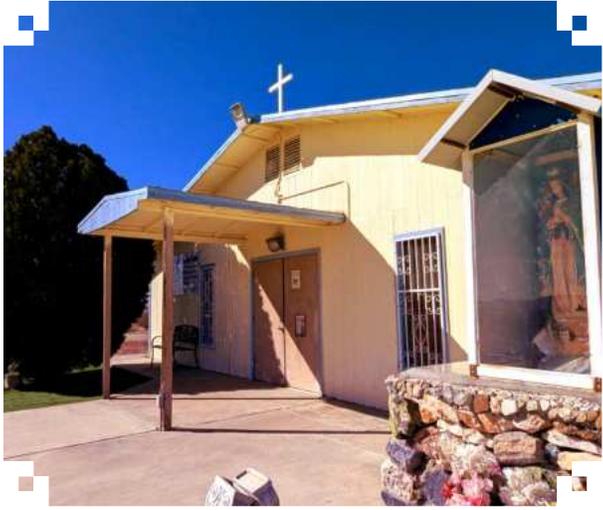


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3:20pm

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Sunday Rosary: With Litanies of the Blessed
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Inglés 4:00pm

Rosario el Domingo: Con
las Letanías de la Santísima
Virgen María— 11:00am

Misa el Domingo: Español -
11:30am

SUNDAY, March 15th, 2026



4th Sunday OF LENT

"Jesus answered, 'Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.'"
Jn 9:3

"Jesús les contestó: 'Ni éste pecó, ni sus padres, sino para que las obras de Dios se manifiesten en él' ". Jn 9,3

Reflection for FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - March 15, 2026 Year A
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 15, 2026
Tracy Earl Welliver

Readings: •1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a • Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 •Ephesians 5:8-14
•John 9:1-41 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/031526.cfm>

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

The 6 Characteristics of an Everyday Stewardship for Lent - Gracious

Vacations can be great times for refueling the body and renewing bonds within a family and between friends. No matter how good the vacation was, it is almost always good to get home when it is over.

Sleeping in our own bed, taking a shower in our own bathroom, and resting on our own couch are some of the aspects of home we can miss while on the road. That's why encountering truly gracious and hospitable people while we are away is so important. These people are not family, but they sure can provide for us a glimpse of home. They can be waiters at a restaurant, desk hosts at a hotel, or even Uber drivers. They enrich our lives if for only a moment, yet that moment can make all the difference.

When disciples of Jesus Christ act in a gracious manner to all those they meet, they provide a glimpse of home. This home is not in a house in a particular location, but it is a home prepared for all of us for eternity. No matter how comfortable we may be in our earthly homes, it truly pales in comparison to eternity with God. In that heavenly home, there is no darkness, only light. There are no tears, only joy. There is no hate, only love.

We are ambassadors for heaven by how we offer ourselves to others. Our stewardship of hospitality allows others to see a glimpse of what God promises to us. Unless we truly step up and act in a gracious manner, will those we encounter ever know the Truth? I hate it when I am on the road and fail to meet people full of joy and welcome. At least I can look forward to coming home. What do those along the way look forward to in the next life that you can't show them a glimpse of in this one?

— Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPi



LA CORRESPONSABILIDAD DIARIA - RECONOCE A DIOS EN TUS MOMENTOS ORDINARIOS

Las 6 Características de una Corresponsabilidad Diaria para la Cuaresma - La Amabilidad

Las vacaciones pueden ser un gran momento para reabastecer de combustible el cuerpo y renovar los lazos dentro de una familia y entre amigos. No importa cuán buenas hayan sido las vacaciones, casi siempre es bueno llegar a casa cuando termina. Dormir en nuestra propia cama, bañarnos en nuestro propio baño y descansar en nuestro propio sofá son algunos de los aspectos del hogar que podemos extrañar mientras viajamos. Por eso es tan importante encontrarse con personas verdaderamente amables y hospitalarias mientras estamos fuera. Estas personas no son familiares, pero pueden proporcionarnos un vistazo del hogar. Pueden ser meseros en un restaurante, recepcionistas en un hotel o incluso conductores de Uber. Enriquecen nuestras vidas, aunque solo sea por un momento, pero ese momento puede hacer toda la diferencia.

