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# ST. JOHN BREBEUF

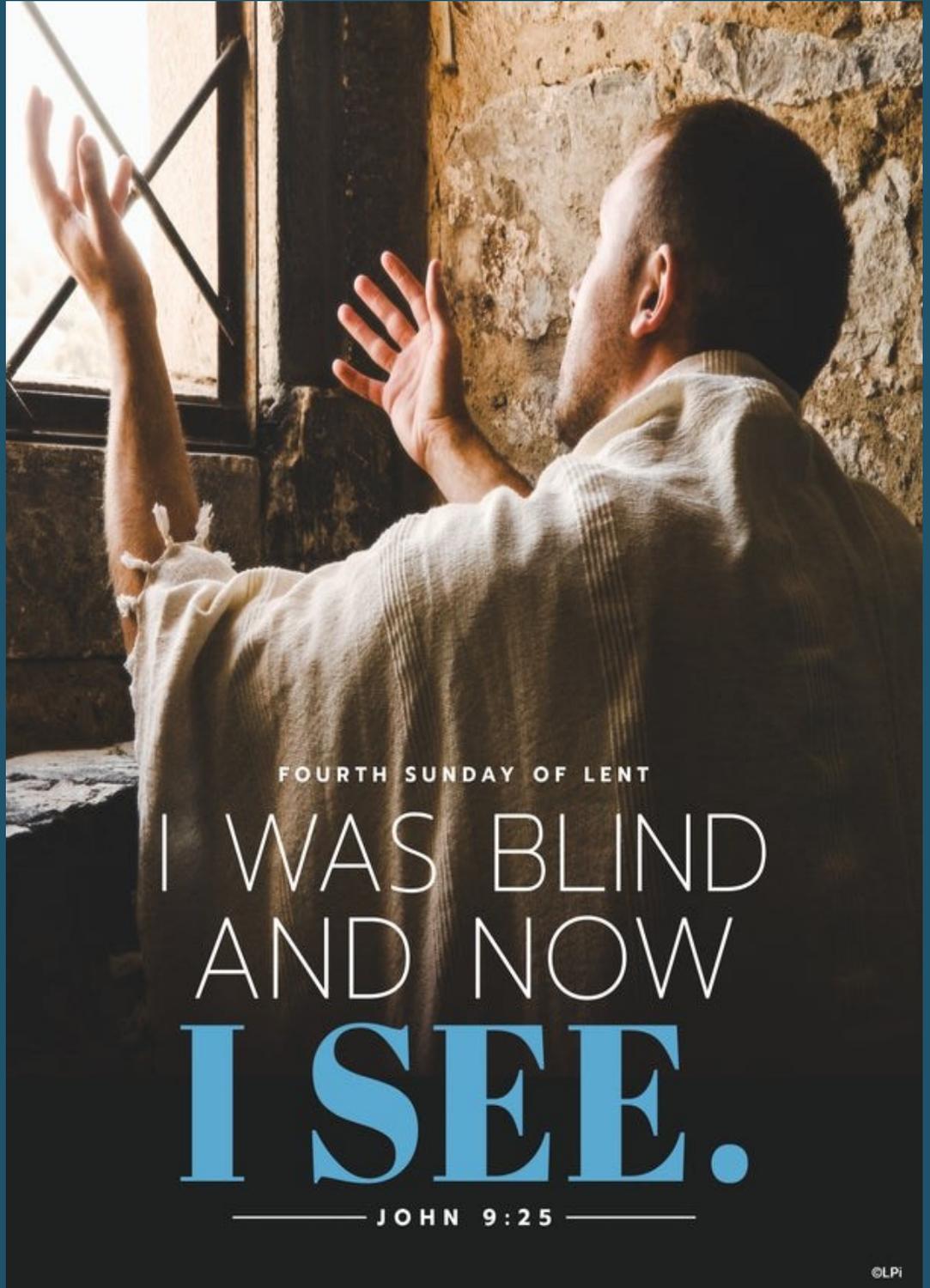
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We are a people of faith who respond to our Baptismal call to holiness by caring for one another and journeying together with Christ through prayer, sacraments, lifelong formation and service in light of the Gospel and Catholic Tradition.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND  
AND NOW  
**ISEE.**

— JOHN 9:25 —



*“I once  
was  
lost,  
but  
now  
am  
found,  
was  
blind,  
but  
now  
I see.”*  
*(Amazing Grace)*

March 15, 2026

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### **GROW AS A DISCIPLE** | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

