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MARCH 15, 2026 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – LAETARE SUNDAY

"I came into this world…so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

OUR STAFF:

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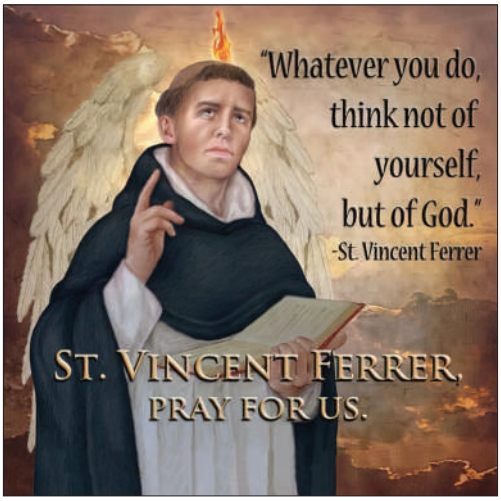

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Saturday: 9:00 a.m.
Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Vigil Mass
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m.

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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday
March 15, 2026

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14 **5:00 p.m.**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Altagracia
Requested by Armelle Jean Baptiste

Sunday, March 15 **8:00 a.m.**
Fourth Sunday of Lent
Novena to Saint Joseph
The Alexis Family — Blessings and Thanksgiving

11:00 a.m.
Rev. Mother Doreen Pearline Forbes — In Memoriam
Requested by Marie-Ange Bernier

Cuthberth Williams — In Memoriam
Requested by Veronica Williams

Monday, March 16 **9:00 a.m.**
Novena to Saint Joseph
Editha James-Morris — In Memoriam
Requested by Alison Matthew

Tuesday, March 17 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Patrick, Bishop
Novena to Saint Joseph
Barbara Gillespie — In Memoriam

Wednesday, March 18 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Novena to Saint Joseph
Jerome Logan — In Memoriam

Thursday, March 19 **9:00 a.m.**
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Raymond Wagner — In Memoriam

Friday, March 20 **9:00 a.m.**
Diocesan Lenten Pilgrimage Day
Marie-Marthe Lespinasse — Birthday Memoriam
Requested by Marie Coutard

Saturday, March 21 **9:00 a.m.**
Jean Souffrant —In Memoriam

GIFTS AND INTENTIONS

Bread and Wine
Marcia Harrison — Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving
Requested by Claudia Hooper

Altar Candles
Betty Compton — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Barbara Mark — Blessings and Healing

Altar Flowers
Patricia Nicolas — Blessings and Healing

Sanctuary Candle
Lyn Duplessy — Blessings and Healing

Mary's Chapel

Lucille Anthony — Blessings and Healing

Annunciation Chapel
Lucienne Previl — Blessings and Healing

SECOND COLLECTION MARCH 14-15

The second collection this weekend (March 14-15) is for

Catholic Relief Services

to benefit USCCB Migration and Refugee Services (MRS); the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC); the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; Catholic Relief Services (CRS); the USCCB Secretariat of Justice and Peace, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund.

Please be generous.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 15: **Catholic Relief Services**
March 29 (Palm Sunday): **Easter Gift to My Church**
April 5 (Easter Sunday): **Retired Priests**
April 11/12: **Saint Vincent Ferrer Feast Day Novena**

Please be generous.

Scripture Reflection

Today, the Gospel depicts Jesus giving sight to a man blind from birth. However, this wonder is badly received by various people and groups. Let us look at the details.

But first I would like to say to you: take the Gospel of John today and read about this miracle of Jesus. The way John recounts it in chapter 9 is really beautiful. It only takes two minutes to read it. It makes us see how Jesus proceeds and how the human heart proceeds: the good human heart, the tepid human heart, the fearful human heart, the courageous human heart. Chapter 9 of the Gospel of John. Read it today. It will help you a lot. And how do the people welcome this sign?

First of all, there are Jesus' disciples who, faced with the man born blind, engage in small talk and ask themselves whether his parents or he was to blame. They look for a culprit. And we fall into this many times which is so convenient — to look for a culprit rather than asking ourselves challenging questions in life. And today, we can say: What does the presence of this person mean for us, in my life? What is he asking of us?

Then, once the healing takes place, the reactions intensify. The first are from his neighbours who are skeptical: "This man was always blind. It is not possible that he now sees — it can't be him! It's someone else" — skepticism. This is unacceptable to them. Better to leave everything like it was before and not face this problem. They are afraid, they fear the religious authorities and they do not say what they think. In all these reactions, for various reasons, there emerge hearts closed before the sign of Jesus: because they seek a culprit, because they do not know how to be surprised, because they do not want to change, because they are blocked by fear. Today there are many similar situations. Faced with something that is truly a person's message of witness, a message about Jesus, we fall into this — we look for another explanation, we do not want to change, we look for a more elegant way out rather than accept the truth.

