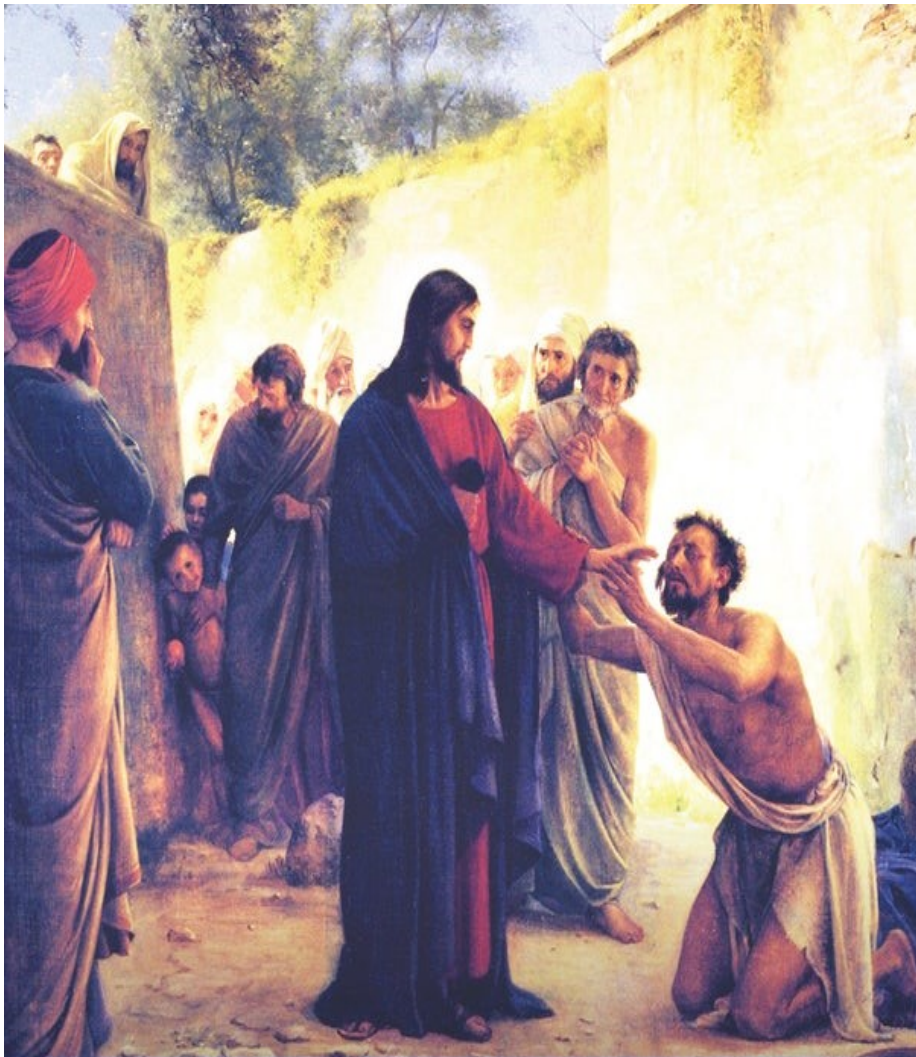




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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT—MARCH 19, 2023



Catholic Ministry Appeal Prayer

More numerous than the stars in the sky are your blessings, O Good and Gracious God. You have called us to spread the Good News of your Son, Jesus Christ, through our words and actions.

Strengthen our faith and open our hearts to care for all of our brothers and sisters, especially those who need us the most.

Help us to understand the difference we can make, the love we can share and the lives we can bring to Christ through the Catholic Ministry Appeal.

We pray that your grace, O Lord, will lead us to be your loving heart and hands today. *Amen.*

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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MASS TIMES**Saturday Vigil Sat 4:00 pm.****Sun: 7:30, 10:00, 11:30.****(Vietnamese), 8:30.****Daily Mass: 8:30 a.m.****Confession Thurs. 3:00-4:00
and 7:00-7:30 pm.****The church is open 7:30 am to
9:00 pm to visit the Lord for
quiet prayer.****Morning Prayer: 8:05 a.m.****Exposition: 9:00 a.m. with the
rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet.****Benediction: 11:55 a.m.****Call the parish for any need,
anointing of the sick or home
visits for communion. Office
hours 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.****Celebrate the Sacrament of Penance this Lent in the communal
form of the Sacrament at these times....****Lady Queen of Peace, Mon. March 20th —4pm****St. Vincent de Paul, Thurs. March 23rd, 4pm & 7pm****St. Michael Archangel, Mon. March 27rd, 4:00pm.****St. Thomas Aquinas, Tue. March 28th—4pm.****STATIONS of the CROSS**

**Come pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 on the
Fridays of Lent. My Lord, Jesus Christ, You have
made this journey to die for me with unspeakable
love. Yet, I have many times ungratefully aban-
doned You. Now I love You with all my heart. I am
sincerely sorry for ever having offended You. Have
mercy me, my God, and permit me to accompany You on this journey.
You go to die for love of me; I want to follow you, to die to myself for
love of You. My Jesus, I will live and die always united to You..**

Noticing God in Our Everyday Lives.