There has been much commentary over the centuries about Jesus' use of saliva and mud to heal the man born blind. One of the most profound interpretations I have read reminds us that in Genesis, God made man out of “the dust of the ground.” (Gen 2:7) Jesus' use of mud in the Gospel suggests that he is re-creating the blind man before him. The man receives a whole new life, such that even those who see him after his healing question whether he is the same person as before: “Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?” ... “No, he just looks like him.” Through this Gospel, I've come to believe that Jesus is inviting us to see that every time he touches us in the sacraments, we are inwardly re-created, inwardly renewed. As we come to this midway point in Lent, let's open our eyes to the ways God is waiting to meet us with his healing love in the sacraments, and avail ourselves of this amazing grace.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Our first reading offers a powerful reminder that although humans see what's on the outside, God looks at our hearts. While the prophet Samuel thought surely God's hand was on Jesse's oldest son, God chooses David, the youngest, who was out tending the sheep. In the Gospel, the Pharisees look at the man born blind and think he is a sinner, born from sinners. But underneath is a man whom Jesus sends (the name of the pool that Jesus instructs him to go wash in means “Sent”) to bear witness to all that God has done for him. God often chooses the unlikeliest (in our eyes) persons to be the messengers of his Gospel. At times we may wonder why God has chosen us or feel ourselves lacking in the qualities needed to lead others to the Lord. In those moments, let's trust that through our baptism and confirmation, the Lord has put his Spirit in us and has equipped us for the work of sharing the Gospel.

### **REFLECT**

The lyrics “I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see,” from the hymn “Amazing Grace” is based in part on today's Gospel reading. The man born blind says, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” Locate a favorite rendition of this song and use it in your prayer time this week, reflecting on the ways God has brought you greater spiritual vision and inner renewal this Lent.



## Fr. Jason's Corner..

### Be Able to See

There are situations in our lives when we can't cope on our own; our abilities and knowledge aren't enough. So it is with our spiritual life as well. We are not self-sufficient. We can't save ourselves; we can't reach heaven without the help of God. His help in our lives is absolutely necessary. This is mentioned in this Sunday's Gospel passage. It tells the story of a blind man's healing. The Lord Jesus helps a man who was blind return to a normal life. It not only helps him regain his health but also leads him to faith. In this way, a person who has been rejected by others is saved by the Lord Jesus in a physical and spiritual sense. This is a great lesson for us. Each of us can find ourselves in the situation of a man of today's Gospel. Even with good eyesight, we can wander along the paths of our faith because darkness is not only physical darkness; so many modern people experience the blindness of the soul. We are reminded of this by the words of the Book of Samuel in today's first reading: *"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart."* Man then perceives what he wants to see and how he wants to see. Such a disease distorts reality and blinds a person to a world of delusion and mirages rather than the real world. The effects of this type of disease are twofold - not only do we not notice the neighbor living next to us, but God himself disappears from our sight. Then the sense of sinfulness disappears.

What causes our blindness?

- For example, anger, vindictiveness... I don't want to forgive; I don't want to reconcile with the other. I do not see that before God, I myself need forgiveness and mercy.
- Incessantly complaining about everything and everyone
- Staring at our own perfection. It threatens especially those who think they are so close to God that they are better than others, because they spend so much time in prayer and in church.
- When a person is possessed by various addictions.
- When we are consumed by pride and hatred.

These are the sources of blindness that we succumb to every day.

In just three weeks, we will celebrate the joy of the resurrection. This joy already permeates today's liturgy. We are called to open ourselves to the light of Christ in order to bear fruit in our lives, to remove from our hearts those attitudes that are unbecoming of a Catholic. We have to feel sorry for them, get rid of these behaviors, because all this can be drowned in the abyss of Divine Mercy. Staying with Jesus and opting for goodness, truth, and love, while keeping God's commandments in everyday life, requires constant emergence from the darkness of sin and bad habits.

Let us allow Jesus to open our eyes so that we may see, because then we will see better, deeper, and further, and this path will lead us to the transformation of our lives and, consequently, to holiness. God bless you!

Fr. Jason

## WELCOME TO ST. JOHN BREBEUF PARISH

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. Whether you are visiting for the first time, worship with us occasionally, or join us every Sunday, we welcome you to St. John Brebeuf Parish. If you do not have home, or if your church is not home to you, we invite you to become part of our parish family. Please call or stop by our parish office to register 847-966-8145. Visit our website <https://www.sjbrebeuf.org> for additional information on parish and community programs for prayer, faith formation, community outreach and information about St. John Brebeuf School. We are glad you are here and hope you will join us.



## PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration is private prayer and time before Jesus, really present in the Blessed Sacrament displayed on the altar 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The chapel is located at Fr. Thomas May Parish Ministry Center (8305 N. Harlem Ave.) and is open to all visitors during office hours: Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM – 7:00pm // Friday from 9:00am – 5:00pm // Saturday 9:00am – 1:00pm. After Hours the chapel is only keycard accessible. Please call the Parish Office (847) 966-8145 if you wish to obtain one.

