

Holy Spirit Parish Family

March 22, 2020 — Fourth Sunday of Lent

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE ASKING FOR HER INTERCESSION IN THIS TIME OF NEED

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.
We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and
deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to
be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to
our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

Amen.

OUR MISSION:

We, the community of Holy Spirit Parish, centered in the Eucharist, and guided by the Holy Spirit, will use our shared wisdom to be a joyful, accepting and forgiving community. We encourage all to grow in the Catholic faith by teaching and proclaiming the Gospel, serving others and praising God.

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PARISH ANNEX

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MASS SCHEDULE

Suspended until April 6

CONFESSIONS

By appointment

EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL HOURS

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for now.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Suspended until April 6

BAPTISMS

Baptism Class for parents/godparents is normally held on the first Monday of the month at 7 PM in the Church. To register for the meeting and/or to arrange for a baptism, call Karen Rychlewski.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning marriage contact the pastor at least six months in advance.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Parish Office to request Communion if someone is unable to attend Church.

HOSPITAL VISITS

Please notify the Parish Office concerning hospitalization.

REGISTRATION

New parishioners may register at Parish Office or see one of the priests after Mass. New information e.g. address, phone numbers or moving from the parish, please call Parish Office.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit information for the bulletin by Noon TWO Fridays before publication. Include name, daytime phone number of person submitting information, Commission and group name. Items can be e-mailed to mwelsh@holyspiritstl.org.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 22

7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

Monday, March 23

The following Suspended until April 6

Exposition/Benediction
Quilting, Annex,
Evening Prayer, Church,

Tuesday, March 24

The following Suspended until April 6

Quilting, Annex
Fire in the Spirit

Wednesday, March 25

6:30am—St. Patrick's Casseroles, Front of Church

The following Suspended until April 6

Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
Children's Choir Practice, Church
Food Addicts Anonymous, Rigali Rm.
Ensemble/Teen Choir Practice, Church
Prayer Shawl, Parish Hall

Thursday, March 26

7:00pm—Al Anon, Rm. 2

The following Suspended until April 6

Senior Exercise, Rigali Rm.
Bell Choir Practice, Church
Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, March 27

The following Suspended until April 6

7:00pm—Stations of the Cross, Church

Sunday, March 29

7:00pm—Al Anon, Community Rm., Rigali Rm., Rm. 9

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Stewardship for March 2-8, 2020

Sunday Envelopes, 248 utilized	\$ 12,921.00
Loose Collection	\$ 761.51
Online Donations, 84 families	\$ 7,367.00
Holy Days	\$ 10.00
Total	\$ 21,059.51
Weekly Budget	\$ 20,190.38
Weekly Surplus (shortfall)	\$ 869.13

HandS	Parish Improvements
\$ 1,609.00	\$ 245.00

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who attended our three
Seafood Dinners!

We truly appreciate your support!

Also, a special Thank You to all the volunteers
that made these dinners possible!

A lot of hours and effort go into putting an
event like this together! THANK YOU!

Due to the limitations the

Archbishop has asked of parishes,
we have cancelled the remaining
dates during this Lenten season.



Look for us to begin again next year
February 19, 2021

A NOTE FROM FR. BOB

Dear Friends,

Grace and peace to you!

How to begin, to say that we live in an unprecedented time seems to be an understatement. As most know by now, Archbishop Carlson has suspended all public Masses effective this past Monday afternoon, March 16th, through Palm Sunday, April 5th. There are preliminary plans to resume Masses on April 6th. Since this is such a fluid situation, those plans will be re-evaluated at a later date. In addition to the suspension of Masses the recent guidelines promulgated by health officials are having a significant impact on our individual lives and the operations of the parish. Please check this bulletin and our website for details about cancelations. The press release from the Archbishop is included on the next page of our bulletin. In addition to suspending Masses, all Archdiocesan schools have been suspended and will now have distance learning via on-line communications with their teachers.