Cuando los discípulos de Jesucristo actúan de manera amable con todos los que se encuentran, brindan un vistazo del hogar. Este hogar no está en una casa en un lugar en particular, pero es el hogar preparado para todos nosotros para la eternidad. No importa cuán cómodos podamos estar en nuestros hogares terrenales, realmente palidece en comparación con la eternidad con Dios. En ese hogar celestial, no hay oscuridad, solo luz. No hay lágrimas, solo alegría. No hay odio, solo amor.

Somos embajadores del cielo por cómo nos ofrecemos a los demás. Nuestra corresponsabilidad de la hospitalidad permite que otros vean lo que Dios nos promete. A menos que realmente demos un paso adelante y actuemos de manera amable, ¿conocerán la verdad algún día aquellos que nos encontremos? Odio cuando estoy de viaje y no encuentro gente llena de alegría y bienvenida. Al menos puedo esperar volver a casa. ¿Qué esperan aquellos en el camino hacia la próxima vida que no puedan mostrar en esta? — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS © LPi

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm16:1b,6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez47:1-9,12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

2Sm7:4-5a,12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and29/Rom4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24aorLk2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn7:1-2,10, 25-30

Saturday:

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

Next Sunday:

Ez37:12-14/Ps130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

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*

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's 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)

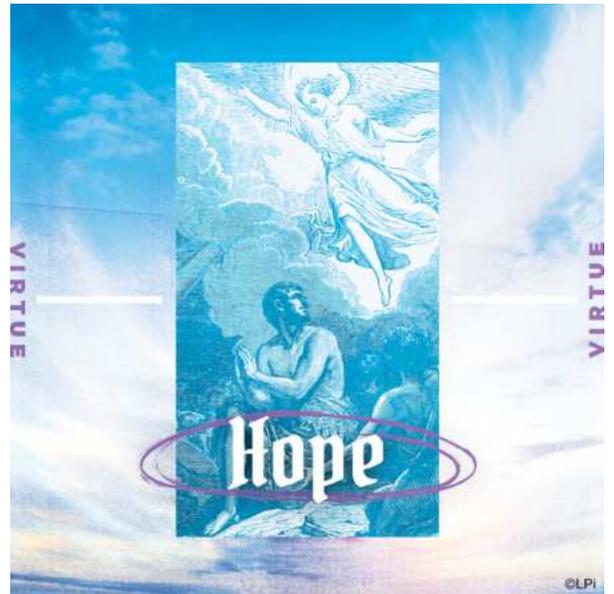
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

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?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

Idon't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that?

Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

Parish News and Events



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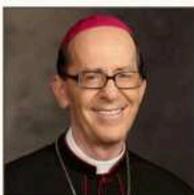
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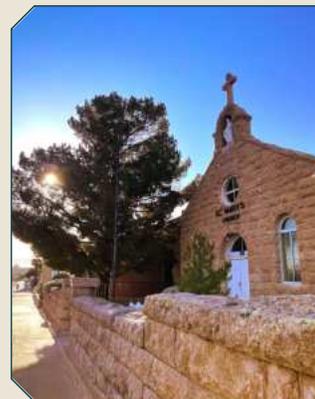
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Religious Formation and Sacraments

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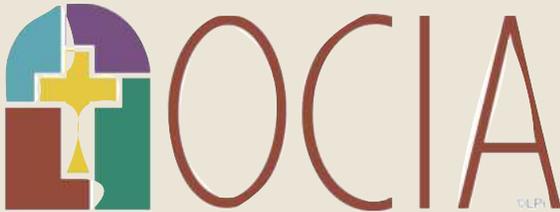
Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education session **has ended.**

Classes are held on Thursdays from 5:30-7:00pm at the St. Mary's Parish Center.

No payments will be accepted at class times. Payments can be made at the Parish Office during business hours, or online at this QR code --->



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1st Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptism (if unbaptized)

Catecismo en Español, año 1 (7+ años):

1a Reconciliación (si está bautizado)

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Catecismo en Español, año 2 (8-12 años):

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BAPTISM INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS



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(children ages 6 and younger)



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