## DEVOTIONS

MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP NOVENA

every Wednesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRED HEART OF JESUS — 1st Friday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish after 7:00 pm Mass

OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday of the Month

In English: after 8:30am Mass / In Polish: after 6:30pm Mass

MARIAN PRAYER GROUP in English:

Every Monday 7:00pm Adoration Chapel

HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY in English: Every Friday 3:00pm

Adoration Chapel

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK:

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 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 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/  
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

## OBSERVANCES:

Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## LITURGY SCHEDULE / MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16 — MARCH 22

**Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Angela Tam and Felomena Limbaga  
Death Anniversary  
† Heriberto Rodriguez Birthday Remembrance

**11:00 am Confession****12:00pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski****6:00 pm Confession****7:00 pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski**

† Za Dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

**Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

Gabriell Gudantov Health and God's Blessings on his 1<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
† Erik Mosson  
† Janina and Stanisław Druźba  
† Patrick Harnett  
† Kathleen O'Donnell  
† Everett Glen Galassi Birthday Remembrance

† Joseph Zirko 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary  
† Marcelino Gonzales Jr. and deceased members of the Gonzales family  
† Jan and Janina Wójcik

**12:00 pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski****Zielinski****7:00 pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski**

† Za Dusze w Czyśćcu cierpiące

**Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

† Julianna Rebis  
† Erlinda and Mayrando Gonzales

**12:00 pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski****Zielinski****7:00 pm Polish Mission Fr. Jarek Zielinski**

O łaskę powrotu do zdrowia i wszelkie potrzebne łaski w walce z chorobą nowotworową dla Heleny Mazur i Elżbiety Kapałka  
O udaną operację serca dla Przemysława Gołębiowskiego i powrót do zdrowia Józef Zuzański - O Boże Bł. w dniu Imienin  
O zdrowie i Boże Bł. dla Marleny Ostrowskiej z okazji Urodzin  
† Józefa i Władysława Golik wraz z rodzicami  
† Aniela i Edward Maciołek wraz z rodzicami

† Stanisław i Robert Komosa i zmarli z rodziny w rocznicę śmierci

† Józef Michalak  
† Kazimiera i Józef Kapałka  
† Władysława i Jan Wójtowicz

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Sebastian**

Jose Mario Flores Birthday Blessings  
† Ricardo Solis Death Anniversary  
† Maria Edelnant Birthday Remembrance  
† Józef, Jadwiga and Artur Rafałko  
† Heavenly Birthday for Florence Mirus

**7:00 pm English Fr. Paul**

† August Merkel 14<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

**Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Paul**

† Józef Kuliś 7. miesiąc po śmierci

**3:15 pm English Stations of the Cross****Dr. Andrew Beierwaltes****7:00 pm Pol/Eng Stations of the Cross****Fr. Jason**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo dla Izy Kwietniewskiej z okazji Urodzin  
O Boże Błogosławieństwo i Dary Ducha Św. dla członków grupy Miłosierdzia Bożego i ich Rodzin

† Jan Roman  
† Rafał Mosio  
† Anastazja, Konstanty i Jan Milanowski  
† Maria, Bronisław, Stanisław Szymczak  
† Irena i Stanley Tukiendorf  
† Krystyna i Stanley Wójcik  
† Jozefa Krolczyk, Anna Czajka, Józef Królczyk

**8:00 pm Divine Mercy****Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>****8:30 am English Fr. Jason**

† All Souls in Purgatory  
**4:00 pm Confession**  
**5:00 pm English Mission Fr. Mike Knotek**  
† Krystyna Ciasnocha 1<sup>st</sup> Death Anniv.  
† Matthew, Bernice and Matt Jr. Wojtaszek  
† John Jerome Arenó 7<sup>th</sup> Death Anniv.  
† Clarita Cruz-Cabaron  
† Alejandro Regala, Nella Regala, Teopista Pellerin, Cristito Tejano, Babetta Pepa, And all souls in purgatory.  
† Deborah Maisel 1-year Death Anniv.

**6:30 pm Polish Fr. Sebastian**

Stefania Kowalkowska - O zdrowie , Boże Błogosławieństwo i wszelkie potrzebne łaski z okazji Urodzin

Zofia Lujan - O zdrowie, Boże Bł. potrzebne łaski i opiekę Matki Najświętszej z okazji Urodzin

† Henryk Stankiewicz

† Krystyna Salwierz

† Jan Orzech

† Józef Kowalkowski

† Stanisław Obrochta

† Helena i Nicola Kauric

† Piotr Bleszko

† Józef Leś

† Joe Grzelak, Piotr Les w 4 r. śmierci oraz zmarli z Rodziny Les oraz Grzelak

† Krystyna i Jan Paprocki

† Władysław Fuz, Wanda Kowalczyk i

Wiesław Tomczyński

† Anna i Eugeniusz Sobolewski

† Marian, Irena, Ryszard, Stanisława i

Władysław Stawinoga

† Kazimierz, Wacław, Rozalia, Genowefa,

Helena, Jerzy Bigoraj

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>****7:00 am Polish Fr. Sebastian**

O Boże Błogosławieństwo z okazji urodzin dla Dawida Siek

† Za wszystkich zmarłych z Rodziny

Poborca i Babiarez

† Jadwiga Serafin

**8:30 am English English Mission Fr. Mike Knotek**

Steve Scott Health and Blessings

**10:00 am English English Mission****Fr. Mike Knotek**

Halina Betka Health and God's Blessings on Her 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

† Michele Gucik

† Vito Joseph Gargano, Theresa M.