*Thank you picking up a book to join us in this adventure
to simply notice God in new ways that will bring a last-
ing impact from the book "And That Got Me to Think-
ing". The book is \$10, written by Ellen Shadle who is excit-
ed to guide us along the way. There is an envelope for you
to make the payment to cover the cost of the book. Mark
the envelope 'BOOK' and drop in the weekly collection
basket at the altar. We are happy to work with you in our
parish Lenten practice of noticing God in our daily life.*

***Living Will ~Friday, March 24, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in
the Media Room there will be an opportunity to
learn about Living Wills. Blair Holtey, Catholic Chap-
lain, will be joining us with forms and information to
walk us through the process of creating a Living
Will. All are welcome. The session is free and will
offer a wealth of insight for medical directives, ad-
vanced decisions for a legal document. We hope you
are able to share in this opportunity to prepare a
Living Will for yourself and feel free to bring a loved
one.***

***A truly great gift was offered when Jesus healed the man's blindness, yet it was an even greater gift when
Jesus revealed himself as the Son of Man, the Messiah. The first touch we experience from Jesus is at our
Baptism. Washed in rebirth, anointed in Christ, our eyes of faith our opened. Like the man in the Gospel,
accepting the gift from Jesus so that we may truly see Jesus as our Lord and worship him who lives in us.***

Parish Staff—Pastor, Fr. William Fickel, SSS; Parochial Vicar, Fr. Dominic Long, SSS**Parish Administrator, Christine DeLiato; Stewardship, Laura Worhacz;****Faith Formation Director, Charlene Vassalli; Choir Director, Tierra Carson Booth;****Secretary, Anabella Batista; Maintenance, Rocky Hieu Nguyen; Chef/Hall Rental, Mark Brose**

PARISH GIVING MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday Offering \$10,594.00

Candle Money \$ 291.50

Total (Thank You!) \$10,885.50

Visit www.svdpl.com for online giving.

Mass Attendance 846

4:00 p.m. 231 \$1875.00

7:30 a.m. 99 \$1162.00

8:30 a.m. 124 \$ 635.00

10:00 a.m. 243 \$1040.00

11:30 a.m. 149 \$1481.00

Mail In \$ 775.00

Additional \$1251.00

Easter Flowers \$ 753.00

Needy Donation \$1577.00

Thank you for sharing your time with us.

God bless your sacrifices.

The Mass is live streamed on Sat. at 4:00 p.m.



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Thank you for worshipping with us!

Sanctuary Candle Intention for the week,

Jodi Mrugalski & Joseph Mrugalski

Sunday March 19

7:30am Michal Culligan+ (family)

8:30AM Parishioners

10:00am Richard Prechtel+ (Ed Nessler)

11:30am Jerry Tamburillo+ (Tamburillo family)

Monday March 20

8:30am Margaret Leach+ (Anita McMahon) and
Loy Tiglao, intentions (Marilyn Tiglao)

Tuesday March 21

8:30am Arthur Landry+ (a friend) and
Richard Maslonka+ (wife & family)

Wednesday March 22

8:30am

Thursday March 23

8:30am Mathew & Annie Kenny+ (daughter Mary)
and Antonio Torres Cardenas+
(Jennifer Suarez)

Friday March 24

8:30am

Saturday March 25

8:30am Delores Tarabocchic+ (John Tarabocchic) and
Ann Swital, special intentions (Richard Hill)
4:00pm Marie Johnson+ (McQueen family)

Readings for the Week

Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/
Jn 9:1-41

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Rom 4:13,
16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Finance Corner

Where does the money go?

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Thank you for your support in paying these bills: Trash Removal \$539.04, Pest Control \$152.00, Parish Mission \$3560.75 (thank you for supporting this), Rummage Sale \$43.16, General Maintenance \$53.64 and Merchandise for the Gift Shop.

We are open seven days a week and serve many people in the area with our prayers and outreach. To those who are homebound, keep us informed of your needs. Thank you and God Bless you!

Pre-
Confirmation
Retreat
Saturday
March 4th.