The only person who reacts well is the blind man. Happy to see, he bears witness to what happened to him in the simplest way: "I was blind, now I see". He tells the truth. Before, he had been forced to ask for alms to live on, and had suffered from the prejudice of the people: "He is poor and blind from birth. He has to suffer. He has to pay for his sins or those of his forebears". Now free in body and spirit, he bears witness to Jesus — he neither invents nor hides anything. "I was blind, now I see". He is not afraid of what the others will say. He had already known the bitter taste of marginalization his whole life. He had already personally experienced the indifference, the contempt of the passers-by, of those who considered him to be an outcast in society, useful at best for the pious practice of giving some alms. Now healed, he no longer fears those contemptuous attitudes because Jesus has given him his full dignity. And this is clear, it always happens: when Jesus heals us, he gives us back our dignity, the dignity of the healing of Jesus, complete, a dignity that comes forth from the depths of the heart, that takes hold of one's entire life. And, on the sabbath in front of everyone, Jesus liberated him and gave him sight without asking him for anything, not even a thank you, and he bears witness to this. This is the dignity of a noble person, of a person who knows he is healed and begins again, is reborn.

Brothers, sisters, through all these characters, today's Gospel puts us too in the midst of the scene, so we can ask ourselves: What position do we take? What would we have said then? And above all, what will we do today? Like the blind man, do we know how to see the good and to be grateful for the gifts we receive? I ask myself: How is my dignity? How is your dignity? Do we bear witness to Jesus, or do we spread criticism and suspicion instead? Are we free when faced with prejudices or do we associate ourselves with those who spread negativity and gossip? Are we happy to say that Jesus loves us, that he saves us, or, like the parents of the man born blind, do we allow ourselves to be caged in by the fear of what others will think? Tepid hearts that do not accept the truth and do not have the courage to say, "No, it's like this". And furthermore, how do we welcome the difficulties and indifference of others? How do we welcome people who have many limitations in life, whether they be physical, like this blind man, or social, like the beggars we find on the street? Do we accept them as a curse or as an occasion to draw near to them with love?

Brothers and sisters, today, let us ask for the grace to be surprised every day by God's gifts and to see the various circumstances of life, even the most difficult ones to accept, as occasions to do good, as Jesus did with the blind man. May Our Lady help us in this, together with Saint Joseph, the just and faithful man.

— Pope Francis' Angelus Message for the Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19, 2023

Daily readings for The Fourth Week of Lent

Sunday, March 15
1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Monday, March 16
Isaiah 65:17-21
Psalm 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b
John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17
Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18
Isaiah 49:8-15
Psalm 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18
John 5:17-30

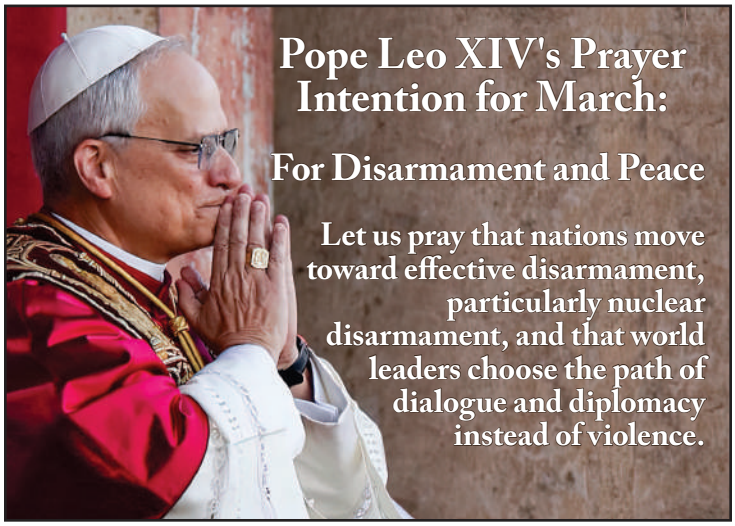
Thursday, March 19
2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Psalm 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a
(alt. Luke 2:41-51a)

Friday, March 20
Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
Psalm 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21
Jeremiah 11:18-20
Psalm 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12
John 7:40-53

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent
7:00p.m. in Church



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence – All the faithful who have reached 14 years of age are required to abstain totally from meat on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting – All the faithful between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This practice involves limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Light sustenance may also be taken on two other occasions during the day.

Easter Duty– After they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, all the faithful are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled during the Easter season, unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time of the year.

Solemnities during Lent: The solemnities of Saint Joseph and the Annunciation should be observed with proper solemnity even though it falls within the season of Lent.

Reconciliation Monday: Our diocese will once again celebrate Reconciliation Monday on **March 30, 2026, the Monday of Holy Week**. As in recent years, this initiative provides generous opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. After having reached the age of discretion, members of the faithful are bound to confess once a year grave sins which have not already been absolved.

