

THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020

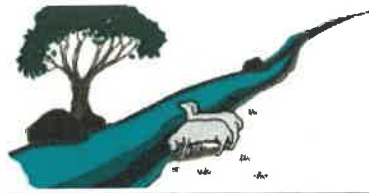
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight.

We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 21, 2020
5:45 pm CANCELLED
Sunday, March 22, 2020
9:00 am CANCELLED
Monday, March 23, 2020
9:00 am +Catherine Stromski req. by The Family
Tuesday, March 24 – NO MASS
Wednesday, March 25, 2020 – NO MASS
Thursday, March 26, 2020
9:00 am +Stella Ulman req. by The Family
Friday, March 27, 2020 - Abstinence
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross - CANCELLED
Saturday, March 28, 2020
5:45 pm CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29, 2020
9:00 am CANCELLED



Altar Servers:

Saturday, March 28 - 5:45 pm
CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 am
CANCELLED

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, March 28 - 5:45 pm
CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 am
CANCELLED

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, March 28 - 5:45 pm
CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 am
CANCELLED

Usher:

Saturday, March 28 - 5:45 pm
CANCELLED
Sunday, March 29 - 9:00 am
CANCELLED

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters CANCELLED

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, March 15.....\$245.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Food Bank



VOLUNTEERING AT THE NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK HAS BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

**ALL WEEKEND MASS
ARE SUSPENDED WITH
DISPENSATION UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE**

This past week Father Sebastian issued a statement concerning the Covid-19 pandemic and the guidelines issued from Bishop Pates and governor. The statement is on the following

page.

(Note: we have e-mailed this statement to all parishioners that have given us their e-mail addresses. If you did not receive an e-mail we either do not have it listed or you may have changed providers and not given the office an update. Please make sure we have your correct e-mail address, you can e-mail the office at spatrickwilton@aol.com. Thank you

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS
PLEASE PRAYERFULLY
CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
FOR OUR PALM SUNDAY
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
CELEBRATIONS
SIGN UP SHEET IS
IN THE VESTIBULE



Our Two Week
Candle is
burning for a
Special Intention
Req. by
Dan & Lynne Phelan
Family

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
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Dear parishioners of St. Patrick,

Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you! As we all battle Covid-19 we all need Christ more than ever. However to protect ourselves, in the light of newest guidelines issued by Bishop Pates and our Governor, here is what to follow:

1. All Weekend masses are suspended until further notice. We encourage everyone to watch Mass on TV or social media and receive Spiritual Communion. Sunday mass from St. Rose will be recorded and posted on my Facebook profile as well as on St. Patrick Facebook profile
2. Our weekday Masses will be celebrated as usual (9.00 am on Monday with Fr. Dan Hoehn Celebrating at St. Pats) 8:00am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (at St. Rose in Wilmington) Thursday at 9.00 am at St. Pat's). No more than 50 people will be allowed in the Church. Please allow 10 feet distance from each person.
3. Church will be opened for private prayer as usual Monday through Friday at St. Rose from 7.00am-3.00 pm Saturday 3.00pm -5.00 pm Sunday 6.30 am 12.00pm
4. Holy Hour and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at St. Rose as usual on Thursday 6.00 pm-7.00 pm with the same restrictions as for daily Masses, and will be available at St. Patrick on Friday morning from 9:00am until 11:00am. No confessions will be available at this time.
5. Sacrament of reconciliation will be available on Saturdays at 3.00 pm. Confession station will be set up in the parking lot at St. Rose in the form of drive through. Please do not leave your vehicle and allow appropriate distance for privacy.
6. Parish office is opened virtually. Please contact the office through the phone and leave a voice message or simply send us an email.
7. If you are in need of a priest, please do not hesitate to call our emergency line at 815-476-7491 and then press 1
8. All other meetings, gatherings and events at St. Patrick are canceled or postponed until further notice.
9. We encourage our senior parishioners to stay home.

Please do not forget about your daily prayers especially Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. Let us all fall on our knees and unite in prayer for the protection of our community, families and us all.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Sebastian Gargol
Pastor of St. Rose and St. Patrick



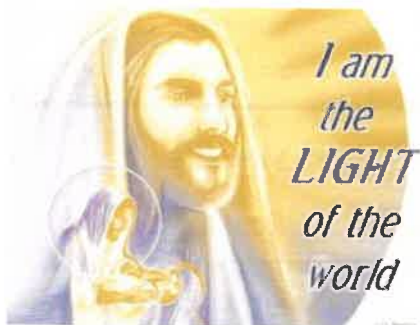
EASTER FLOWERS

Flower Offering Envelopes are in the back of church, if you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one. Enter their name(s) on the envelope. The names will be published in the Easter Bulletin. Flowers will remain in the church.

Donation envelopes should be returned to the church by March 29, to be included in the Easter bulletin.

Please send you memorial to the parish or sign up for on-line giving and submit your donation that way.

On-Line Giving is a safe and secure method to continue Your support of St. Patrick Parish.



LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to

shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FILL US Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration. —Christina Rossetti

HELP NEEDED

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE AS:
CANTORS, READERS, EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, SERVERS, USHERS
FOR ALL OUR MASSES

There is a shortage of Liturgical Ministers and we need volunteers to help with these positions. Please fill out the form and put in the basket with your regular collection.

Cantor Reader Eucharistic Minister Usher

I prefer:

Saturday 5pm
 Sunday 9am
 I have no preference

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Email _____

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606) March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores – his fellow countrymen – and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio." –Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Fr. Joe Follmar; Russ McClellon; Bob O'Neil; Bob Johnson ; Fr. Steve Bondi

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF MARCH

- We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link. **CHANGES ARE COMING—NEW EASIER TO USE FORMAT.**

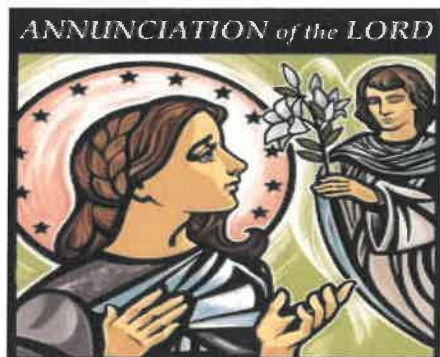
READINGS FOR THE WEEK MARCH 22, 2020



- Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
- Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
- Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human Rights Violations
- Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
- Friday: Abstinence





HEALING FOR COMMUNITY

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

HUMILITY AND ACTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.

How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

3/22/2020