We are here to open and share with you during a Year of Eucharistic Revitalization. You will enjoy and are welcome to join our First Friday Book Study. Join us in prayer and an option of dinner followed by an hour and half Book Study, held every First Friday.

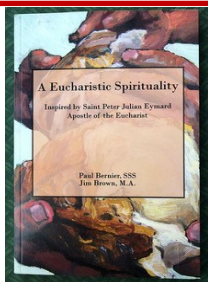
The First Friday in April is Good Friday, so we will meet on the 14th.

The book title; A Eucharistic Spirituality, Inspired by Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Apostle of the Eucharist. The Congregations of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament, take a walk with Fr. Paul Bernier, S.S.S. and Jim Brown, chapter by chapter to deepen your love for the Eucharist.

Read a chapter a month, offered by the Associates of the Blessed Sacrament. **Sign Up** on the website or contact Gloria Jung, Margaret Flanders, or Marge Harris, info@aggregationblessedsacrament.org Website:

www.aggregationblessedsacrament.org

Evening Prayer 4:40 pm. ~Benediction ends at 5 pm, **Dinner Option** ~ from 5 pm to 6 pm, **Book Study Time** ~ from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm, **SIGN UP NOW**— Limited Books for sale in the parish office or order a book on line.



Gospel Reflection

Jesus has the power to open eyes to what we are unable to see. This gospel raises the question of judgment gets to the heart of the questions. In light of Jesus and his judgment, what are we to make of what is happening with security, border control, healthcare, refugees, hunger, poverty, violence, and war? How are we to respond to these? What about our responsibility to one another? How might Jesus as prophet help us there? Jesus and his judgment have something to say about what it means to be a neighbor, especially to those who differ from, frighten, or threaten us. What are the values that guide our lives and decision making? What are faithful choices and how then are we to live? The one who comes for judgment guides our way.

We face these issues as individuals, a nation, and a world. Everything about Jesus, his life, his words, his actions, are a judgment on our lives and world. That judgment offers us the chance to see as he sees, to live as he lives, and to be as he is. His judgment, however, is not an adjudication for the purpose of punishment. Rather, it is a diagnosis for the purpose of healing and life. Jesus always casts his judgment with an eye toward change and transformation. Its purpose is to show us the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus' judgment is not a once and forever judgment. It's conditional. It lasts only as long as we see with eyes closed. And there is no one as blind as the one who chooses not to see, who chooses to live and see with eyes closed. We need only look to the recent past to understand what happens when we see and live with eyes closed. Let's not be closed eyed people. Let's see with open eyes. Let's see the beauty, the hope, the goodness. Let's see the pain and disfigurement. Let's take it all in, and then, by God's grace, let's begin to close the gap between what is and what might be.

Love lies at the heart of Jesus' judgment. With open eyes he sees in us more beauty, more goodness, more holiness, than we often see in ourselves and each other. His judgment in intended to open our eyes to see anew; a new life, a new world, and new possibilities. What we often don't understand is that his judgment is in our favor and for our good even when it doesn't feel that way. He is a prophet who has come into this world for judgment.

Where does Jesus' judgment intersect your life? My life? What is it asking of us? Where does our seeing diverge from his seeing? What possibilities and hope does his judgment offer you and our world? "Surely, we are not blind, are we?"



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Sight is easy to take for granted. For the Pharisees in today's Gospel, the possibility that they might be missing something, despite having sight, authority, and education bothers them: "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" (John 9:40)

When we walk through a house, we automatically look for the light switch if it's dark. It's difficult to do anything in the dark. "We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day,"

Jesus said in John 9:4. "Night is coming when no one can work." The works of God cry out to be accomplished, including the ministries supported by our Catholic Ministry Appeal. We must not delay.

Christ is here. He is the daylight only by which we can work. We need him, and we need you. We ask him to guide our efforts throughout the Appeal. Please support our Appeal.

We ask him to enlighten your discernment of how to do so. He will not let you walk in darkness when doing the works of God. He will be your light. God bless you abundantly for your gifts and prayers for our Appeal! VISIT: givetoministry.dosp.org:

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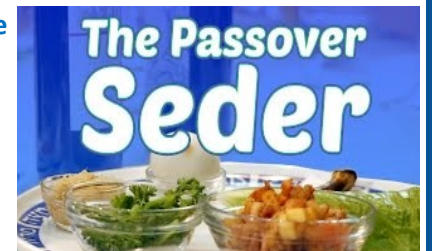


Please join our Catholic Ministry Appeal so that we may fulfill Jesus' command in today's Gospel to "do the works of God" (John 9:4). There is no higher work than liturgy. The word Liturgy means "work for the people." God's work works for us, too! Help our Catholic Ministry Appeal, so we can keep doing them. God bless you for it.

