

Mass Intentions
FOR THE WEEK 

MONDAY - Mar 16

- 7:00 am - Joseph Scuticchio (d)
- 8:00 am - Gerry Gardner (d)
- 5:30 pm - Miguel Angel y Angel Garcia (d)

TUESDAY - Mar 17

- 7:00 am - Vern Steinman (d)
- 8:00 am - Mark Anderson (d)
- 5:30 pm - Raciely Angel Garcia (d)

WEDNESDAY - Mar 18

- 7:00 am - Mo Nowell & Family (int)
- 8:00 am - John Hickey (d)
- 5:30 pm - Wulfrana y Alfonso Jimenez (d)

THURSDAY - Mar 19

- 7:00 am - Howard McComas (d)
- 8:00 am - Matthew Joseph Alvarez (int)
- 5:30 pm - Donato y Norma Gutierrez (int)

FRIDAY - Mar 20

- 7:00 am - T.J Frazee (d)
- 8:00 am - Hipolita Bernal (d)
- 5:30 pm - Maria y Ramon Murillo (d)

SATURDAY - Mar 21

- 8:00 am - Marco Antonio Silva (int)
- 4:30 pm - Patricia Bothwell (d)
- 7:00 pm - Jose Guadalupe Cano (d)
- Carmen Sedano (int)

SUNDAY - Mar 22

- 7:30 am - Mary Frances Moreno (d)
- 9:00 am - Dennis T. McKee (d)
- 11:00 am - Jim Milliman (d)
- 1:00 pm - Guadalupe Maldonado (d)
- Claudia Mendoza (d)
- 5:00 pm - St. Patrick Parish Community



PASTOR'S NOTES -
Fr. George G. Perez C.J.M. - Pastor
Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally called *Laetare Sunday*, invites us to rejoice—even while still journeying through the penitential wilderness of Lent—because the light of Christ is already breaking into our darkness. The Gospel for Year A presents the powerful story of the man born blind, healed by Jesus and gradually led into the fullness of faith. This journey from darkness to sight becomes a mirror for each of us.

At the beginning of the passage, the man is physically blind, yet he is open and receptive. Those around him, however—neighbors, Pharisees, leaders—possess their eyesight but remain spiritually closed. They cling to assumptions, fears, and rigid interpretations. Jesus, seeing with the eyes of divine mercy, approaches the man not as one to blame or analyze but as someone to heal and lift up. The disciples ask, “Who sinned?” Jesus responds, in essence, “You are asking the wrong question.” His purpose is not to assign guilt but to reveal God’s transforming work.

How often do we fall into the same trap—labeling others, imagining we see everything clearly, while remaining blind to our own need for healing? The Gospel challenges us to let Jesus reshape our vision.

The newly healed man’s progression is striking. At first he refers to Jesus simply as “the man.” Then, under questioning, he calls Him “a prophet.” After being cast out, he meets Jesus again and is invited deeper: “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Now his eyes—both physical and spiritual—open fully: “Lord, I believe.” And he worships.

Our own faith often unfolds in similar stages. Conversion is rarely instantaneous; it is a gradual dawning. Christ comes to us repeatedly, patiently, offering clearer sight if we are willing to receive it.

Meanwhile, the Pharisees, convinced they see perfectly, become increasingly blind. Their hearts harden as they cling to control, certainty, and judgment. Spiritual blindness is not about lacking information—it is about refusing transformation. Jesus tells them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you say, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.” The warning is gentle but real: pride can keep us from grace.

As we reach this midpoint of Lent, the Church invites us to examine where we stand. Are there places where we resist God’s light—habits, grudges, patterns of self-protection? Are we willing to let Christ touch the “mud” of our humanity and heal us?

Today’s Gospel ends with the simplest and most essential prayer: “Lord, that I may see.”

May this be our prayer as we continue toward Easter—trusting that Christ, the Light of the world, walks with us and will open our eyes again and again.



