that those once born of earth may be reborn as citizens of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

Please be seated after the prayer.

A time of sacred silence gives us the opportunity to reflect on the words proclaimed in our presence. Our sacred silence is integral to full, conscious, active participation in the liturgy.

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

COMMENTARY

The Gospel of John's dramatic ninth chapter describes the healing of the blind man and the range of responses to it. The stuff of the miracle is spittle, mud, and the fingers of Jesus, the first two the images of messiness and the stuff of folkloric healing, but both transformed by the humanity of Jesus and the power of his outstretched hand that reveals the creative work of God (e.g., Deut 26:8) as incarnate and continuing in him. The blind man, however, must also do his part, must obey Jesus, the Sent One (see John 7:28-29; 10:36; 12:44-45) and go to the Pool of Siloam (which means "sent") to wash his eyes. Then the blind man will see and himself become a *sent* one, a witness to what has happened to him not merely physically, but also because the eyes of his spirit have been opened to the truth of Jesus.

The healed man immediately becomes the center of attention and controversy, yet he remains steadfast in his witness to Jesus as the one who healed him, and secure in his identity as the one "born-blind" but now re-created and seeing. A cast of players appears on stage: neighbors, Pharisees, parents. The man's witness to Jesus is the cause of division among the religious leaders, those supposed to be insightful but blind to the truth about Jesus. Like the Pharisees with their Sabbath myopia, we can misjudge others because of our ingrained religious prejudices; like the man's parents, we can be too frightened to get involved in any controversy, especially with a powerful yet unjust authority. There is so much finger-pointing in this gospel, so much accusation of sinfulness. The man born blind, his parents, and Jesus himself are all accused by Jesus's opponents. Abandoned by his neighbors, rejected by his parents, driven away by the Pharisees, the once-blind man is found again by Jesus in the last few verses.

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The Lord said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is here before him." But the Lord said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The Lord said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" 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.

We pause for a moment of sacred silence.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6

Within the book of Psalms there are many places that use the imagery of a shepherd and sheep. In today's psalm we hear ourselves proclaimed as "the people [God] shepherds, the flock he guides." In the most beloved psalm about God as a shepherd (Psalm 23), we are told how we are cared for by the Lord: "In green pastures he makes me lie down; to still waters he leads me; he restores my soul" (23:2-3; NABRE). This is the same shepherd who produces water from a rock to satisfy the thirst of the Israelites on their

REFRAIN



Psalm Verses sung by the music ministry.

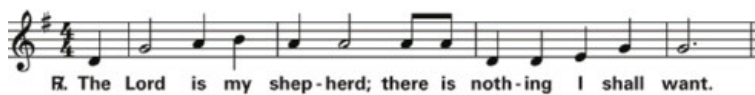
In pastures green I lie down, there God gives me rest. Lead me to safe waters; Lord, you are my strength. You will guide me to the straight path, your name will be my shield; my shepherd, my Lord, my God. **R.**

Through trials and tribulations, the Lord will be my peace. Though darkness falls around me, the Lord alone can save. Your rod and staff shall give me courage, your promise is my comfort. In you, Lord, I place all my trust. **R.**

A banquet lies before me, my enemies cast down. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. God's love and goodness will pursue me, all the days of my life. In God's house I dwell evermore. **R.**

Terrence Colopy
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4:30 p.m.



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SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but every-thing exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

We pause for a moment of sacred silence.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Please stand.

Mass of St. Mary Magdalene
Sarah Hart



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Verse sung by the music ministry.

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **R.***

John 8:12

4:30 p.m.



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4:30 p.m.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul. **R.**

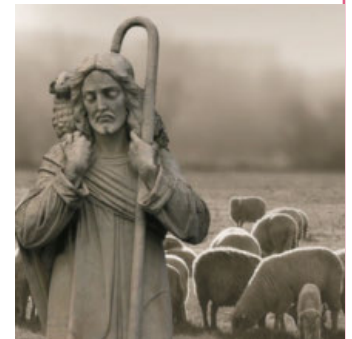
He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage. **R.**

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. **R.**

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come. **R.**

COMMENTARY ON THE PSALM

Shepherds were not people of prominence in the ancient world; shepherding was dirty, smelly, humble work. It would not have been immediately obvious that identifying God as a shepherd was a form of praise. Like our other readings, this psalm is about defying expectations; the shepherd here provides such tender care that gratitude spills forth as praise. This psalm can sometimes feel mind-numbingly familiar. When was the last time you really tried to pray with it? Spend some time with it this week and ask God to make it new for you.