While public Masses have been suspended, I will be offering a daily, private Mass for all the people of our parish. These Masses will take place at the usual Mass times except that the only Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am. Again, all these Masses will be in private. At this time, we are investigating live-streaming our Masses to our website. Once this is put in place, we will post a note on our website and send out an email blast.

During these times it is difficult to receive Holy Communion as frequently as we may desire. If you would like to receive Holy Communion, please call me so that we can arrange a time. In the meantime, I offer the following prayer of Spiritual Communion.

Spiritual Communion

I believe that you, O Jesus, are in the most Holy Sacrament.
I love you and desire you. Come into my heart. I embrace you.
Oh, never leave me. May the burning and most sweet power of
your love, O Lord Jesus Christ, I beseech you, absorb my mind
that I may die through love of your love, who were graciously
pleased to die through love of my love. Amen.

Our Eucharistic Chapel will remain open 24 hours a day. Please call the office for the code. Our church will also be open for individual prayer from 7:00 am until 10:00 pm daily. Please enter through the west transept door. Please contact me or Father Jerry for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

As was announced last Sunday, our Parish Seafood Dinner has been canceled. Thank you for your support. And thank you for your continued financial support of our parish, especially during this trying time.

Let's continue to pray for each other and let's check on each other as we reduce our time away from our homes. I will continue to pray for you each day. Please pray for me.

Peace,

Father Bob



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Office of Communications and Planning

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 16, 2020

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Archbishop Robert J. Carlson Announces the Suspension of All Public Masses

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson has suspended all public Masses immediately. This decision from Archbishop Carlson follows many conversations with his advisory team, and health and government officials. Pending further updates on the spread of COVID-19, parishes within the Archdiocese of St. Louis have preliminary plans to resume Masses beginning April 6; however, the archbishop will re-evaluate at a later date.

The [Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis](#) offers live-streamed and televised options for Holy Mass. Some other parishes also have the capability to live-stream Masses, and parishioners are encouraged to check with their parish offices. The Office of Communications and Planning will share live stream Mass times on archdiocesan social media accounts.

Our churches will remain open for prayer and confessions. Holy Communion may be distributed outside of Mass at times determined by the pastor; however, all ministers—ordinary and extraordinary—need to be in good health. Parish priests will make the decisions regarding available times for prayer and sacraments.

The decisions to continue with baptisms, weddings and funerals will be made at the parish level with the understanding that the celebration of these sacraments are to include only immediate family members.

All fish fries that remain open will offer either drive-through or pick-up options only.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis will continue to support the needs of the greater St. Louis community through its parishes and charities. The archdiocese understands the economic impact that this emergency is having on our community as a whole. However, in times like this, it is even more urgent for us to pray for and assist our brothers and sisters who are in the most need. We encourage you to consider supporting our parishes through online giving, mail-in or drop-off donations, and also organizations that are responding to this crisis, such as [Catholic Charities of St. Louis](#), [The Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Louis](#) and the [Annual Catholic Appeal](#).

Please direct questions to communications@archstl.org.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your prayers, please remember all the sick and home-bound parishioners and those who care for them.

Eugenia Bauer	Al Katzler	Mike Sampson
Irene Biggins	Marie Knox	Bill Schneider
Becky Bonner	Charles Kraemer	Norma Schwaninger
Nancy Brand	Bill Kriete	Rudy & Brenda
Jim Brockmeyer	Doris Kulage	Torricelli
Connie Buenemann	Mike Lemp	Nanci Van Amburgh
Nicole Chapman	Jerry McGuire	Katy Van Stratton
Ed Cody	Mary McGuire	Joe & Jean
Matthew Cody	Ron Murphy	Wangler
Peggy Cody	Karen Newcomb	Syl Wayer
Charles Dent	Matt Niedringhaus	Angeline Weber
Dorothy Faerber	Jacob Null	Gene Weckherlin
Till Fehrenbacher	Dave Peters	Bill & Joan Weinzirl
Joe Greco	Bob & Donna	Christine
Steve Hirschmugl	Pedrotti	Woracheck
Betty Hirschmugl	Brian Ponder	Tom Zemblidge
Diane Javaux	John Rizzello	
Kenneth Jordan	John Roberson	