Gargano, Vincent Joseph Gargano

† Philip Grossman and deceased

members of the Grossman Family

† Stefan Najman 66<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary

† James Laughlin

† Karlos Kondratiuk Death Anniversary

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**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE THIS WEEK**

**IS OFFERED FOR:** † O radość nieba dla śp. Małgorzaty Jedynek w 16 rocznicę śmierci oraz śp. Józefa Burzyńskiego

**PLEASE PRAY:**

**OUR SICK:**

Martha Gfesser  
 Maureen Polcyn  
 Fely Ranjo  
 Millet Beltran  
 RJ Calisura  
 Anne Marie Guerrier  
 Betty Bukraba  
 Elizabeth Marrinan  
 C. Kozeny  
 Mario Brancato  
 Pamela Tripllit  
 Patricia  
 Lourdes Loraya  
 Marian i Maria Dzieciuch  
 Barbara Witkos  
 Rosetta Bizzotto  
 Harry Largent  
 Toni Kilroy  
 Caridad M. Altares  
 Alina Gawlik  
 Dolores Motto  
 Brooke Johnson  
 Silverio Fernandez  
 Jannette Mendoza  
 Mario Loraya  
 Vivian Daoud  
 Nanette Sadorra  
 Isabel C.Villarroel  
 Luke Kowalski  
 Joanna Oliwa  
 Francisco & Luz Atienza  
 Maureen Nathan

Charlotte & Carl Lindquist  
 Rose Manio  
 Teresa Parciany  
 Junver Isuga  
 Chef Raul Arreda  
 Baby Joseph Palmert  
 Concepcion Ponte  
 Charles Stephen Collins  
 Ben & Linda Caldea  
 Robert F. Adams, Jr.  
 Bienvenido Costes  
 Mahmoud Srouf  
 Araceli Madrideojos  
 Hedy Sancho  
 Alan Enzbigilis Sr.  
 Clifford & Judith Drexler  
 Sam Pace  
 Betts Eleanor  
 Helen Williams  
 Darlene Neumann  
 Stanisława Pabisz  
 Kazimierz Pabisz  
 Flordeliza H. Sotto  
 Pedro H. Sotto  
 Nicholas Mazur  
 Siony Urgena  
 Gloria Arago  
 George Frey  
 Scott Johnson  
 Aurea Prinero  
 Emilia Fernandez  
 Ernie Tusa



**OUR BELOVED DEPARTED:**

Stefan Szwarc  
 Georgian Pappone  
 Anna Kruk  
 Jaroslaw Podkopal

Marianna Koniecko  
 Zofia Miecznikowska



**OUR MILITARY:** *Please pray for those serving in the military, and for a peaceful and just solution to conflict and violence.*

Timothy Casey

Thomas Neuhengen  
 Mark Honsa  
 Pvt. James Cunningham  
 Marian Niemotko  
 PFC Seth D. Perkins  
 Sgt. Ramiro Cadena  
 Pieter Venter  
 Jacob Allen  
 Robert Monaco

Scott Rodberg  
 Sgt. Daniel Cunningham  
 CW4 Louis Haberkorn  
 SSGT Michael J. Archam  
 A2C Andrew T. Perkins  
 Lt. Joseph Disclafani  
 Joshua Clavel Ramos  
 Chief Ryan Morrow  
 Angelina Garza

**PERPETUAL ADORATION CHAPEL**

**CANDLES OFFERED**

**THIS WEEK FOR:**

**Candle 1** Thanksgiving from The Flores Family

**Candle 2** Good Health and Blessings for The Flores Family



**SUNDAY OFFERINGS:**

**March 8, 2026 — \$17,415**

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. Your support is essential to our mission and ministry. May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and commitment. We're grateful you're part of our community!

*Bóg zapłać za nieustanne wsparcie naszej parafii, hojność, zaangażowanie oraz przynależność do naszej wspólnoty.*



**MASS INTENTION REQUESTS – Internet:**

[www.sjbrebeuf.org](http://www.sjbrebeuf.org) (click the yellow box labeled "Mass Intentions" to fill out the online form) **Mail:** Please mail your offering to: *Mass Intentions, St. John Brebeuf, 8305 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, IL 60714.* Include the name, date, time, and what the intention is for. Also, please include the name and phone number of person requesting the intention. Phone 847-966-8145. *Please make your request 2 weeks in advance so we have time to receive it and place it in the bulletin*

Beautiful Mass cards featuring the image of St. John Brebeuf, the patron saint of our parish, are available for an additional charge from the parish office. These cards are a thoughtful and prayerful way to let someone know a Mass is being offered for them or their loved one. Please contact the parish office for more information or to request a Mass and card.

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE REMEMBRANCE**

Remember a deceased relative or friend in a special way by donating the altar bread and wine that are used at Mass each week. Suggested donation is \$50. Please contact the parish office to select a date. The Holy Mass in the person's intention is celebrated every Sunday at 6:00pm.