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In the absence of Jesus, he has clung to the strange new experience of light. Just as the Samaritan woman in last week's gospel reading progressively named Jesus with greater insight as her faith in him grew, so with this man. From simply knowing him as Jesus (v.11), he calls him a prophet (v. 17) and then proclaims that he comes from God (v. 33). As always, Jesus seeks out the abandoned one and finds him in the temple. When Jesus reveals his identity, the man makes his profession of faith: "I do believe, Lord." And he worships this Son of Man.

This gospel challenges us, as individuals and communities, to examine how we see with the eyes of faith and whether we are willfully blind to the Sent One, turning away from the Light of the World.

QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- What are our contemporary blindnesses?
- Are we more interested in sin than in grace?
- Are we brave enough to accept being sometimes ostracized by others when we choose to walk in the light of Christ rather than stumble away from him along our complacent, selfish, and socially pressurized paths of darkness?

ON THE JOURNEY

Today we should take stock of how far we've come or how much we've done in our Lenten journey.

How have we brought the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to bear over these past weeks?

INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

Within today's gospel Jesus encounters both spiritual and physical blindness. In healing the man born blind, he gains a follower, while also deepening the animosity of the Pharisees who attribute his willingness to heal on the Sabbath to the actions of a sinner. Blinded by their fear and rigid interpretation of the law, the Pharisees are not able to see the man right in front of them for who he truly is: the Lord, the one who fulfills the prophecies of Isaiah by opening the eyes of the blind

GOSPEL PROCLAMATION

John 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

A ☩ proclamation from the holy Gospel according to John

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. 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.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ.

Please be seated after the proclamation.

HOMILY

THE SECOND SCRUTINY

10 a.m.

Invitation
Intercessions for the Elect
Prayer for the Elect
Laying on of Hands
Dismissal of the Elect

DISMISSAL SONG

Together we sing.



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Omit at 10 a.m.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, (*bow*) who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, (*stand*) suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

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UNIVERSAL PRAYER

R. Lord, hear our prayer.

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OFFERTORY ANTIPHON

Give light to my eyes lest I fall asleep in death; lest my enemy say, "I have overcome him."

John 4:13-14

REFLECTION

In today's first reading, David, the youngest son of Jesse, seems an unlikely choice for a king as opposed to all his mature, highly qualified brothers. At least he seems unlikely by human standards. But God knows best how to make decisions for the well-being of the Chosen People. Clearly God's ways are not ours. What's more, not by chance is David a shepherd! Many centuries later, Jesus too will call himself a shepherd, demonstrating that his mission is grounded in tenderness and compassion. The much-beloved Psalm 23 is a fitting prayer-hymn for today. Although God is described as "my shepherd" (Ps 23:1), making the psalm a personal prayer, the task of the shepherd, and of Jesus himself, is to take care of the whole flock, the entire people of God. The Lord is portrayed as one who tenderly cares for the sheep, feeding and protecting them all the days of their lives.

In his Letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses the theme of darkness and light to draw a contrast between a life that is "pleasing to the Lord" and a life of "fruitless works of darkness" (Eph 5:10-11). Paul tells the believers that the light that enables them to live in goodness and truth comes from the Lord. This reading prepares us to hear the healing story of the man born blind, which also contrasts the darkness of unbelief with the light of knowing and believing in the Son of Man.

Just as, in last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus relieved the woman's thirst with living water, today he gives the man born blind his sight and the light of faith. In these stories (and also in next week's story), God works through Jesus to transform the human condition, bringing healing for body and spirit. Many witness his works—the crowds and the religious leaders but not all come to faith.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

TURN OUR HEARTS AROUND

T. Thomson

THE TRIDUUM THE THREE GREAT DAYS

The summit of the Liturgical Year is the Easter Triduum—from the evening of Holy Thursday to the evening of Easter Sunday.

Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery.

The single celebration of the Triduum marks the end of the Lenten season and leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil (April 8).

The liturgies that take place during the Triduum are:

APRIL 6—HOLY THURSDAY

SACRED HEART

☞ 9 a.m., Morning Prayer,

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

☞ 6:30 p.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

☞ 7:30 p.m.