Sick Relatives and Friends:

Rosemarie Angevine	Betty Halpin	Ron Meyer
Kendall & Tina Bedel	Steve Hartnett	Melinda Oeth
Janice Borgmann	Bethany Henderson	Loretta Rath
Lauren Castellana	Ruth Ilo	David Rychlewski
Nancy & Larry Chik	Shane Katzler	Kate Schneider
Jackie Craven	Pearl King	Grace Solimando
Anne DeSchryver	Irene Lee	Fynlee Schneider
Paul Ecks	Sharon Lewis	Dave & Paula
Jim Eisenbath	Lisa Masek	Schneider
Lee Engert	Jon Matson	Ron Schonhoff Sr.
Colleen Evans	Trish Merklin	Kurri Warren
David Fehrenbacher	Cameron Meyer	Bonnie Wittman
Judy Gannon	Christine Meyer	
Michael Gill	Luke Meyer	

MASS INTENTIONS

(Please note these are NOT public Masses.
Fr. Bob will celebrate these Masses each day
without worshipers present.)

Sunday, March 22

9:00am People of the Parish

Monday, March 23

6:30 am People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 24

6:30am People of the Parish

Wednesday, March 25

6:30am People of the Parish

Thursday, March 26

8:00am People of the Parish

Friday, March 27

8:00am People of the Parish

Saturday, March 28

8:00am People of the Parish

Sunday, March 29

9:00am People of the Parish

MASS INTENTIONS

The Parish Office will be in touch with those who have requested Mass Intentions during the suspension of public Masses in order to re-schedule.

FROM DEATH TO NEW LIFE

We express our deep sympathy and assurance of our prayers to the family of **Ann Ochs**, mother of Mary (Tim) Feltmann, grandmother of Spencer and Sarah.
May her soul rest in the Peace of Christ.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming Easter holiday, here are the early bulletin deadlines:

NOON, THURSDAY, MARCH 26
FOR THE
APRIL 5 ISSUE

NOON THURSDAY, APRIL 2
FOR THE
APRIL 12 (EASTER) ISSUE



Vacation Bible School/F3/Family Night

June 22-26, 2020



Family Night
Monday, June 22
6:30 – 8:00 pm

(For VBS campers, F3 and their families)

VBS for Campers 3 years old—Grade 5
Tues. – Fri., June 23-26 9 am - noon

Registration for campers, youth helpers and adult volunteers is ONLINE ONLY, on the Parish Website

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Education/Vacation-Bible-School>

Cost is \$30 per camper, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church and put VBS 2020 in the memo line), or cash. Payments must be received by Monday of VBS.

F3 – Food, Faith & Friends Youth

Companion program for Grades 6-12
Tues.–Thur., June 23–25 6:30–8:30 PM

Registration for F3 is ONLINE ONLY, on the parish website

<https://holyspiritstl.org/Education/F3-Food-Faith-and-Friends>

Cost is \$10 per teen, payable by check (made to Holy Spirit Church & put F3-2020 in the memo line) or cash. Payments must be received by the first day of F3.

Registration deadline for both
programs is
May 18, 2020

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH MINISTRY ON FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM
www.facebook.com/hsyouth & HS_YOUTH_STL on Instagram

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT OUR SPRING RETREAT: OUR SPRING RETREAT: C2B HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Due to health concerns we are rescheduling—6/27-28

This retreat for 7th & 8th graders will be Sat. & Sun., June 27-28, Camp Trinity, New Haven, MO. Our focus this year is “Called 2 Be in Community.” All 7th & 8th grade students are invited to attend. This is a wonderful retreat experience of fun, friendship building, discussion & prayer led by our high school students.

If you are in high school and wish to be on the team, see below.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH FRESHMEN, SOPHOMORES, JUNIORS & SENIORS – ALL ARE WELCOME:

THURSDAY EVENINGS—Team Meetings: Since in-person meetings have been suspended, *contact Donna to be added to “online meetings and group chats.”*

Team meetings for our retreat will continue & you will receive service hour credit for every meeting you attend. If you wish to be on the team, plan to participate in the “online meetings and group chats” from now until the retreat.

