

# REFLECTIONS FROM FATHER CLARK

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE HOLY WEEK LITURGY

**Palm Sunday:** Come to Scotland Square for the Interfaith Blessing of Palms between 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses.

**Holy Thursday:** At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, bring a bell to ring during the Glory to God, have your foot washed, spend an hour of adoration with Jesus in the Eucharist following the Mass until 10:00 PM.

**Good Friday:** Keep silent before and after the service, refrain from conversations in the church, help pass the cross from the rear of the church, take off your shoes for the Veneration of the Cross.

**Easter Vigil:** bring a bell to ring during the Glory to God, welcome the new members of the church who will make a profession of faith, and celebrate Confirmation and Eucharist. Bring a small bottle to bring home Holy Water.

**Easter Sunday:** welcome guests and make them feel at home, renew your baptismal promises as the culmination of your Lenten observances.



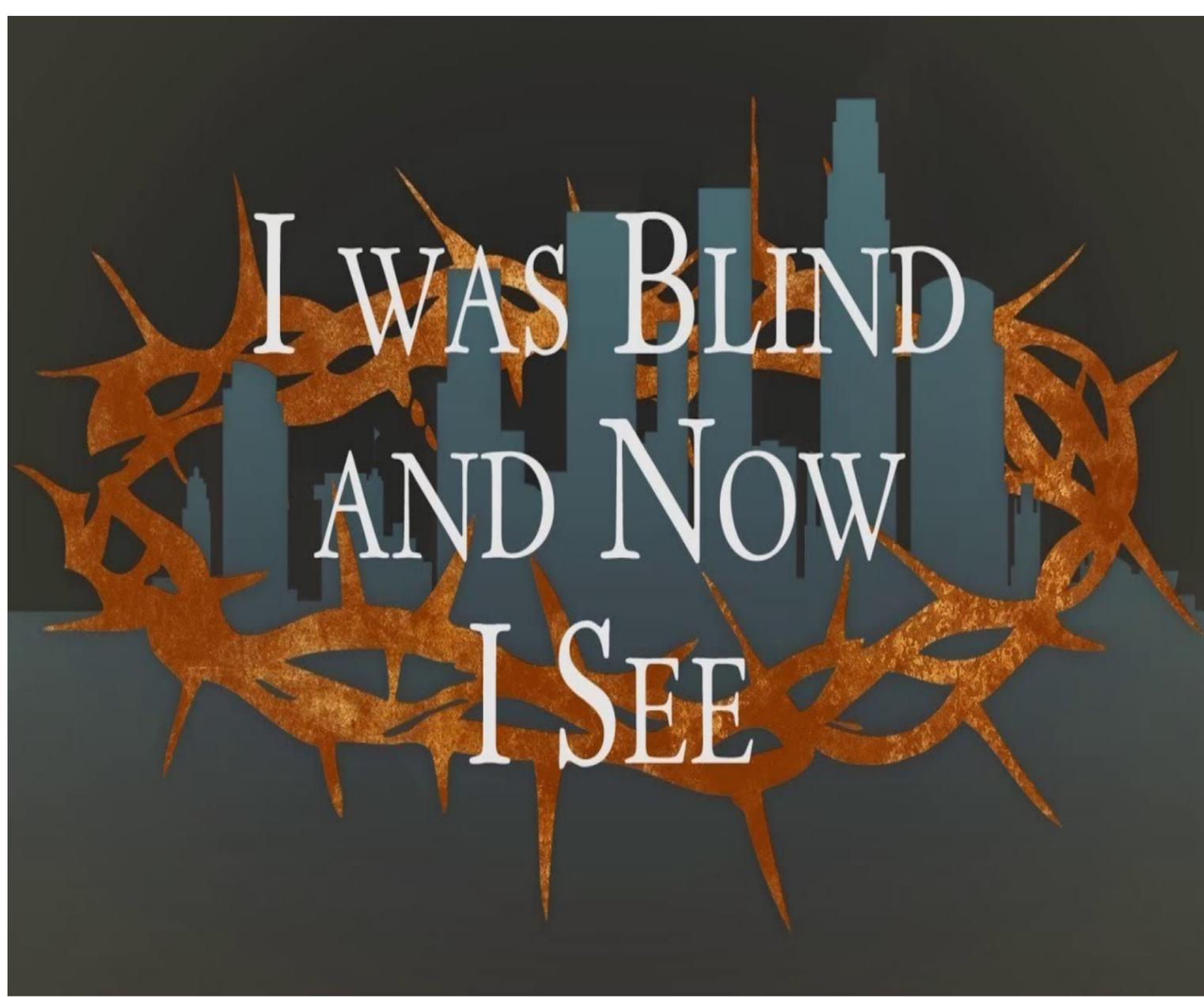
### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) ON MARCH 26

On Thursday, March 26 from 4:00-8:00 PM, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Father Kammer will be available from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Father John Fahey from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Father Clark from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

I encourage everyone to consider making the celebration of Confession part of your preparation for Easter. I suggest that you think of the sacrament as being like step 4 of the Twelve Step program that says to make a fearless inventory of your life and share it with a trusted person. The wisdom of that step is found in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We look at how we are doing, acknowledge the good and be grateful for it, and ask ourselves how we can grow at this time in our lives. What can I do to make myself a better person? What is preventing me from taking that step to change? Identifying the block or barrier in my life, helps me to see where I need to grow. You may also have a particular sin or wrongdoing that you want to confess to lift the burden of guilt or shame from you. As you prepare for confession, focus on growth!