**PRAYER LIST –** If you or a loved one needs prayers due to an illness, please call the parish office to put the name on the list. If the person has recovered please notify the office. If you have any members in your family currently serving in the military, please call the parish office so we may pray for them.



**MASS INTENTIONS***(continued from pg. 4)***11:30 am Polish Fr. Sebastian**

O Boże Bł. i Dary Ducha Św. z prośbą o wskazówki, mądrość wyborów i siłę dla Mariusza

O uzdrowienie z choroby, Bożą opiekę i Dary Ducha Św. dla Haliny i Józefa

O zdrowie i Boże Bł. dla Rodziny Kowalczyk i Kowalski oraz Krystyny Fijor

Za syna Patryka o obfite łaski i opiekę Matki Bożej z okazji Urodzin

O zdrowie, Boże Bł. i potrzebne łaski dla Siostry i Rodziców Wojtka

O Bł. i opiekę Bożą dla Nastasji i Daniela

† Maria Wojdyła

† Edyta Galimski rok po śmierci

† Mieczysław Myśliwiec

† Stanisław, Maria, Władysław Cudzych oraz za zmarłych z rodziny Wojtanek

† Edward Rybka

† Czesława Leśniak

† Józefa Klimek we wspomnieniu Imienin

† Stanisław Józef Gwiżdż 5 rocznica śmierci

† Zofia Kowalewicz 5 miesięcy po śmierci

† Maria i Jan Bafia

† Adolfa Ostrega

† Zdzisław Redlinski i Robert Burnson

† Antonina i Jan Baluszynski

† Leszek Leśniewski we wspomnieniu urodzin

† Jozef Gnatek

† Helena i Jozef Skiba

† Juliana i Jozef Kaczuk

† Piotr Bleszko

† Stanislaw Dzik

† Józef Leś

† Swietej pamieci Benedykt Pacyna

† Mary i Stanisław Rogowski

† Stanisława i Stanislaw Lis

† Wiktoria Blyskal

† Maria Kaczmarek

† Władysław Stanuch

† Janusz Chmielewski

† O radość wieczną dla Wojtka

**4:00 pm Gorzkie Żale + Mass Fr. Jason**

† We wspomnieniu imieni Józefy Węglarczyk

**6:00 pm English English Mission Fr. Mike**

**Knotek**

† All Souls in Purgatory



# Walking with Jesus

## Lenten Parish Mission



Retreat Master - Fr. Mike Knotek -  
Vicar for the pastoral and professional  
development of priests in the Archdiocese  
of Chicago and the executive secretary of  
the Archdiocesan Placement Board

**Weekend Masses**

**Saturday, March 21st at 5 pm**

**Sunday, March 22nd at 8:30 am, 10 am, 6 pm**

**Weekday Masses**

**March 23rd–24th, 2026 at 7 pm**

**Confessions at 6 pm on March 24th**

St. John Brebeuf Church, 8305 N Harlem Ave, Niles, IL 60714



### PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF CHRIST'S PASSION / ST. JOHN, INDIANA

We cordially invite everyone to join a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion on March 21. The bus will depart at 8:30 AM from the parking lot near the church. During the pilgrimage, we plan to pray the bilingual Stations of the Cross, visit the shrine gift shop, and have lunch at the Shrine of Our Lady of Częstochowa. There will also be an

opportunity for confession and to view the display, *1,000 Years of Christianity in Poland*, presented in English. The Mass will be celebrated at 3:00 PM. The total cost is \$70 per person. Registration will take place at the Parish Office. For more information, please contact Deacon Kris.



### DAILY MASSES

8:30am / Monday - Saturday  
 7:00pm / Monday, Wednesday & Friday (Polish)  
 7:00pm / Tuesday & Thursday (English)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS DURING LENT  
 3:15pm (English)  
 7:00 pm (bi-lingual)

### GORZKIE ŻALE

(POLISH LENTEN LAMENTATION)  
 Sundays during Lent at 4:00 pm

### WEEKLY RECONCILIATION

6:30pm — 7:00pm Monday - Friday  
 4:00pm — 5:00pm Saturdays

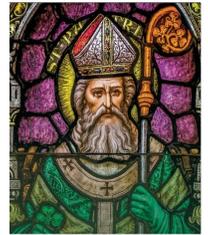
### What are Gorzkie Żale, (Lenten Lamentations)?

Gorzkie Żale ("Bitter Lamentations") is a traditional Polish Catholic Lenten devotion that reflects on the suffering and Passion of Jesus Christ. Through hymns, prayers, and meditation, the faithful contemplate Christ's sacrifice and express sorrow for sin.

This devotion, which began in Poland in the 18th century, is usually prayed on Sunday afternoons during Lent and helps believers enter more deeply into the spirit of the Lenten season.