THE RETREAT HAS BEEN POSTPONED. For the team the retreat will be June 26-28. We will have a day of reflection on Friday before the retreat begins for all team members.

CONFIRMATION—7th Grade:
Session 4: The Prayer Process & **Session 5:** The Bible will be done in the classrooms in PSR & FTS. Our next gathering will be

Sun., Apr. 26. The Rite of Enrollment will be at 9 a.m. Mass followed by Session 6: Relationships. **Candidates are required to be at both Mass & the session, & are encouraged to invite their sponsors to this important session.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS for 7th & 8th grade only 6th grade look for an event coming just for you!

All 7th-8th grade students are invited to attend a night just for you! We'll pray & play from 7-9 in the Annex. Bring a friend & join the fun. Our next MSM is **Fri., Apr. 24.**

ADULTS WE NEED YOU!

Looking for PGC adults for our upcoming events. We need your help to make all these things possible. Young adults, parents & empty nesters are all welcome. Our young people benefit from your life, your faith & YOU! They truly appreciate your help.

We **NEED** overnight chaperones, drivers, & chaperones for C2B (Called to Be), our retreat. Please help us make this retreat possible by volunteering. **We can't do it without chaperones.**

FOOD! WE CAN ALWAYS use snack and/or soda donations for high school meetings (every week), Middle School Madness (once a month), and/or meal & snack donations for the retreat. Contact Donna E if you are able to help.

Interested? Want to help our teens encounter Jesus through participation in our parish community?

Contact Donna, 954-1326
deisenbath@holyspiritstl.org

PSR NEWS

There will be **NO PSR** on **Tues., Mar. 24**, and **31**.
Enjoy your Spring Break!
Keep an eye on your e-mail for further updates!

SCHOOL NEWS

Congratulations to our Mar 16 \$25 Red & Blue winner;
Gerry Strohmeier.

Thank you for supporting our school!

With God all things are possible!

Mrs. Hewitt

CAMP CARDS

Cub Scout Pack 954 will be selling Camp Cards for **\$5** each in February & March after weekend Masses. 50% of sales stay here in our Pack to help scouts go to camp this summer. Your support covered more than half of camp fees to our camp and overnight camps in 2019! Thank you!

There are snap off coupons attached to a discount card for one time use like a free Soft Ice cream again this year. The discount card is good throughout 2020 to be used multiple times! Cash and checks to Holy Spirit Pack 954 will be accepted. Contact Dave Klaus at Cubmaster954@gmail.com or 314.486.6309 if you want to buy camp cards and will not be at Holy Spirit Masses. Thank you for your support.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR THE BEREAVED

Fri., Mar. 27, 7 PM in church, we will pray a Stations of the Cross compilation especially for those who are suffering the loss of a loved one. Praying the Stations enables us to enter into the acceptance which characterized Jesus' embrace of his Father. As we journey through grief, accepting our loss in the context of faith brings new meaning to our lives.

VBS ADULT VOLUNTEER MEETING

Mon., Apr. 13, 7pm, Rectory Basement.

Please remember to register yourself online too.

Any questions? Contact:

Sharon Kaufman, 739-0230 x110,
skaufman@holyspiritstl.org

or the VBS directors:

Andrea Snowden, 488-0598

Ashley Caldwell, 749-9984.

PRAYER PARTNERS WITH STUDENTS:

We have matched all the students in PSR – Grades 1-8 and all the students in the full time school Grades K-8. If you would like to participate, there are 34 students in the Preschool and Pre-K program to be matched. No special skills, just pray for your student daily and they will in turn pray for you!

Please contact Sharon Kaufman, 314-739-0230 x 110
or skaufman@holyspiritstl.org



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Don't delay – you won't want to miss attending this fun, faith filled week!

Check out registration information on Page 6.