Adoration of the Reposed Sacrament

☞ 8 p.m., Night Prayer

APRIL 7—GOOD FRIDAY

SACRED HEART

☞ 9 a.m., Morning Prayer,

☞ 6 p.m., Mary's Way of the Cross

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

☞ 3 p.m., Good Friday of the Lord's Passion

APRIL 8—HOLY SATURDAY

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

☞ 9 a.m., Morning Prayer

☞ 12 Noon, Blessing of Easter Food
There is no 5 p.m. Mass.

SACRED HEART

☞ 8 p.m., The Great Vigil of Easter

APRIL 9—EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

☞ 9 a.m., St. Philip

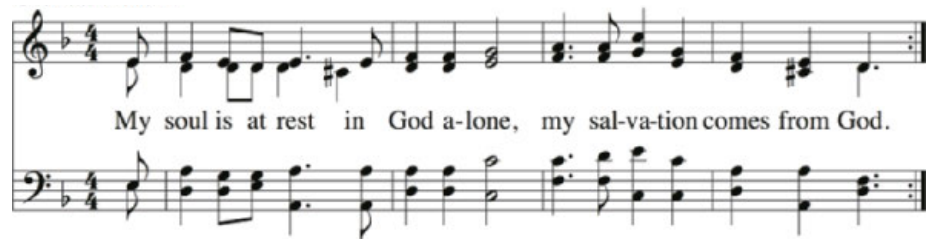
☞ 9 a.m., Sacred Heart

☞ 10:30 a.m., Sacred Heart

There is no 4:30 p.m. Mass.

4:30 p.m. OFFERTORY SONG

MY SOUL IS AT REST



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INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Grateful for the gift of light entrusted to us at Baptism, we offer our great prayer of thanksgiving.

Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father. *Please stand.*

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for the salvation of all the world. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

10 a.m.

We place before you with joy these offerings, which bring eternal remedy, O Lord, praying that we may both faithfully revere them and present them to you, as is fitting, for those who seek salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PREFACE DIALOG & PREFACE

(The Man Born Blind)

The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **R. It is right and just.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. By the mystery of the Incarnation, he has led the human race that walked in darkness into the radiance of the faith and has brought those born in slavery to ancient sin through the waters of regeneration to make them your adopted children. Therefore, all creatures of heaven and earth sing a new song in adoration, and we, with all the host of Angels, cry out, and without end acclaim:

The Preface Acclamation, next page, (Holy) concludes the Preface.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

9.

PREFACE ACCLAMATION (HOLY)

Together we sing.

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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After the acclamation, please kneel.

MYSTERY OF FAITH

Together we sing.

Save us, Sav - ior of the world, for by your Cross and
Res - ur - rec - tion you have set us free.

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DOXOLOGY AND GREAT AMEN

Together we sing.

Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, for ever and ever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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After the acclamation, please stand.

PROMPTS FOR FAITH-SHARING

- Where might there be a pocket of blindness in your own life? How could you invite God in to heal it?
- What are your real values in life—where do you *really* spend your time, attention, energy, and money? Do any of these conflict with who you profess to be?
- Does anything about God's work in these readings make you uncomfortable? How might that be a call to action?

LENTEN PRAYERS

Throughout the season of Lent our Elect prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil, 8 p.m., April 8. It is our privilege to remember Miles and Marley Lyons as well as their godfather, Robert, in our prayers.

We also remember our students preparing for their First Reconciliation, March 14, and our Candidates for First Eucharist at Masses on May 13.

Pray for our Candidates for Confirmation, celebrated, Tuesday, March 21, 5:30 p.m. with the Most Rev. Robert Casey, Vicar General and Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago, presider.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March: **For victims of abuse**—We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.



Because March 19 falls on a Sunday this year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St. Joseph tomorrow, Monday, March 20. Mass is celebrated at 8 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church.



The month of **March** is known as the Month of St. Joseph and is punctuated by the Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



PASTOR'S "TO THE POINT"



If you are going to be at home the weekend of Easter, I would ask you to consider joining us for the celebration of the Easter Vigil, which will begin at 8:00 p.m. on April 8 at Sacred Heart Church. It would be great if we could have as many folks from our faith community as possible at the Easter Vigil (which, by the way, satisfies the obligation of the Easter observance).