Lenten Retreat at the House of Prayer

The Marian Servants of Divine Providence are hosting a weekend retreat, 711 S. Bayview Ave., Clearwater 33759, **March 31, 2023 thru April 2, 2023**. The theme of the retreat is: "And I will give you new hearts" and it will be presented by Fr. Shawn Monahan, OMV. The invitation of this Lenten retreat is to discover how our hearts have been broken, and how they can be healed & transformed by the power of His merciful gaze and live a more abundant life. For more information and to register for the retreat please visit: divineprovidence.org/events; email: info@divineprovidence.org or ph. 727-797-7412. Flyer available at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/48nd64sx>.

Reserve a place at the St. Vincent de Paul family Seder Meal. Saturday, March 25th at 5 PM. We seek to honor the tradition of the Seder Meal in keeping with the Jewish Passover. Please call the office for your tickets, \$8.00 adults, \$24.00 families.



The Seder Meal is a tradition celebrated by people of the Jewish faith during Passover. The meal consists of rituals, prayer and food meant to represent parts of the Exodus story where the people of Israel were led from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land.

Jewish communities celebrate Seder among their families, or people of the Jewish faith. Guests are often invited to join them. "The first thing recited in a Seder Meal says that anyone who doesn't have a meal should come join." "The ability to invite others to table is a sign of freedom." Passover in general is a family holiday to celebrate our freedoms. This is a good time to invite friends and neighbors to share a meal with you at our parish. Please do delay in getting this on your calendar and making your reservation. We hope to have a great many families sharing in the Passover meal.

Many people today are bombarded with too much stimulation that they miss what is right in front of their eyes. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that Jesus helps us see what is truly important in life. Look not to what is passing away. Set your vision on all that will endure. God's love is everlasting.



In today's Gospel, as Jesus gives sight to the blind man. Through grace we are also transformed from not seeing to seeing and then Jesus sends us to help others see and to believe.

Your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

God's love is witnessed by the charity given through our care for others in need. Every gift is given to express the love God has shown to us in Jesus his Son. Jesus was incarnated of the virgin Mary and born in a manger. He came as food to nourish a hungry human family of his brothers and sisters. All of us.

Thank you for your support, the SVdP Society is made possible by your participation in serving this ministry.

Arts and Crafts Spring Sale on Friday March 31, 9:00-2:00 pm and 4:00-6:00 pm, and Saturday April 1, 9:00-2:00 pm. We have something for Every Occasion: Easter, First Communion, mothers Day, Teacher Appreciation to name a few. Raffle tickets are available before and after all Masses, Prizes are \$100, \$75 and \$50.

We are looking for Chocolate wrapped donations for our Chinese Auction are appreciated. We look forward to greeting you at the sale!!!

You are invited to the **Annual Celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday** at St. Vincent de Paul Church. On Sunday, April 16, at 3:00 pm. The program includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Praises of Divine Mercy, Scripture Readings and Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy.

A reception will follow in the Social Hall. Light refreshment and beverages will be provided. Church members are encouraged to bring their special dishes, finger foods or drinks to share.

Divine Mercy candles will be for sale, for placement at the Shrine. The Divine Mercy Novena begins on Good Friday, April 7. We will pray together after the daily 8:30 am Mass, every day except Easter Sunday (you will need to pray privately at home), until the novena ends on Saturday April 15th.



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 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.

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.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Friday Nite Dinners

Come be with us on Friday to enjoy an "ALL YOU CAN EAT" dinner for \$12.95.

Spread the word and help us to put a flyer in your club house. Richard will give you one when you come to dinner. Join the Knights of Columbus. We thank all the Knights for showing up for our monthly meeting on the **Third Monday** of each month.

Second Collection on March 18/19... Reveal Christ's Love!

Please be generous in your support to Catholic Relief Services established to carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody Catholic social and moral teaching as we respond to major emergencies, fight disease and poverty, and nurture peaceful and just societies. We assist people on the basis of need, not creed, race or nationality.



Each parish is part of the Church Universal. We are the Catholic Church in a particular place. The bishops of the United States created the national collections so that, by combining resources, we can more effectively carry out our mission as Catholics. Each of these important collections is worthy of your support. Each collection represents our community of faith at work in the world, saving souls and improving lives. We are encouraged us to view the national collections in the light of stewardship and of sharing. God has given us our light and our prosperity, all we need and more. It is right and just that we give something back through these collections, helping people in our country and around the world to live better and to grow in the love of Jesus. One Church. One Mission. Real Lives.