ST. PATRICK'S CASSEROLES

Casseroles for St. Patrick Center will be collected this **Wed., Mar. 25**, between 6:30 & 9 AM. Please bring your casserole to the white bin in front of church, and pick up a new pan. In case of inclement weather, the white bin will be in the vestibule of the parish hall. If you have any questions, please call or email Mary Beth Schulte, 314-229-8067 or SpecRelEdu@aol.com. Thank you!

NEW—PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN REQUIRED FOR EVERYONE VOLUNTEERING AT HOLY SPIRIT PARISH, SCHOOL OR PSR!

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. **EVERYONE** ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are **REQUIRED** and **ASKED** to register in the new system as soon as possible. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please register at www.preventandprotectstl.org, use the passcode **stlprotect**.

Contact Mary Welsh, Child Safety Coordinator,
Parish Office (739-0230) with any questions
or for further assistance.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

~ Martin Luther King, Jr. (1929-1968)

"What God requires of us is that we not stop trying."

~ Bayard Rustin (1912-1987)

#LoveThyNeighbor (No Exceptions)

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry has specially selected & trained men & women to listen with care to all they serve, & to keep all that is shared with them in strict confidentiality. Whether your struggle with emotions is what you consider small, or even if it is larger, Stephen Ministry awaits your call for help. 739-0230, ext.130, leave a confidential message.

Compassionate & caring listening for you!

PRO-LIFE

This **Wednesday, March 25**, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and marks the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), written by Pope St. John Paul II. This document on the value and inviolability of every human life remains an indispensable source of truth for all people. It reaffirms the "greatness and the inestimable value of human life" (EV2), and addresses present-day legal, ethical, and moral threats to life, including abortion, artificial reproduction techniques, contraception, capital punishment, euthanasia, sterilization, & suicide. More information: respect-life.org/gospel-of-life.

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FESTIVAL OF MINISTRIES

At Donut Sunday

Gather for donuts and check out the "Mini-Festival of Ministries" next Sunday, March 22. Take some time to ask questions and really get to know more about our parish and all of the wonderful ministries that help us to thrive.

Donut Sunday will be Hosted by:
The Altar Society

The following ministries are also
scheduled* to be featured:

Fire of the Spirit Charismatic Group
Living Your Strengths
Room at the Inn Nite Site
Holy Spirit Blood Drives
St. Patrick Casserole Program
Altar Society

* Schedule subject to change and modification

Lunch Bunch is CANCELLED!

Due to the latest directives from Archbishop Carlson, we are cancelling Lunch Bunch for this month.

Watch the bulletin for updates!

ANNUAL DEACON DIAPER DRIVE

Please mark your calendars!!! During the weekends of March 21-22 & 28-29, the Permanent Deacons in the Archdiocese of St. Louis, in conjunction with the Respect Life Office, will be collecting diapers for infants, toddlers, and adults as part of our

FOURTH ANNUAL PAN-WIDE PRO-LIFE SERVICE PROJECT
to assist families in need. Last year we collected over 325,000 diapers. We need and we'd like to exceed that total this year. We would ask that you please consider placing infant, toddler, and adult diapers on your shopping list and drop them at your Parish Hall. All diapers collected will be donated to families in our parish community through Habitat for Humanity organizations in our area. For more information, contact Deacon Scott or Deacon Jim. We would like to assess the need for the larger size diapers, 3's, 4's and 5's. We ask you to pray for the success of this project and to please be as generous as possible.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want." Let the Lord be the shepherd of your marriage. Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next weekends are Apr. 24-26 & Aug. 7-9, Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters. <https://stl-wwme.org/schedule.php> or call or text 314.649.7317.

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC, ALIVE! SPIRITUAL SIGHT

There are simply times in life where we are in the dark and do not see as the Lord sees. Lent is a time of going into the desert, a time that can be dry and desolate in our spiritual lives. In the midst of this darkness, however, the Lord can work wonders and purify our relationship with Him and family members and friends. Just as the blind man could not see but obeyed the Lord, we too must continue to heed the voice of the Lord so that we may truly see with the eyes of faith. As the Pharisees shows us, it is often when we think we know it all or see everything already that the opposite is true. Jesus came that we may see. We pray that Jesus might open the eyes of our hearts and minds to see Him.

www.archstl.org/live-the-faith.

