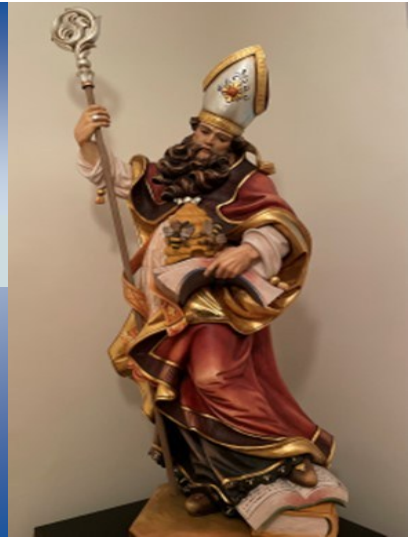


# SAINT AMBROSE CATHOLIC CHURCH

TO LOVE TO NOURISH TO INSPIRE TO SERVE

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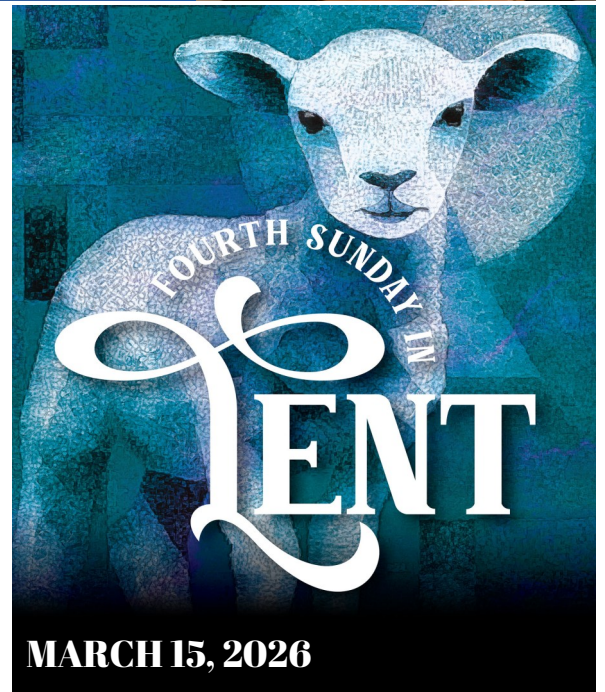


## Scripture Insights

The texts this Sunday are about seeing and not seeing, about the light and the darkness, about blindness and eyes being opened. In the first reading, Samuel sees the sons of Jesse but can't see them rightly, because he looks only at their outward appearance. The Lord looks instead "into the heart" (1 Sm 16:7). God's chosen one is not even there at the selection; as the youngest son, nobody looked at him and saw a king. When the young David arrives, the narrator observes that he is, in fact, handsome. But that's not the point.

Perhaps God sees something of his own character in this young shepherd. After all, David himself describes God as his shepherd in Psalm 23. God is a good shepherd who gives rest and refreshes and guides, who guards and protects and gives courage. Even though David walks through the darkest valleys (unable to see what is in front of him), he does not fear with God at his side.

In John's account of the Gospel, Jesus opens the eyes of a man blind from birth. The Pharisees assume that his blindness results from his sin, or from the sin of his parents, a notion that Jesus sternly rejects. When Jesus tells the blind man that he has seen the Son of Man, this is a literal claim and a spiritual one: the blind man now sees Jesus physically with his own eyes, but he also sees the deeper spiritual truth of who Jesus really is. In that sense, it is the Pharisees who are blind, unable to see.



**First Reading:** First Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13  
**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalms 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6  
**Second Reading:** Ephesians 5: 8-14  
**Gospel:** John 9: 1-41

## Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary March 19

**Glorious Saint Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble, charitable, mind and perfect resignation to the Divine will. Be my guide, my father, and my model through life that I may merit to die as you did in the arms of Jesus and Mary. AMEN**



**"I am in the world, I am the light of the world."**

### MASS TIMES:

Sunday 10:00 a.m.. (Livestreamed) & 5:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday: 6:00 p.m.

**ADORATION:** Every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

### BAPTISMS

By Appointment

### MARRIAGE

Arrangements 6 months in advance

### ANNOINTING OF THE SICK & FUNERAL

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Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross are offered each Friday in Lent after the 6:00pm mass through Friday, April 3, 2026.