Why am I asking you to consider this?

Two young people, Miles and Miley Lyons, will be baptized, confirmed and celebrate Eucharist for the first time that night during the Easter Vigil liturgy. You know, the Vigil is specifically designed for adults who are being fully initiated into the Paschal mystery of Jesus Christ and the Roman Catholic Church.

It would be great to have as many people as possible in support of their journey of faith. I always hear wonderful comments from people who have attended an Easter Vigil where initiation takes place. They talk about being so moved at the witness of faith in those who enter the living waters of the font.

Join us at the Vigil celebration to start off the Easter season with this exciting boost to our faith!

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, ... as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

SIGN OF PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever. **R. Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with your always.

R. And with your spirit.

LAMB OF GOD

Together we sing.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

After the litany, please kneel.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

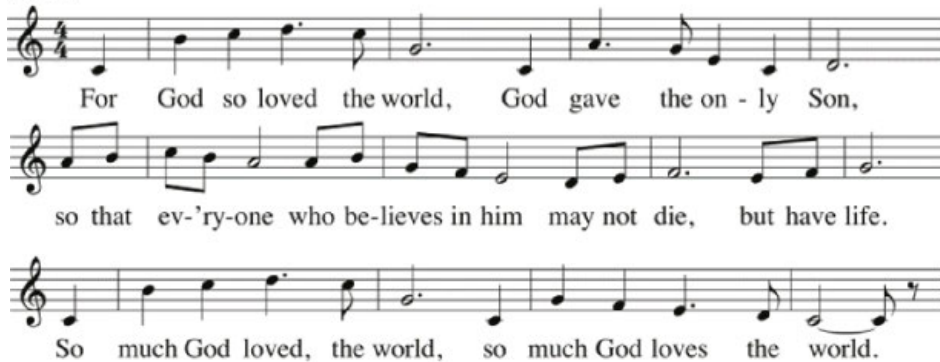
Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION SONG FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD

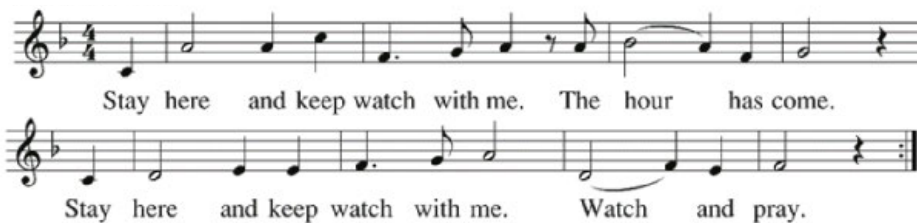
As we process to receive Holy Communion we join the music ministry in

Refrain



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4:30 p.m. COMMUNION SONG STAY HERE AND KEEP WATCH



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COMMUNION ANTIPHON

During communion we sing psalms and other songs that express our praise of the Father, our spiritual union in Christ, and our fellowship in the Holy Spirit.

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed, I saw and I believed in God.

cf. John 9:11,

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

O God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

10 a.m.

Sustain your family always in your kindness, O Lord, we pray, correct them, set them in order, graciously protect them under your rule, and in your unfailing goodness direct them along the way of salvation. Through Christ our Lord. **R. Amen.**

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

R. Amen.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR

March 19, Sunday

*The Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday*

- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry Sessions - Sacred Heart School
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. CM ALPHA - SHS Gym
- 8:45 - 9:50 a.m. Children's Ministry 8th Grade Sessions - Parish Center
- 9 a.m. Children's Ministry 7th Grade Bible Blessing Prayer Service - SH Church
- 10 a.m. Mass - The Second Scrutiny for the Elect
- 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. A Just Harvest Lunch Service - Rogers Park
- 5:15 - 7 p.m. Family Faith Connections - Parish Center
- 5:15 - 7 p.m. - Family Faith ALPHA - Parish Center

March 20, Monday

Solemnity of St. Joseph

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 3:30 p.m. Confirmation Rehearsal - Sacred Heart Church

March 21, Tuesday

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary — St. Philip
- 9:30 a.m. Crafty Ladies - JPIL Room
- 5:30 p.m. Confirmation with Bishop Casey - Sacred Heart Church, followed by a Reception in the Fireplace Room
- 6:30 p.m. ALPHA - Parish Center