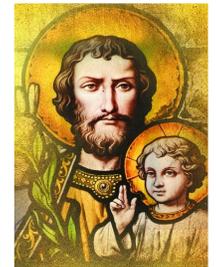
### MARCH 17 / ST. PATRICK'S DAY

On March 17 the Church remembers **Patrick**, the missionary who brought the Gospel to Ireland. Through faith, prayer, and courage he helped many people come to know Christ. St. Patrick reminds us that each of us is called to **live and share our faith** wherever we are. May his example inspire us to trust God and witness to the Gospel in our daily live.



### MARCH 19 / SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH

On March 19 the Church celebrates **Joseph**, the humble guardian of the Holy Family. Though the Gospel records few of his words, his life speaks powerfully through his faith, obedience, and quiet trust in God. St. Joseph accepted God's plan with courage and protected Mary and Jesus with the heart of a loving father. He teaches us that holiness is often found in faithfulness to our daily responsibilities, humility, and silent service. On this feast we ask St. Joseph to intercede for our families, that we may grow in trust in God and faithfully follow His will in our lives.



## The Way of the Cross

### DOWNTOWN CHICAGO, GOOD FRIDAY 2026

With Most Rev. Mark Bartosic, Auxiliary Bishops of Chicago  
 Reflections by Fr. John Kartje, Rector of Mundelein Seminary

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Each year we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts.

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April 3, 2026

Gather at 8:30 am

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STARTS @ 8:45 am

ST. PETER'S CHURCH  
 (110 W. Madison St.)

Tentative Route:

DALEY PLAZA  
 (Dearborn/Washington)

VETERANS MEMORIAL  
 (Riverwalk @ State/Wacker)

WRIGLEY BUILDING  
 (Michigan @ Chicago River)

WATER TOWER PLAZA  
 (Michigan/Chicago)

HOLY NAME CATHEDRAL  
 (State/Superior)

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ENDS @ 11:50 am



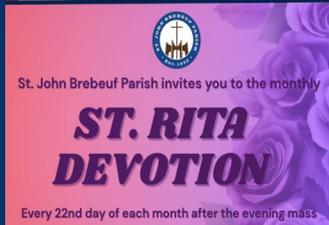
## THE DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX (DMI) SURVEY REMINDER

If you're a parishioner at St. John Brebeuf Parish and haven't already taken the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey, NOW** is the time! It is a very important step in SJB's quest to grow as missionary disciples of Christ. We are currently assessing our parish's greatest strengths & opportunities so our parish can thrive and better prepare us for the future.

**We need your help** and ask for your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in your relationship to Christ. The short survey is available **through March 31<sup>st</sup>**. The link to the online survey is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/p52cdp> or simply scan the QR code that is on all parish social media and website. Paper copies are available in both Polish and English at the South and North church entrances and can be returned to the same place.

All responses will be confidential. We value your feedback and eagerly await your suggestions and concerns.

Thank you for helping with this important project!



## ST. RITA DEVOTION / Sunday, March 22

### Who is St. Rita of Cascia?

St. Rita of Cascia was an Italian widow & Augustinian nun, known for her life of extreme hardship, piety & miracles. She was born in the year 1381 in Italy, and, although she wanted to enter the convent, was married at the age of 12 to a violent man & bore twin sons. She prayed constantly for his conversion & for peace between warring family factions, persuading him to reconcile with his enemies before he died during political turmoil. Her sons died of illness shortly after.

She was now free to follow her dream of a religious life! After many attempts to join the convent, she was finally accepted into the Augustinian order of nuns in Cascia, Italy. She modeled austerity, devotion to prayer & charity to the sick & infirm. St. Rita received the stigmata wound of a thorn in her forehead at the age of 60, while she was rapt in prayer. She is also known for finding a rose in her garden in winter. She died in the year 1457 on May 22nd, and, years later, her body was found to be incorrupt & smelling like roses! Her life was a testament to her deep faith, since she endured many hardships & trials. Her devotion & unwavering faith have inspired many people to turn to her guidance & intercession in times of difficulty.



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 3/6 White fish  
 3/13 Cod fish  
 3/20 White fish

