

TAKE UP AND READ

ST. AUGUSTINE ST. MONICA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 31, 2019



JESUS HEALS THE MAN BORN BLIND AND REVEALS HIMSELF TO HIM AS THE SON OF MAN

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine

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

John 8:12

TODAY'S READINGS

4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Responsorial: Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading: Eph 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

5th Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Ez 37:12-14

Responsorial: Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading: Rom 8:8-11

Gospel: Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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WORSHIP & LITURGY

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

Sundays 9:20 am or by appt.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Praised be Jesus Christ. Welcome back to Bishop Battersby who will preside at Mass this morning. Today, Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals God's view of suffering; suffering is not always due to someone's fault and God makes goodness come from suffering.



Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 31st/ 9:30 AM Confessions and Rosary/10 AM Mass/ 3PM New members dinner/ 5 PM Youth ministry

Monday, April 1st , 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, April 2nd , 6 PM Men's Faith Sharing/ 7PM Young Adults /8:30 PM Holy Hour

Wednesday, April 3rd , 8 AM Holy Hour and 9 AM Mass/8:30 PM Holy Hour

Thursday, April 4th , 8:30 PM Holy Hour

Friday, April 5th , 11-7 Lenten Fish Fry/6 PM Mass and Stations

Saturday, April 6th, No morning Mass/10 Confirmation /10:30 Evangelization visits

Parish Council nominations. There are four seats coming open on this year's council. The terms are for three years each. So far, we have *** nominations.

Parish Pastoral Council. We will not meet this month. Our next scheduled meeting is Saturday, June 22nd, for our council retreat day; council members, please plan on a full day's retreat.

Prayers. Please be praying for God's graces for those preparing for the Easter Sacraments, for First Communion and Confirmation.

Lenten Penance Service. Because of some scheduling problems, we will have confessions on Sunday, April 7th at 12:30, with a reading and brief homily instead of our usual penance service. Father Kotlarz will help us with confessions.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. For some years, people from the parish have spoken about wanting to go on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. I have planned on with Father Burr, who also teaches at the seminary. We re inviting our parishioners and family members. We will go for 10 days in June of 2020. An information night will be held at the seminary on Wednesday, April 17th at 7 PM. Please attend, if you would like further information, or see the website link.

Back soon. I have to be at a conference on seminary formation this weekend, but will be back this afternoon. Thanks to the parish staff for taking care of the parish.

A blessed week! *Father Dan*

JESUS HEALS THE BLIND MAN (Continued)

whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/fourth-sunday-of-lent-cycle-a-sunday-connection>

CATHOLIC CULTURE—LAETARE SUNDAY

"Rejoice, Jerusalem! Be glad for her, you who love her; rejoice with her, you who mourned for her, and you will find contentment at her consoling breasts." This Sunday is known as *Laetare* Sunday and is a Sunday of joy. This is the halfway mark of Lent, and Easter is enticingly near.

This Sunday is called "*Laetare* Sunday" for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice). The celebrant has the option to wear rose colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil.



EASTER EGG HUNT

EASTER SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH PHOTO AFTER 10 AM MASS

Please see Mrs. Charmaine Denard and Mrs. Artensia Wynn for donation information.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

MYRON BROWN
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LENT 2019

MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS, Every Friday of Lent, **6:00 pm, Fish Fry 11 am—7 pm**

MASS & HOLY HOUR (Eucharistic Adoration and Morning Prayer) **Wed. & Sat. 8 am, Mass, 9 AM**

NIGHT PRAYER, Tues, Wed, Thurs, 8:30 pm

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Mondays, **6:30 pm** with Genevieve Kocourek

MEN'S FAITH SHARING, Tuesdays, **6:00 pm** with Deacon Chris

YOUNG ADULT'S FAITH AND SERVICE TEAM, Tues, 7 pm

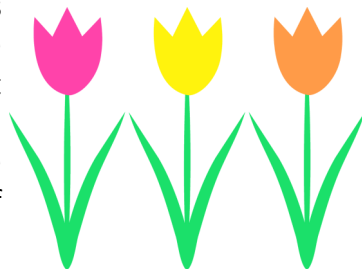
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, Renewing Our Call to Holiness, with Joseph Jones, **Wednesdays, 6:15 pm**

KNOWING THE SHEPHERD with Arlen Apone. **Thursdays, 6:30 pm**

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, Sundays after Mass, with Deacon Chris

The Springtime of Lent: Action and New Life

The liturgical season of Lent coincides with spring, calling to mind the new life and growth, the hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and conversion. This is the season of initiation into the grace-life of the Church. For 40 days, the Church invites us to start afresh.



The Department of the Attorney General would like to give every victim of abuse and coverup, the ability to share more information the Attorney General toll-free hotline at 844-324-3374 (Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm) or send information by email, through the following link:

<https://www.michigan.gov/ag> and select "learn More" in the Open Investigations section.

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Image of God Crisis Pregnancy Center of Detroit,
Thursdays, 5:30—7 pm
Saturdays, 10:30 am—12 pm
Ms. Gloria Page, Director Tel: 313.923.8018
Ms. Linda Linseman, President

SVDP Food Pantry, Clothing Closet, THAW
Jacqueline Marshall, President
Tues, Wed. 10:30 am—1:00 pm

Pingree Park Community Association
Deacon Chris and Colleen Rabaut
3rd Saturday of the month, 4 pm in the social hall.

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