March 22, Wednesday

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 9:30 a.m. ALPHA - Parish Center
- 2 p.m. Adoration — Sacred Heart
- 3 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Kolbe House Poster Party - Parish Center

March 23, Thursday

*Optional Memorial of
St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*

- 8 a.m. Mass — Sacred Heart
- 6:30 p.m. The Chosen - Parish Center

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THIS WEEK'S PARISH CALENDAR (continued)

March 24, Friday

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

- 8 a.m. Mass — St. Philip
- 8:30 a.m. Adoration & Rosary - St. Philip
- 6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross - St. Philip

March 25, Saturday

*Solemnity of the Annunciation
of the Lord*

- 7:30 a.m. Men's Inspirational Study Group - Fireplace Room
- 8:30 - 11 a.m. Tower Players Rehearsal - Parish Center
- 9 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation — Sacred Heart

March 26, Sunday

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 10 a.m. The Third Scrutiny for the Elect — Sacred Heart

*Go in peace, sharing
the light and joy of Christ.*

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BLESSING

And may the blessing of almighty God the Father, and the Son, ☩ and the Holy Spirit, come down on you and remain with you for ever. **R. Amen.**

DISMISSAL

R. Thanks be to God.

SENDING SONG

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

We sing verses 1 and 3.

Verses

1. A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His
 4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 grace my fears re - lieved; How pre - cious did that
 word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and
 sun for - bear to shine; but God, who called me

now I'm found was blind, but now I see. *To v.3*
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 here be - low, will be for - ev - er mine.

Refrain

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my
 Sav - ior has ran - somed me, and like a flood His mer - cy
 reigns; un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

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4:30 p.m.

Jacques Berthier

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.
 Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The CHOSEN

Join us on Thursday night at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center for episode 7 of Season 1 of *The Chosen* as Jesus cures the faithful who come to him. Come early for dinner! We'll watch the episode together and break into small groups to discuss. Seen it already? Watch it again and share your insights with others. It's a great way to share your faith during this Lenten season.

ANOTHER GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY! POSTER MAKING PARTY FOR THE KOLBE HOUSE PALM SUNDAY PRAYER WALK

Divine Mercy Parish will host a "Poster Making Party" on Wednesday, March 22 from 6:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Center at Sacred Heart. All ages are welcome to come to this event and help make signs that will be carried by participants during the Palm Sunday Prayer Walk hosted by Kolbe House Jail Ministry. Poster board, markers, and scripture verses will be provided.

Sign up here or scan the QR code.

This will help us set up the appropriate number of tables.

Thank you!

Questions? Contact Liz McGowen, 847-446-0856

x108, Lmcgowen@divinemercynorthshore.org.



Divine Mercy Parish Presents

Uncle Pete's Project: Items for the Homeless

5,000 new immigrants + nearly 5,000 already homeless in Chicago area means that resources serving the homeless are stretched very thin. Our parish is collecting items currently needed by the homeless.

Please place items in boxes at church entrances

March 18-19: "Undie Sunday"

New undergarments: socks, underwear, and bras

March 25-26: Toiletries

New items including toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, shampoo, hand sanitizer, soap
(especially needed: deodorant and feminine pads)

April 1-2: Coats, shoes, and boots

Coats, shoes, hiking boots, work boots, and winter boots
Items should be clean and in good repair
(especially needed: items for children between 5-12 years old)
Items will go to our community partners including A Just Harvest, St. Moses the Black, and Little Village Community Council

Amazon Wish List

**Out of town for spring break?
Want to help with sorting and delivering?
Questions?**

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for the remaining Fridays during Lent (March 24 and 31) for the Stations of the Cross, which will be held at 6:30 at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Bring the family!



PALM SUNDAY PRAYER WALK: APRIL 2ND

Kolbe House Jail Ministry is planning a Palm Sunday Prayer Walk on Sunday, April 2, at 3 pm. The event will begin and end at Kolbe House at 2434 S. California Ave. in Chicago. Participants will walk a two-mile route around the Cook County Jail complex. There will be five prayer stations along the way, praying for the jail residents, their families, and for all affected by the criminal justice system. All ages are welcome to take part in this event, and there will be family-friendly activities.