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2026 Lent/Easter Schedule — Ash Wednesday to Pentecost Sunday

Ash Wednesday — February 18, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Mass
3:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Word & Imposition of Ashes
7:00 p.m. — Mass

Fridays of Lent — Stations of the Cross — 7:00 p.m.
*** All Fridays during Lent are Days of Abstinence ***

✙ Holy Week ✙

Palm Sunday — March 29, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass — Solemn blessing of palm and procession
(assemble in front of the Rectory at 10:45 a.m.)

Reconciliation Monday — March 30, 2026
3:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions will be heard in the church
7:00-9:00 p.m. as well as in any other Catholic Church in New York

Holy Thursday — April 2, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
7:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper
Adoration of the Lord concludes at Midnight

Good Friday — April 3, 2026
*** A Day of Fast and Abstinence ***
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
12:00 p.m. — Seven Last Words
3:00 p.m. — Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. — Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Glorious Saturday — April 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
* NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
7:30 p.m. — Solemn Vigil of Easter
(gather in church at 7:30; Mass begins at sunset)

Easter Sunday — April 5, 2026
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

Ascension Thursday — May 14, 2026
9:00 a.m. — Mass

Pentecost Sunday — May 24, 2026
5:00 p.m. — Mass
8:00 a.m. — Mass
11:00 a.m. — Mass

We celebrate 40 days of Lent and 50 days of Easter.
Please be generous in the Special Collection on Easter to help our retired priests.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD SCHEDULE FOR MARCH-APRIL 2026			
	Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
	March 21	**March 22**	**March 22**
Lector # 1	Alison	Carolle	Elaine
Lector # 2	Jocelyne	Jeri	Marina
	March 28	**March 29**	**March 29**
Lector # 1	Alana	Anna	Donald
Lector # 2	Jamie (Narrator)	Carolle (Narrator)	Gloria (Narrator)
April 2 — Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM		**April 3 — Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7PM**	
Lector # 1	Aidan	**Lector # 1**	Lancine
Lector # 2	Elaine	**Lector # 2**	Fritz (Narrator)
April 4 — Glorious Saturday Solemn Vigil of Easter — 7PM			
Lector Reading # 1	Jamie	**Lector Reading# 5**	Alison
Lector Reading# 3	Carolle	**Lector Reading# 7**	Charmaine
		Epistle	Cynthia
		Easter Sunday April 5 8AM Mass	**Easter Sunday April 5 11AM Mass**
Lector # 1		Daisy	Lester
Lector # 2		Jeri	Marcia
	April 11	**April 12**	**April 12**
Lector # 1	Mary	Jared	Marina
Lector # 2	Jonnett	Carolle	Charmaine

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULE FOR MARCH-APRIL 2026		
Saturday 5PM Mass	**Sunday 8AM Mass**	**Sunday 11AM Mass**
March 21	**March 22**	**March 22**
Jean	Brenda	Kim
March 28	**March 29**	**March 29**
Jocelyn	Daisy	Joan
April 2 — Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7PM	**April 3 — Good Friday Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7PM**	
Pat	Margaret	
Glorious Saturday April 4 Solemn Vigil of Easter 7PM	**Easter Sunday April 5 8AM Mass**	**Easter Sunday April 5 11AM Mass**
Marie-Ange	Brenda	Marie-Rosa
April 11	**April 12**	**April 12**
Mary	Claudia	Gillian

MINISTERS' MEETING

In preparation for Holy Week
and the Easter Season,
there will be a meeting of all ministers
on
Saturday, March 28
following the 9 a.m. Mass.

Please make every effort to attend.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE

Saint Vincent Ferrer — Friday, March 20, 2026

Schedule for the Day:

9:00 AM: Holy Mass
9:30 AM: Rosary
10:00 AM – 12:00 Noon:
Silent Eucharistic Adoration
12:00 Noon: Angelus
12:30 PM: Stations of the cross (spoken)
1:15 – 3:00 PM:
Silent Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 PM: Divine Mercy Chaplet
4:00 – 5:00 PM: Confessions
5:00 PM: Benediction
7:00 PM: Stations of the Cross (with music)

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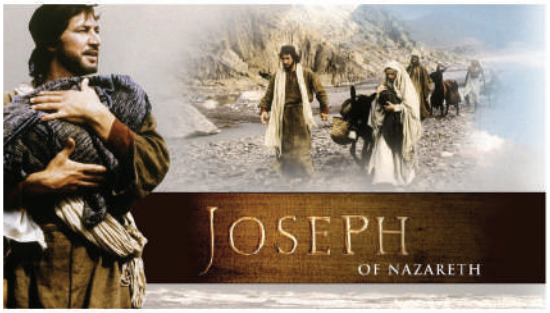
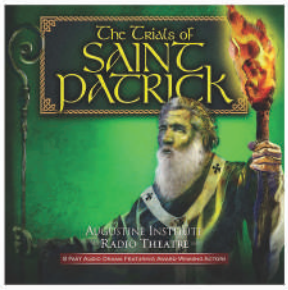
Week of March 15, 2026