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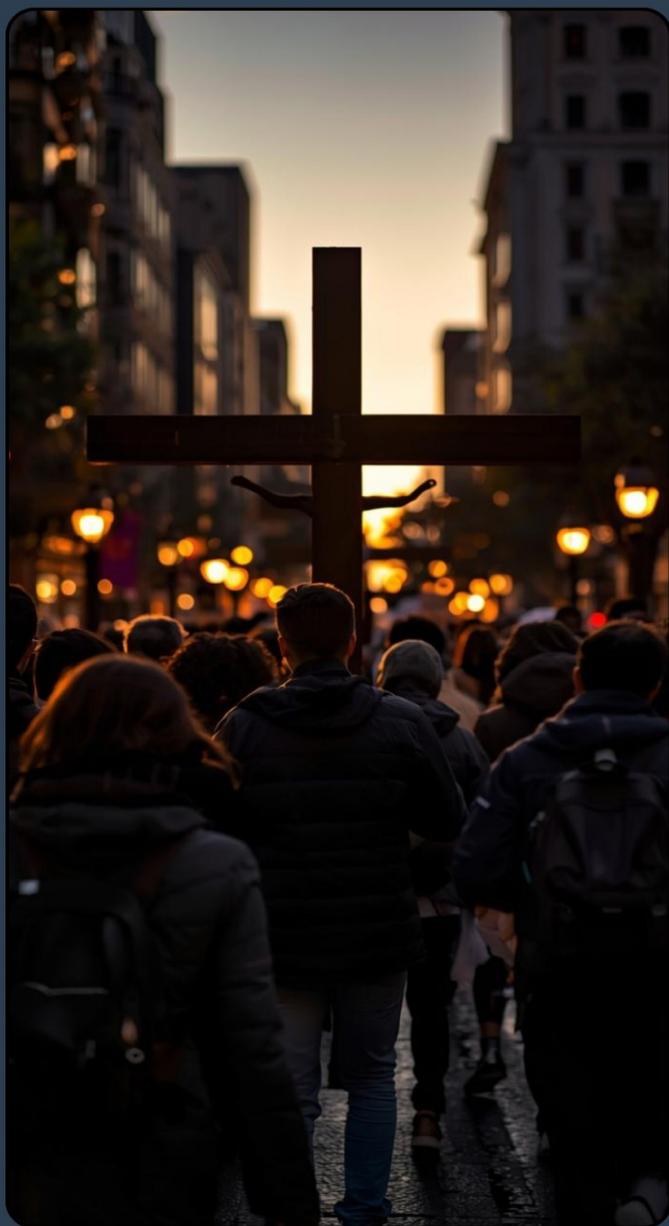
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### Przejrzeć

Są takie sytuacje w naszym życiu, w których sami sobie nie możemy poradzić; nasze zdolności i wiedza nie wystarczą. **Podobnie jest z naszym życiem duchowym. Nie jesteśmy samowystarczalni. Sami nie możemy się zbawić, nie możemy dojść do nieba bez pomocy Pana Boga. Jego działanie w naszym życiu jest niezbędne. Mowa jest o tym we fragmencie Ewangelii na dzisiejszą niedzielę.** Mówi ona o uzdrowieniu człowieka niewidomego. Pan Jezus pomaga człowiekowi, który cierpiął z powodu ślepoty, powrócić do normalnego życia. Pomaga mu nie tylko w odzyskaniu zdrowia, ale także prowadzi go do wiary. W ten sposób człowiek, który był odtrącony i odrzucony przez innych, zostaje przez Pana Jezusa uratowany w sensie fizycznym i duchowym.

To wielka lekcja dla nas. Każdy z nas może znaleźć się w sytuacji bohatera dzisiejszej Ewangelii. Nawet mając dobry wzrok, możemy błądzić na drogach naszej wiary. Bo ciemność nie jest ciemnością tylko fizyczną, bo przecież też tak wielu ludzi współczesnych doznaje, doświadcza zaślepienia duszy. Przypominają nam o tym słowa z Księgi Samuela z dzisiejszego pierwszego czytania: „*Nie tak bowiem, jak człowiek widzi, widzi Bóg, bo człowiek widzi to co dostępne dla oczu, a Pan widzi serce*”. Człowiek dostrzega wtedy to, co chce widzieć i tak, jak chce widzieć. Taka choroba zniekształca rzeczywistość i powoduje, że zaślepiiony człowiek żyje w świecie ułudy i mirażów, a nie w świecie realnym. Skutki tego typu schorzenia są dwojakie - nie tylko nie zauważamy żyjącego obok nas bliźniego, ale i sam Bóg znika z naszego pola widzenia. Wtedy znika poczucie grzeszności.

Co powoduje nasze zaślepienia?

- Na przykład gniew, mściwość... Nie chcę przebaczyć, nie chcę się z drugim pogodzić. Nie dostrzegam, że przed Bogiem sam potrzebuję przebaczenia i miłosierdzia.
- Mania gderania, narzekania na wszystko i wszystkich
- Zapatrzenie się we własną doskonałość. Grozi to szczególnie tym, którzy uważają, że tak blisko są Pana Boga, że są lepsi od innych, bo przecież tyle czasu spędzają na modlitwie, w kościele.
- Gdy człowiek jest pogrążony w różnych nałogach.
- Gdy zżera nas pycha i nienawiść.

To są te zaślepienia, którym ulegamy na co dzień.

