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March 15, 2026 - Fourth Sunday of Lent (A)

Step Out From Darkness!

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Psalm 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

This fourth weekend of Lent is called Laetare Sunday, named after the first Latin words of the Mass entrance antiphon, "Laetare, Jerusalem" (Rejoice, O Jerusalem), from Isaiah 66:10. Priests wear rose-colored robes to show we are halfway through getting ready for Easter as we remember, make present, and celebrate Jesus' victory on the Cross.

Our Gospel shows the difference between the happiness of being healed and the pride that prevents people from seeing spiritually. The story shows a struggle: darkness hides things, while light reveals them. One person chooses light, the other stays in darkness. In this story, Jesus gave sight to the man born blind, filling him with happiness and a new way of seeing the world.

But something went wrong as soon as he could see. Instead of being happy for him, some people were suspicious and negative. The Pharisees were too proud to believe the miracle. They even told the man to say he was not healed and got upset when he tried to explain. "You were born in sin—how can you teach us?" they said, then threw him out (cf. Jn 9:34). Their reaction shows they feared losing their power if the story were true. This kind of resistance might feel familiar, since pride can make us hold on to what we know rather than be open to new things.

Here, the difference is clear: the man who was healed can see, but some people around him are still blind, not in their eyes, but in their hearts and feelings. This kind of blindness happens when we close ourselves off from understanding and caring about others. This blindness is especially sad in families and communities.

This worst kind of blindness is even clearer when Jesus warns after giving sight to the blind man: "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who see might become blind" (John 9:38). Here, Jesus uses blindness as a way to talk about not noticing God, and sight means being aware of God and believing in Him.

Because of this difference, let us follow the blind man's example by being open to light and new understanding, especially during Lent. This time is about opening ourselves to change and new insight.

Maybe our blindness is not like the Pharisees', but shows up as being distracted, forgetting to pray, or letting worries and feelings keep us from noticing God. Sometimes, we get so busy with our schedules, phone alerts, or never-ending tasks and entertainment that we miss quiet time with God. Stress, rushing around, or feeling like we always have to be available can make it hard to see God clearly. The worst darkness might be not seeing God in our lives at all.

In light of these common struggles, Lent calls us to recognize God's work and to awaken, just as St. Paul urges, "Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them... but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light" (Eph 5:11-14).

Jesus asks us to look at ourselves, put away distractions, and pay attention to what is inside us. This is what it really means to open our eyes. This Lent, let us care more for others and



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let God show us a new purpose. By opening our eyes, we can celebrate Easter with hearts that are awake and a clearer way ahead.
Fr. Manny Hewe, Pastor

A Journey of Joyful Witness to Doing all things with Love.



We worship what we believe; we live what we worship.

**Stations of the Cross: "We adore you, O Christ, and praise you.
Because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."**

The Church teaches that the cross is essential for our salvation: "Apart from the cross, there is no ladder to heaven" (CCC #618). This emphasizes that through Christ's sacrifice alone, we find hope and the path to eternal life.

The Stations of the Cross prayer is deeply meaningful, highlighting Jesus' final hours.

Each station starts with Saint Francis's adoration prayer: "We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, in all your churches throughout the world, and we bless you because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world." This prayer, first recited by the friars, has evolved; today, its current form is: "We adore you, O Christ, and praise you. Because by your Holy Cross, you have redeemed the world."

Jesus' sacrifice transforms the cross from a symbol of shame and death into our refuge and source of hope and love. Despite its pain, the cross offers encouragement and comfort. We find strength with the Lord, who understands suffering and has triumphed.

We are saved not by magic, but by selfless love—lived out daily. Saint Maximilian Kolbe sacrificed his life for another prisoner at Auschwitz, embodying Christ's love and inviting us to let selfless love guide our choices.

We celebrate this truth in the Holy Eucharist, where we remember and share what Jesus did for us on the Cross. Our union with Jesus through Holy Communion is the heart and foundation of our Christian life, calling us to live each day with renewed purpose and gratitude.



**There will be NO OCIA this Tuesday,
March 17, 2026**

**Please continue to pray for our Elect
and Candidates as they prepare their
hearts and minds to receive their
Easter sacraments on Easter Vigil.**

For more information, please contact the parish office @ (808)521-1700.

Second offering

March 14-15, 2026



Your generous donations will help poor & vulnerable people overcome emergencies, earn a living through agriculture and access affordable health care all over the world.

Mahalo for your generosity!