- Wednesday, March 18, 12:30pm - St. Francis Assisi
- Wednesday, March 18, 6:30pm - St. Francis Assisi
- Thursday, March 19, 7:00pm - St. John the Evangelist
- Monday March 23, 7:00 pm - St. Thomas More
- Tuesday, March 24, 7:00pm - St. Elizabeth Seton
- Wednesday, March 25, 7:00pm - St. Patrick**
- Friday, March 27, 6:30pm - St. Marks
- Monday, March 30, 6:30pm - St. Marks

Prayer for Laetare Sunday

Jesus, in your name
the blind see, the lame
walk, and the dead are
raised to life. Come
into our lives and heal
the wounds of our broken
hearts. Give us eyes
of faith to see your
glory and hearts of
courage to bring you
glory in all we say
and do. Amen.





NOTAS DEL PÁRROCO –
P. George G. Pérez, CJM - Párroco -
IV Domingo de Cuaresma

El Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma, llamado tradicionalmente *Domingo Laetare*, nos invita a la alegría en medio del camino penitencial. La razón de esta alegría es simple pero profunda: la luz de Cristo ya empieza a iluminar nuestras sombras. El Evangelio de hoy, el relato del **ciego de nacimiento** nos presenta un viaje de paso de la oscuridad a la luz, no solo físico, sino profundamente espiritual.

Al inicio del relato, encontramos a un hombre que no puede ver, pero cuyo corazón está disponible para recibir. En cambio, quienes lo rodean —vecinos, fariseos, autoridades religiosas— poseen la vista corporal, pero permanecen espiritualmente cerrados. Los discípulos preguntan quién pecó, buscando culpables. Jesús responde revelando el corazón del Padre: no se trata de encontrar responsables, sino de manifestar la obra de Dios en la fragilidad humana.

¡Cuántas veces actuamos igual! Vemos las apariencias, emitimos juicios rápidos, creemos entenderlo todo... y sin embargo seguimos ciegos a lo esencial, necesitados de la luz del Señor. La curación del ciego es una invitación a dejar que Cristo toque nuestras sombras más profundas.

El proceso interior del hombre curado es hermoso. Primero habla de Jesús como “ese hombre”. Luego, al ser interrogado, lo llama “profeta”. Después, expulsado por testimoniar la verdad, se encuentra de nuevo con Jesús, quien lo conduce a una confesión plena de fe: “Creo, Señor”. Y se postra ante Él. La luz exterior lo condujo hacia la luz interior; la sanación del cuerpo abrió el camino para la sanación del alma.

Mientras tanto, los fariseos, seguros de su propia justicia, se van volviendo cada vez más ciegos. El problema no era la falta de información, sino la falta de apertura. La verdadera ceguera nace cuando el corazón se resiste a la conversión. Jesús les dice: “Si fueran ciegos, no tendrían pecado; pero como dicen ‘vemos’, su pecado permanece”. Es una advertencia amorosa, pero clara: el orgullo puede impedirnos recibir la gracia. En este punto de la Cuaresma, la Iglesia nos invita a preguntarnos:

¿Qué zonas de mi vida necesitan la luz de Cristo?

¿Alguna herida, resentimiento, prejuicio o miedo?

¿Estoy dispuesto a dejar que Jesús coloque su “barro” en mis ojos, es decir, que use incluso las situaciones incómodas para sanarme?

Hoy la liturgia nos regala una de las oraciones más humildes y poderosas:

“Señor, que vea.”

Que esta súplica nos acompañe mientras avanzamos hacia la Pascua, confiando en que Cristo, Luz del mundo, seguirá abriendo nuestros ojos una y otra vez.



EL GRUPO DE ORACIÓN

Cordialmente te invitamos a que vengas a reunirte con nosotros y tengas una experiencia personal con nuestro Señor Jesucristo por medio de la alabanza, oración, predicación y testimonios. Todos los miércoles de las 7:00pm a las 8:30pm en la iglesia.