For more information, contact Liz McGowen, 847-446-0856
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DIVINE MERCY'S WOMEN'S NETWORK MARCH GATHERING

🕒 7:00-8:00 PM

📅 27TH MARCH

📍 PARISH CENTER

Come meet and welcome the new Principal of Sacred Heart School, Jodi Reuter! She begins her tenure July 1st, so here's your opportunity to get to know her before she starts!

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SPECIAL PALM SUNDAY ADORATION APRIL 2, 6PM SACRED HEART CHURCH

Give yourself the opportunity for peaceful meditation with God before his Son, present to us in the Eucharist, as we turn our focus from the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem of the morning Mass, to the Lord's Paschal Mystery, His Passion, and Resurrection this Holy Week.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

5:00 p.m. (SH) Frank & Teresa D'Astici †

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Dan Murphy †

10:00 a.m. (SH) - John O'Brien †

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Hilda J. Vicens † & Parishioners of Divine Mercy

MONDAY, MARCH 20 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - Ennio & Nuna Rossi †

TUESDAY, MARCH 21 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Danny Boy Murphy †

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22 (SH)

8:30 a.m. - Bob Erzinger †

THURSDAY, MARCH 23 (SH)

8:00 a.m. - James Murphy †

FRIDAY, MARCH 24 (SPA)

8:00 a.m. - Nancy Blair †

SATURDAY, MARCH 25 (SH)

5:00 p.m. - Hugh "Bud" Gaynor † & Parishioners of Divine Mercy

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

8:00 a.m. (SPA) - Greg Binnebose †

10:00 a.m. (SH) - Jean Marie Burns †

4:30 p.m. (SH) - Sally Bartindale †

This week, the Sanctuary Candle at Sacred Heart is in memory of Jean Marie Burns and at St. Philip, in memory of Greg Binnebose. The gifts of bread and wine are presented in memory of Sally Bartindale.

SUGGESTED DONATIONS:

Mass Intentions \$10

Sanctuary Candle \$25

Bread and Wine \$20

Easter Flower donations are now being accepted.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sacred Heart Church:

Saturdays 9:00a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

St. Philip the Apostle Church:

Wednesdays 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

with Rev. Gerald Cole.

THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE: LITURGICAL MINISTER ASSIGNMENTS

March 25, 2023

5:00 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Bob Heinz

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Minister Needed

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

March 25, 2023

8:00 a.m.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Rima Abraham

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Jim Dietz

EM: Dcn. Gerry Keenan

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

10:00 a.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. Steve Lanza

Sacristan: Ludy Mariano

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Kathy Janega

EM: Dee Hanlon

Song Leader: Jaina Alexander

4:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Presider: Fr. John Kartje

Sacristan: Minister Needed

Servers: Ministers Needed

Lector: Minister Needed

EM: Cathy Lehman

Song Leader: Miranda Farmer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

If you're available to assist in ministry for the Triduum (Holy Thursday through Easter Morning) as a server. (adults are welcome too!) contact Ron

Vanasdlen via email at:

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Training provided.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK

The following people have asked for the prayers of our parish family. Please remember them to the Lord.

Mark Agnew, Jeannie Ambrose, Michael Anderson, Loretto Berghoff, Paul Berghoff, Donald Blair, Elaine Boback, Ronald Braun, Wendy Braun, Robert Conte, Jr., John Coyne, Rich Danstrom, James Farney, Mary Beth Fellingner, Lisa Marie Franke, Ermin Garcia, Jr., Paul Greco, Benjamin Grillo, Jack Hogan, Sarah Hyde, Emily Jatis, Rick Kehrer, Ryan Kelly, Patti Kotscharjan, Donna LaCaze, Gina Quirk Lazicki, Joseph Lee, Susan Lodge, Griffin Maks, Rosaleen Mazur, Teresa McNamara, Mike McNulty, Beth O'Brien, Joan O'Donnell, Lynn Pattison, Brad Raguse, Judy Rasfeld, Kathy Sarch, Violet Vanselow, Larry White, and those written in our parish book of prayer.

If you or your loved one needs a Minister of Care or is seriously ill or near death, and in need of the Sacrament of the Sick (Last Rites), please call the parish office at 847-446-0856.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May the souls of faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Maureen Mazur

JOIN OUR ONLINE ROSARY

Meet on Zoom, weekday mornings at 7:30 a.m. See our website homepage for the link or click [here](#).

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Sacred Heart Church:

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