

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

Rejoice Jerusalem,
and all who love her!

El relato de la unción de David como rey de Israel (PRIMERA LECTURA), nos recuerda que Jesús, siendo Hijo de Dios, es también hijo de David, un hecho importantísimo en la historia de la salvación. Jesús se manifiesta y se proclama Hijo de Dios al devolverle la vista a un ciego de nacimiento (EVANGELIO). Así como devolvió la luz a los ojos del ciego, el Señor nos llena de su luz, como dice san Pablo (SEGUNDA LECTURA), cuando nos invita a vivir como hijos de la luz.



Masses For The Week

- sab 14** **Vigilia del IV Domingo de Cuaresma**
04:30 pm +Ignacio Hinojosa, Jr. (Brother & Sister)
+Candido y Delia López (Hijos)
+Petra Lopez (Hijos)
+Gumara Robles (Su Hija)
Toni Palacios – In Thanksgiving for her Birthday
Aida Ramirez – In Thanksgiving for her Birthday
- Sun 15** **IV Sunday of Lent**
11:30 am Missa Pro Populo
- Mon 16** **NO MASS**
- Tue 17** **Lenten Weekday**
08:00 am +Alfredo & Rosa Gallegos, Sr. (Herminia Torres)
- Wed 18** **Lenten Weekday**
08:00 am +Sister Thelma I. Gallegos (Herminia Torres)
- Thu 19** **Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
08:00 am +José Manuel Salinas (Su Familia)
- Fri 20** **Lenten Weekday**
08:00 am +Josefa & Alberto Reyes (Collazo Family)
- Sat 21** **Lenten Weekday**
08:00 am +Alfredo Gallegos, Jr. (Herminia Torres)

The Sanctuary Candle



This Week will be Burning in Memory of
+José Alfredo Perusquia (His Mother)

Good News!

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1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a / Ephesians 5:8–14 /
John 9:1–41 or 9:1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●

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Dear Padre

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I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the "hook-'em horns" sign. You wouldn't give the "thumbs-up" sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word "sinister" is from the Latin sinister, meaning "left."

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / Dear Padre.

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THE WAY OF THE CROSS

During Lent, as has been our custom in the past, we pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 6:00pm. **however, Stations will be suspended if attendees are less than 3.**

El Vía Crucis

Durante la Cuaresma, como ha sido nuestra costumbre en el pasado, rezaremos el Vía Crucis los viernes a las 6:00 de la tarde sin embargo, las estaciones se suspenderán si los asistentes menos de 3.

The Lord is My Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul. He leads me in right paths For His Name's sake.
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;
For you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil;
My cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord My whole life long.
[Psalm 23:1-6; NRSV]

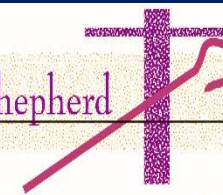
CHRIST our LIGHT

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LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Oscar Noriega, Justin Pecina, Irma Santos, Gerardo Castro, Guadalupe Ortiz, María E. Maldonado, Alicia Guardiola, Delia Hinojosa, Rebecca Quintero, Herminia Torres, and Vladimiro Checchin.

The LORD is my shepherd



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Colecta de la Semana Pasada

Envelopes: \$ 1,824.00

Loose: \$ 281.00

Children's Envelopes: \$ 21.00

Total Sunday Collection: \$ 2,126.00

Total Expenses Last Week: \$ 2,913.85

FRIENDLY REMINDER CONCERNING CHURCH AND MASS ETIQUETTE

Our church--the main body of worship space--is very sacred and proper respect should be observed. Silence before and during Mass should be shown. Cellular phones and audio pagers are not proper items to bring to Mass. Since Mass is a solemn celebration and the highest form of community worship for Catholics, proper attire should also be worn. Tank tops, shorts, halters and other inappropriate dress are not acceptable. Your continued cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated. Thank you. Father Nolasco.

Recuerdo Amistoso Sobre la Etiqueta en la Iglesia y la Misa

Nuestra iglesia--el cuerpo principal de culto--es muy sagrado y el respeto apropiado debe observarse. Silencio antes y durante la Misa debe mostrarse. Los teléfonos celulares y localizadores de audio no son artículos apropiados para traer a la Misa. Puesto que la Misa es una celebración solemne y la forma más alta de culto de la comunidad para los Católicos, el atavío apropiado también debe utilizarse. Camisas sin mangas, pantalones cortos, blusas cortas y vestido impropio no son aceptables. Le agradecemos su cooperación continuada en estas materias. Gracias. Padre Nolasco.



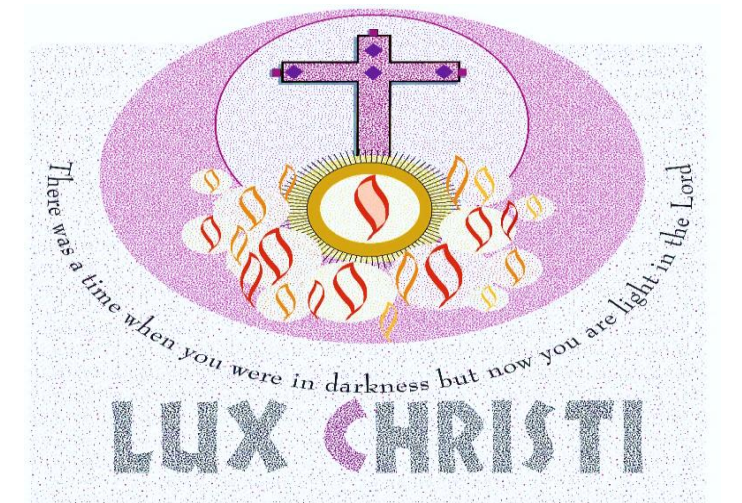
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WHEN YOU MOVE

... please inform the Parish Office, 724-6881, of your new address as soon as possible. It costs the Parish for each piece of mail sent out with a wrong address. If your phone number has changed, please call the office with that information as well.

Quando Usted Se Mueve

... por favor informarle a la Oficina de la Parroquia, 724-6881, de su nueva dirección lo más pronto posible. Le cuesta a la parroquia por cada pedazo de correo mandado a su dirección incorrecta. Si su número de teléfono ha cambiado, por favor llame a la oficina también con esa información.



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