Już za trzy tygodnie będziemy świętować radość zmartwychwstania. Ta radość przenika już do dzisiejszej liturgii. Jesteśmy wezwani do otwarcia się na światło Chrystusa, aby przynosić owoc w naszym życiu, aby usunąć z naszego serca te postawy, które nie przystoją katolikowi. Musimy ich żałować, wyzbyć się tych zachowań. Bo przecież to wszystko może utonąć w otchłani Miłosierdzia Bożego. Bo trwanie przy Jezusie i opowiadanie się w codzienności za dobrem, prawdą, miłością i zachowaniem przykazań Bożych, domagają się nieustannego wynurzania się z ciemności grzechów i złych przyzwyczajeń. Pozwólmy Jezusowi otworzyć nasze oczy, abyśmy przejrżeli, bo wtedy będziemy widzieć lepiej, głębiej i dalej, a ta droga będzie prowadzić nas do przemiany naszego życia, a w konsekwencji do świętości. **Szczęść Boże!**

ks. Dżiszław

## NABOŻEŃSTWA PASYJNE



### Droga Krzyżowa

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## PIELGRZYMKA DO SANKTUARIUM MĘKI PAŃSKIEJ W ST. JOHN, IN



Serdecznie zapraszamy na pielgrzymkę do Sanktuarium Męki Pańskiej w St. John w stanie Indiana **w dniu 21 marca**. Wyjazd z parkingu przy kościele o godz. 8:30. W programie: dwujęzyczna Droga

Krzyżowa, odwiedziny sklepiku, lunch w Sanktuarium Matki Bożej Częstochowskiej, panorama „Tysiąclecie Chrześcijaństwa w Polsce” w języku angielskim oraz możliwość spowiedzi. Msza Święta około godziny 3pm (Msza św. sobotnia) oraz powrót do naszej parafii. Całkowity koszt wynosi 70 dolarów od osoby. Zapisy w biurze parafialnym. Więcej informacji można uzyskać, kontaktując się z Diakonem Krzysztofem.

## STOWARZYSZENIE ŚW. JADWIGI KRÓLOWEJ

zaprasza na wielkopostne spotkania:

- **19 marca** – „Troska o mądrość narodu”
- **26 marca** – „Królowa wielu narodów”

(Wszystkie katechezy autorstwa ks. Edwarda Stańko.)



### Spotkania rozpoczniemy Mszą Świętą o godz. 8:30 rano.

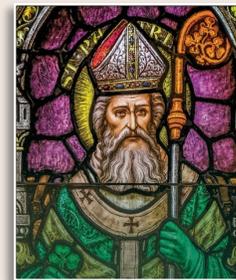
Po Mszy Świętej zapraszamy na Różaniec Święty, który odmówimy w Kaplicy Maryjnej za głównym ołtarzem. Następnie przejdziemy do budynku parafialnego, do sali „C”, gdzie podamy kawę uwarzoną przez naszego kapelana, ks. Sebastiana. Aby zarezerwować kubek kawy i miejsce przy stole, prosimy o kontakt: – z biurem parafialnym (p. Ola) tel. 847 - 966-8145 lub z p. Alicją Kowalską, prezes Stowarzyszenia, tel. 847-966-8056

W duchu św. Jadwigi: „**Czyń, co widzisz**”. Serdecznie zapraszamy.

## W TYM TYGODNIU WSPOMINAMY:

### 17 MARCA – ŚW. PATRYKA

Imię św. Patryka znajduje się w kalendarzu powszechnym Kościoła, a jego wspomnienie obchodzimy 17 marca. Czczony jest jako biskup i apostoł Irlandii, który z wielką gorliwością głosił Ewangelię i prowadził wielu ludzi do Chrystusa. Choć początkowo trafił do Irlandii jako niewolnik, po latach powrócił tam już jako misjonarz, pragnąc dzielić się wiarą z tymi, wśród których wcześniej cierpiał.



W swoim dziele *Wyznanie św. Patryka* wyraża głęboką wdzięczność Bogu za dar wiary i opiekę w trudnych chwilach życia. Podkreśla, że pragnie nieustannie wychwalać Boga i ufać Mu we wszystkich okolicznościach – zarówno w radościach, jak i w przeciwnościach. Jego życie jest dla nas przykładem odwagi, wytrwałości i całkowitego zaufania Bożej Opatrzności.

### 19 MARCA – ŚW. JÓZEFA

Święty Józef z Nazaretu został wybrany przez Boga na Opiekuna Zbawiciela i Oblubieńca Najświętszej Maryi Panny. Jako mąż Maryi i prawny ojciec Jezusa troszczył się o Świętą Rodzinę z wielką wiarą, pokorą i oddaniem. Choć Ewangelie nie przekazują żadnych jego słów, jego życie pełne posłuszeństwa wobec Boga i cichej służby pozostaje dla chrześcijan wielkim wzorem.



Św. Jan Paweł II w adhortacji *Redemptoris Custos* przypomina, że Józef został powołany przez Boga, aby zapewnić Jezusowi ojcowską opiekę i wiernie służyć Jezusowi oraz Maryi. Jego życie pokazuje, że świętość rodzi się często w codzienności – w pracy, trosce o rodzinę i wiernym wypełnianiu powierzonych obowiązków.

Dlatego Kościół otacza św. Józefa szczególną czcią i prosi go o wstawiennictwo za rodzinami, ojcami oraz wszystkimi, którzy pragną wiernie pełnić wolę Bożą w swoim życiu.

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