Para más información, llama a Maricelia al 626-840-3135



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“El Señor mira el corazón”
IV Domingo de Cuaresma

Las Lecturas de hoy nos recuerdan que Dios no mira como nosotros. Nosotros nos quedamos en la superficie, en lo que impresiona, en lo que encaja, en lo que “suena bien”. Y muchas veces, sin mala intención, terminamos haciendo lo mismo con las personas y las reducimos a una etiqueta, a un fallo, a una historia, a un rumor.

Las lecturas ponen el foco en las formas de mirar y en la manera de mirar de Dios. La mirada de Samuel, que aprende a discernir sin dejarse seducir por el brillo. La mirada de Pablo, que no empieza por “haz” esto o lo otro, sino por “eres...”, ilumina al Señor. Y la mirada de Jesús, que, al encontrarse con un ciego de nacimiento, rompe el reflejo automático de buscar culpables. No pregunta “qué pasó”, sino “quién eres tú”. Y eso lo cambia todo.

Hoy vivimos rodeados de opiniones, diagnósticos, sentencias, polarizaciones. Se discute de todo, se opina de todo, pero cuesta mirar de verdad. Mirar sin juzgar de entrada; mirar hasta reconocer un rostro.

La palabra de Dios nos invita a revisar nuestras cegueras: en la familia, en la Iglesia, en el trabajo, en el aula, en la calle. Y también a pedir con sinceridad: “Señor, cura mi mirada y enséñame a ver”. Porque a veces el milagro no es ver más cosas, sino ver mejor.

Fr. Ricardo Aguadé, O.P.



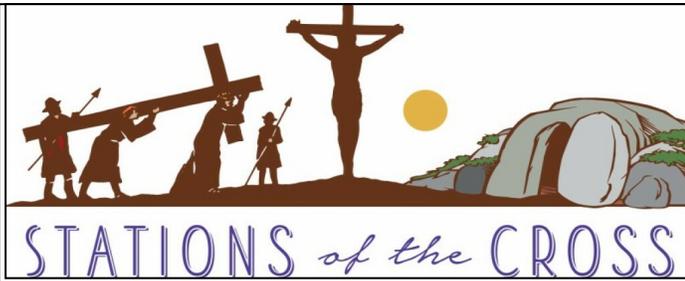
El grupo de matrimonios los invita a participar en nuestras reuniones todos los sábados después de la Santa Misa.

Nos reunimos de las 8:00pm a las 9:30pm en el sótano de la iglesia.

¡Los esperamos!

“Esposos, amen a sus esposas, así como Cristo amó a la iglesia y se entregó por ella”. Efesios 5:25





STATIONS of the CROSS

See our Lenten brochure to find the times for Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent.

Lent at St. Patrick Parish

Our Lenten brochure describes all the special activities for Lent and Holy Week. Pick up a copy in church or download a pdf copy on our website. At stpatrickcarlsbad.com

Knights Lenten Food Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be collecting items for the Annual Lenten Food Drive to benefit , St. Patrick Parish Food Bank .

The food drive is under way and will continue until March **March 22, 2026**. The main donation station will be located by the front door of the Parish Hall, look for the Knights of Columbus pop up tent. Knights will be there to accept your donations of **non- perishable food items (except for glass containers)** along with cash/checks, before and after each Mass. Checks made payable to Knights of Columbus footnote of St. Patrick Food Drive. Knights will be available to help with any heavy items or answer any questions.

Below is a list of most requested items. As always, **ANY** donation is appreciated.

Your community appreciates your participation and generosity! Vivat Jesus!

- * Disposable diapers sizes 4 and 5
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- * Non-perishable canned foods
- * Packaged rice and beans
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- * Juice boxes
- * Mini- raisin boxes
- * Bottled water



It's Pancake Time!