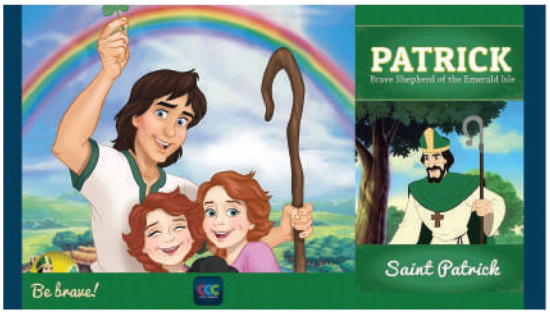
Joseph of Nazareth

Celebrate the feast of Christ's foster father with even more joy and respect this year by watching a movie about him! Enter into the life of this great saint through the movie Joseph of Nazareth!



The Trials of Saint Patrick

The Trials of Saint Patrick, a powerful journey through hardship, loss, mercy, and forgiveness. With skilled actors and cinematic elements, this captivating story comes to life, stirring the imagination and sparking inspiration.



Patrick: Brave Shepherd of the Emerald Isle

Fun-loving Patrick had it easy at his parents' seaside villa. At 16, he thought he had it made for life–that is, until the day riders kidnapped him to nearby Ireland. Now a slave and shepherd, Patrick faced a bleak and uncertain future. To survive, he'd have to conquer cold, hunger, wild beasts, and even worse enemies.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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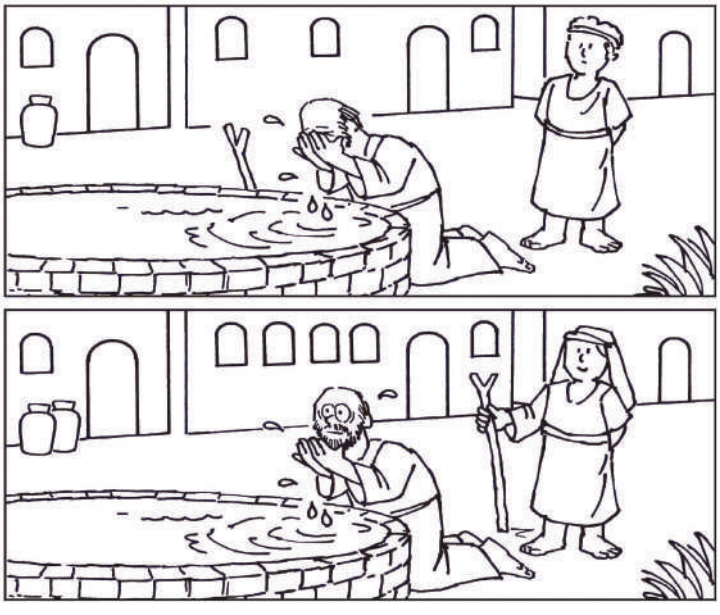
Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind

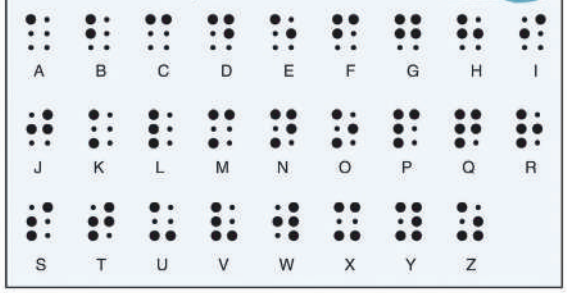
One Sabbath day,
Jesus told a blind man to wash
in the pool of Siloam. Then he was healed.

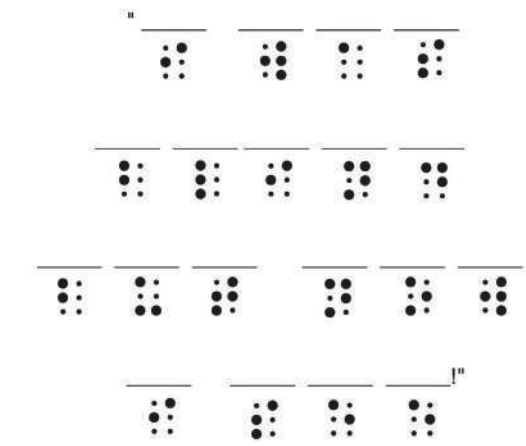
Circle the 5 differences in the 2nd picture



What did the blind man say?

Use the Braille alphabet to read his words.





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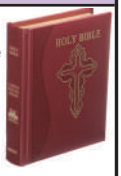

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