Join us as we follow Christ along the "Way of the Cross" Stations of the Cross.

**Have You Remembered Your Parish or School in Your WILL or TRUST? For information, please contact the Planned Giving Office 213-637-7504 [PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@LA-Archdiocese.org)**

**PRAY FOR YOUR PARISH FINANCES**

*"Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, according to your means. For the Lord is one who always repays and he will give back sevenfold. (Sirach 35)*

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**HOLY THURSDAY**

MASS: 7:00 p.m.  
ADORATION  
8:00 -10:00 p.m.



**GOOD FRIDAY**

Veneration of the Cross  
7:00 p.m.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

Easter Vigil  
MASS: 8:00 p.m.

**EASTER SUNDAY**

MASS: 10:00 a.m.,  
12:00 noon &  
5:00 p.m.

**Pray with the Pope**

Every month, the Pope entrusts his Prayer Network with prayer intentions that reflect his **deep concerns for humanity** and **the mission of the Church**. His monthly prayer intention serves a global call to transform our prayers into **"concrete actions"** and as a **transformation of the heart**; it acts as a compass for a mission of compassion for the world. It proposes a path to mobilize us each month, through prayer and service, to build a more humane and caring world and to cultivate a personal and communal attitude that transforms our environment.

The pope's Worldwide Prayer Network has released Pope Leo XIV's list of prayer intentions for the year 2026.

- January:** For prayer with the word of God
- February:** For children with incurable disease
- March:** For disarmament and peace
- April:** For priests in crisis
- May:** That everyone might have food
- June:** For the values of sports
- July:** For respect for human life
- August:** For evangelization in the city
- September:** For the care of water
- October:** For mental health ministry
- November:** For the proper use of wealth
- December:** For single-parent families



To pray with Pope Leo XIV <https://www.popesprayer.va/praywiththepope/>

Every month, Pope Leo asks Catholics around the world to pray for a particular intention. This initiative is accompanied by a video in which the pontiff expresses the reasons why he has chosen that particular intention.

**March: For disarmament and peace**

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.



**St. Patrick, Bishop  
March 17**



Lent is a liturgical season that focuses on the three spiritual pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This 40-day journey is a time for sacrifice, repentance and spiritual reflection preparing us for the commemoration of the Passion and Death of Christ and the joyful celebration of his Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

To learn more visit: [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)


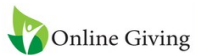
You may also donate online by visiting our website at [www.stambroseweho.org](http://www.stambroseweho.org). Click on the **Giving** tab, then select the **Online Giving** icon and choose **Rice Bowl**.

Please submit donations by Friday, April 3, 2026.

We're so grateful for your generosity! Did you know you can give online anytime, anywhere?

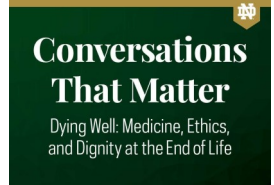
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- Click on the "Giving" tab on the homepage
- Choose your preferred method of donation and follow the prompts or simply **Scan the QR code here.**

*Together, we can continue to strengthen our parish, support those in need, and carry out the work we are called to do.*

**DYING WELL: MEDICINE, ETHICS AND DIGNITY AT THE END OF LIFE**  
Tuesday, March 17, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. EDT



The McGrath Institute for Church Life invites you to join the first episode of their spring Conversations that Matter series, "Dying Well: Medicine Ethics, and Dignity at the End of Life." Hear from leading medical professionals, philosophers, and theologians as they explore the complex issues at stake in assisted suicide, including why it seems like an appealing option, its assumptions about the meaning of human life, and how it compromises the sacred doctor-patient relationship.

**Featured Panelists:**

- Farr Curlin, Duke University
- Melissa Moschella, University of Notre Dame
- Daniel P. Sulmasy, Georgetown University

To register visit: <https://mcgrath.nd.edu/conferences/conversations-that-matter/maid/>

The celebration of Mass is an act of the whole assembly gathered as the Body of Christ for worship. In the Mass, the Church is joined to the action of Christ. We are joined to this divine action through Baptism, which incorporates us into the risen Christ. This action, which lies at "the center of the whole of Christian life"

Reflect, pray and discern about whether this might be a way you'd like to serve.

**Join our Liturgy Ministry**

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