Please watch the bulletin for updates as we work our way through the current health situation!

LENT AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Stations SUSPENDED	Fridays—2 and 7 PM Good Friday at 3:00 pm
Evening Prayer/ Reconciliation SUSPENDED	Every Monday at 7:00 pm
Sun, Mar. 29, 5 th Sun. Lent SUSPENDED	Regular Mass Schedule
Mon, Mar. 30 CANCELED	Parish Penance Service —at 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr. 4	Confessions 9 am to 3 pm, No confessions at 4pm
Sat, Apr. 4–Sun, Apr. 5 RESCHEDULED	C2B Retreat
Sun, Apr. 5, Passion Sun. SUSPENDED	Regular Mass Schedule —Begin in Parish Hall
Holy Thursday, Apr. 9	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Mass, Lord's Supper, 7 pm
Good Friday, Apr. 10	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Stations of the Cross, 3 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 7:00 pm
Holy Saturday, Apr. 11	Morning Prayer, 8:00 am Easter Vigil 8:00 pm
Sun, Apr. 12, Easter Sun.	Masses, 7:30, 9 and 11am
Sun, Apr. 19, Divine Mercy	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, Apr. 26, 3 rd Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 3, 4 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule First Communion 2:00 pm
Sun, May 10, 5 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 17, 6 th Sun. Easter	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 24, Feast of the Ascension	Regular Mass Schedule
Sun, May 31, Pentecost	Regular Mass Schedule

4th Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1b,6-7,10-13a
Psalm 23:1-6
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Monday March 23

Isaiah 65:17-21
Ps 30:2,4-6,11-13
John 4:43-54

Tuesday March 24

Ezekiel 47:1-9,12
Ps 46:2-3,5-6,8-9
John 5:1-16

Wednesday March 25

The Annunciation

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Ps 40:7-11
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Thursday March 26

Exodus 32:7-14
Ps 106:19-23
John 5:31-47

Friday March 27

Wisdom 2:1a,12-22
Ps 34:17-21,23
John 7:1-2,10,25-30

Saturday March 28

Jeremiah 11:18-20
Ps 7:2-3,9bc-12
John 7:40-53

Conversion is a process. The blind man in the Gospel reading exemplifies this journey into faith. Notice that at first he did not go to Jesus. Jesus came to him. The man responded by waiting to see what would happen and then by obeying Jesus.

Conversion begins when Jesus seeks us out and we make ourselves available to his touch. He then opens our eyes to the truth, but we don't immediately understand.

When the man's neighbors asked about his cure, he did not yet understand who Jesus was; he thought of him as just a man.

Then, the pressure of listening to the Pharisees argue about who Jesus was caused him to give it more thought. He concluded that Jesus must be a prophet.



see who Jesus really was. Conversion – the purification of our spiritual vision – takes place in the fire of our sufferings as we recognize the concern that God has for us.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In the first reading, God makes it clear that he sees what we cannot see when we're focused on external evidence. Think of a time when you looked deeper or beyond the obvious. How did that change you?
2. In Ephesians 5, we read that we have become light in the Lord. Name some of the good fruits that come from the ability to see what Jesus is doing in your life.
3. The Gospel reading illustrates that those who think they can see the truth are very often blind, and those who acknowledge their blindness become able to see clearly. Why does this happen? How has it happened to you?

As the Pharisees treated him more roughly and raised the possibility of expelling him from the synagogue if he claimed that Jesus was the Christ, he began to wonder whether it might be true. Their reasons for hating Jesus became the eye-openers that cured his spiritual blindness.

Finally, Jesus sought him out again, this time to minister to him in response to the mistreatment he had suffered from the Pharisees. In this act of caring, the man could

Lenten Activity:

Name areas of your life where there is confusion from a lack of understanding. Perhaps you're having a hard time seeing the good in someone. Maybe you're worried about the future. What will you do this week that will help you see it from God's perspective?

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