Please do not use the examinations of conscience that you find online or on Catholic apps. They can make you scrupulous by thinking that everything is a sin. Remember, for something to be a sin it must be wrong. You know it is wrong, and you do it. If you do not know that something is wrong, you do not commit a sin. If it is not a violation of the 10 commandments or the two great commandments of love of God and neighbor, it is not a sin. Enter the sacrament, with a trust in God's boundless mercy. Remember, he knows you and understands you better than you know yourself. He does not want to judge you, rather he wants to heal you. He desires that you return to him with all your heart. He is the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son who welcomes back his wayward son without needing an explanation, an apology, or payback. He just wants his son home. God just wants you home!

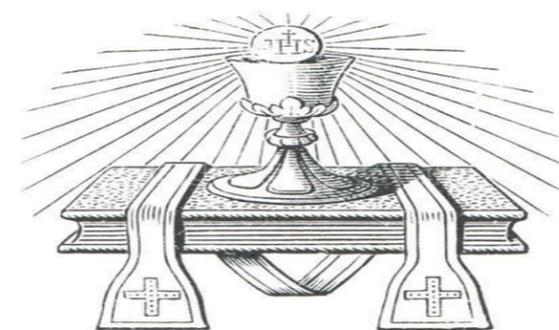
There is no greater feeling of relief and peace than to make your peace with God. Having a conversation with the priest helps you to get it out of you. It is special when you say it aloud and to another person. I can assure you, I never remember what a person tells me in confession. I only remember how hard they are trying to be the best they can and please God.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ MARCH 15, 2026

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serving the family of God and feeding the soul of the Community.*

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### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 PM**  
**Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM**

**Weekday Masses: MLK Chapel**  
**12:10 PM**

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.



**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

On Sunday afternoon, March 15, at 4:00 PM, we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If anyone is experiencing illness and would like to pray for healing of body, mind, and soul, please come and celebrate this sacrament of healing. If anyone is home-bound and cannot come to church, please call Father Clark and he will arrange to make a home visit.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Thursday, March 26, from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Fathers Clark, Kammer and Fahey will be available for confession during those hours.

**CHANGE OF LOCATION: FRIDAY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

On this Friday, March 20, the Friday evening Mass at 5:00 PM and the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM will take place at the chapel at the MLK Catholic Student Center because we will be having a Visitation for Mrs. Mary Ann Ned in the church.

**HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY 2026**

**Palm Sunday:** 4:00 PM, 8:00 AM, and 10:30 AM  
**Holy Thursday:** Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:00 PM  
**Good Friday:** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion and Death 3:00 PM  
**Holy Saturday:** Easter Vigil: 8:00 PM  
**Easter Sunday:** Mass of the Lord's Resurrection 8:00 and 10:30 AM

**FAMILY MORNING OF RECOLLECTION ON MARCH 28**

The Parish School of Religion invites families of PSR to join in a Morning of Reflection in preparation for Holy Week and Easter on Saturday, March 28 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. There will be separate sessions for parents and children and then a family project together followed by lunch. Please plan to join us as we explore ways of making PSR more family based.

**FILL A PRESCRIPTION**

Immaculate Conception is once again participating in the "Fill a Prescription for Our Neighbors in Need" program. This program helps eligible members of our community receive their prescriptions at no cost through the St. Vincent de Paul Community Pharmacy. A donation canister has been placed in the church foyer. Please place your donation inside one of the medicine bottles provided and return the bottle to the canister. Your generosity and support are greatly appreciated.

**CLAVER FAMILY FISH DINNER SALE**

The Knights of Peter Claver and the Ladies' Auxiliary will be selling Fish Dinners on the Fridays of Lent. The menu consists of fried catfish strips, potato salad, peas, bread, and a dessert. **The cost is \$15.00.** Dinners are served from 10:00 AM until they run out **Call 225.270.5454 to place large orders!**



TRACYE	MCCLINTON	3/16
STACY	ADDISON	3/17
LONDON	DRUMMOND	3/17
PERCY	VAUGHN	3/17
FAITH	DARBY	3/18
BARBARA	ALLEN	3/19
MAURICE	BAUDY	3/19
CASSANDRA	DAVIS	3/20
DWIGHT	THOMAS	3/20
ERIC	TUGGLE	3/20
BEULAH	DECUIR	3/21
RENELLA	GUILLORY	3/21
TREY	PATTY	3/21
LUCY	SMITH	3/21
KEVIN	WALKER, JR.	3/22
MARIO	WASHINGTON	3/22
JEANETTE	HUFF	3/23
MITCHELL	JACKSON	3/23
LOUELLA	JOSEPH	3/23
RHONDA	WILLIAMS	3/23



The Junior Daughters will host an Easter Egg Hunt on **Palm Sunday, March 29**, following the **10:30 AM Mass** on the church grounds. All children and youth are invited to join us for a fun-filled celebration!



**THANK YOU FOR THE BIRTHDAY LOVE**

Father Clark extends his heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make his birthday last Sunday such a special and memorable celebration. He is truly grateful for the thoughtful cards, warm wishes, cake, and the wonderful, delicious food. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

**Weekly Mass Readings  
March 15th– March 22nd**

**Sunday**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

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

**Monday**

Isaiah 65: 17-21  
 John 4: 43-54

**Tuesday**

Ezekiel 47: 1-9, 12  
 John 5: 1-16

**Wednesday**

Isaiah 49: 8-15  
 John 5: 17-30

**Thursday**

**Solemnity of Saint Joseph,  
Spouse of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary**

2 Samuel 7: 4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
 Matthew 1: 16, 18-21, 24a

**Friday**

Wisdom 2: 1a, 12-22  
 John 7: 1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**

Jeremiah 11: 18-20  
 John 7: 40-53

**Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ezekiel 37: 12-14  
 Romans 8: 8-11  
 John 11: 1-45