Carlsbad Troop 748 is celebrating Easter with the entire community again this year as we host our 68th annual Easter Sunday pancake breakfast. The breakfast will be held at the Carlsbad Senior Center on April 5 from 7:30 am-12:30 pm. We're returning with our traditional menu of pancakes, scrambled eggs, fresh fruit, and of course your cup of morning coffee, tea, or milk. Advance tickets are \$10 (just \$12 at the door) and as always, the proceeds will help send our Scouts to summer camp and a variety of other activities throughout the year! We will be on the church patio at all Masses on the weekends of **March 21-22 and March 28-29**. We thank you for your support. If you need your tickets delivered to your door or want more information on joining the troop, please contact Scoutmaster Bob Dixon at 760-712-6395.



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Registration:

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Spots are filling quickly, sign up today to help make this event a huge success for our students!

Register now: <http://stpatgolf2026.givesmart.com>



The ladies of the *Altar Society* will be holding their *Annual Easter Boutique* on the Church Patio next weekend **(March 21/22)** after the 4:30pm Mass on Saturday and after all the morning Masses on Sunday. They will be selling kids Easter Baskets and tickets for their Raffle Baskets. On Sunday they will also have a Bake Sale with all their delicious baked goods that we all love. Be sure to stop by their tables and help support this very active group of ladies!



Religious Education & Family Ministry
(Prek - 8th grade)

Weekly Classes

Sunday Classes: March 15, 22 & 29
Monday Classes: March 16, 23 & 30
Tuesday classes: March 17, & 24

Stations of the Cross for Families – this Friday, March 20
On **Fridays in March** we will offer Stations of the Cross from 4:00pm – 4:30pm in church. Bring the whole family. Pray with others as we walk from Station to Station remembering the passion of our Lord. Booklets will be provided. All are most welcome.

Fourth Sunday of Lent

We hear how Jesus heals a blind man. The blind man gains not only his sight but also deep insights. When Jesus identifies himself as the Son of Man, a title for the Messiah, the man says, "I do believe, Lord." And he worships Jesus. The Pharisees refuse to see who Jesus really is. They are more concerned about the Sabbath laws than they are about a fellow human being in need.

Jesus reveals himself again as the one sent by the Father. All that the blind man needed was an expression of faith. Jesus gave sight as the light of faith dawned on the man born blind. Sometimes we come to know God through the challenges we face. God works in us and walks with us offering light and hope.

Adults: What might it look like to recognize God's presence in your life?

Children: Pay extra attention this week to Jesus and his love in your life.

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, grant us healing for body, heart, and soul.*

Please contact us for faith formation classes for children in preschool through 8th grade, including sacramental preparation for students in public school. You can reach us at mdornisch@stpatrickcarlsbad.com or 760-729-8442. Blessings, *Margit Dornisch - Office for Religious Education and Family Ministry*



TAIZÉ PRAYER AROUND THE CROSS

Once again, we will gather for this beautiful and reflective time of prayer. This Wednesday, March 18 at 7:00 PM in the church (for about one hour).

Come and pray with us at the foot of the cross in the style of Taizé. We will chant simple hymns, reflect on the Scriptures and pray in the spirit of Lent. You will enjoy this peaceful, candlelit, reflective time of personal and communal prayer.



Pilgrimage to Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, July 27-Aug 3, 2026:

In anticipation of the 500th year anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to San Juan Diego, join Bishop Michael Pham, Bishop Felipe Pulido and Bishop Ramon Bejarano as they reunite to lead a delegation from both the diocese of San Diego and the diocese of Monterey! The trip is 8 days/7 nights with stops in Tlaxcala, Puebla, and Mexico City. The all-inclusive cost is \$2,290 departing from Tijuana, BC. The pilgrimage will have guides available in English and Spanish. For further information, email info@trinitours.com.



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Fourth Sunday of Lent – Year A

First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6

The Lord is our shepherd.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.



Background on the Gospel Reading

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. 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.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. 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.