Weekly Offering Report

For March 2, 2026 - March 8, 2026



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Weekly Collections Online Giving

SUNDAY Mass Offering	\$ 10,664.45	\$ 856.11
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*** Looking for convenient, safe and secure way of giving to our church? We have online giving feature in our website, just click on the link and go through the easy-to-follow steps to go about it. We also have a Giving Kiosk beside the statue of St. Damien. Please have a look at these methods for your church contributions. We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling the mission of the Co-Cathedral of St. Theresa. ***

We will provide a complete report on the donations and updated expenses for the church fence and security project as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we would like to encourage you to reflect and pray to consider donating more towards the church fence and security project the construction of which is in progress. Please continue to pray with us for the completion of this important project for the safety and security of our church and school.

Parish Savings with the Diocese as of January 30, 2026 **\$ 275,204.63**
Outstanding PV Loan with the Diocese as of January 30, 2026 **\$ 273,148.94**

Second Collections:

March 14-15 for the Catholic Relief Services
 April 2 (Holy Thursday) - for the Rice Bowl
 April 3 (Good Friday) - for the Holy Land

Mahalo for your generosity.

Come, join us!

STATION I



Jesus is condemned to death

STATION II



Jesus takes up his cross

STATION III



Jesus falls the first time

STATION IV



Jesus meets his mother

STATION V



Simon helps Jesus carry the cross

STATION VI



Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

STATION XIV



Jesus is buried in the tomb

Stations of the Cross

every Friday @ 6:30 PM

Feb. ~~20~~, ~~27~~, Mar. ~~6~~, ~~13~~, 20 & 27

at the Church

STATION VII



Jesus falls the second time

STATION XIII



Jesus is taken down from the cross

STATION XII



Jesus dies on the cross

STATION XI



Jesus is nailed to the cross

STATION X



Jesus is stripped of his clothing

STATION IX



Jesus falls the third time

STATION VIII



Jesus speaks to the women of Jerusalem

SCHOOL OFFICE STAFF AND FACULTY MEMBERS

- Principal/Music 1-8 - Conception (Bernie) Gora
- Vice Principal/Math 8 & Discovery - Lauren Ramirez-Asaeda
- Executive Administrative Assistant/LA 6 - Faith Leasiolagi
- Admission Clerk/Office Assistant - Stephanie Lou Ondayog
- Dean of Discipline/Athletic Director/4 & 5 Health/Art - Francine Caetano-Fontanilla
- Preschool Director/Teacher - Magdalena Collins
- PK-8 PE & MS Health - Jayven Bumanglag
- Preschool Aide - Elaine Jane Gonzalez
- Kindergarten Aide & Resource Teacher - Lenie Macadangdang
- Kindergarten Teacher - Taiena Finau
- PK, Kindergarten Religion & Liturgy Coordinator - Sr. Ana Fua Dela Cruz, SPC
- 1st Grade - Marvin Macadangdang
- 2nd Grade/Sacramental Prep - Faith Afu
- Creative Music K-3 - Johnelle Silva
- 3rd Grade Teacher - Sibel Mestanova
- 4th Grade Teacher - Laura Gabriel
- 5th Grade Homeroom/Math 5 & Middle School/MS Science - Dr. Peter Park
- Middle School Social Studies & Math 6 - Alyssa Yabes
- 7 & 8 Language Arts/7 & 8 Home Economics - Dr. Frances Wong
- Middle School Religion - Shaun Agtarap
- Math 7 - Christian Raquepo
- Middle School Japanese/7 & 8 Arts/ Marketing - Tiani Quon
- Permanent Sub - Laura Gomes
- Maintenance - Edwin Kaaihue
- Custodian - Romeo John Cabarrubias



:We are in need of volunteers:

Anyone interested to help please call the Parish office at (808)521-1700 so we can put you on the schedule. Mahalo!

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
(Closed during Lunch break from 12:00 - 1:00 pm)

Saturdays
from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Sundays
from 7:30 am - 11:30 am

MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass

6:30 am, 8:30 am, 10:30 am & 6:00 pm

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm

Daily Mass

Mon – Thurs: 6:30 am

Fri – Sat: 8:00 am

Vietnamese Mass (VHM)

Daily Mass:

Mon. Tues. & Thur. at 5:30 pm

Saturday Vigil at 7:00 pm

Sundays at 3:30 pm

Holy Hour/Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession

Wednesdays

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena at 6:00 pm
Holy Hour/Benediction & Confessions at 6:15 pm
(First Wednesdays of the month with Bishop)

PASTORAL TEAM & PARISH STAFF

Fr. Manuel Hewe

Pastor

Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC

Dir. of R.E. & Pastoral Associate

Tyra Lamb

Safe Environment Liaison

Pinky Mendoza

Office Coordinator

Jennifer Asuncion

Office Secretary

Francis Leasiolagi

Deacon

Jonathan Lam

VHM Deacon

Bernie Gora

Director of Music

Ray Lamb

Deacon

Roy Matsuo

Retired Deacon

Marlowe Sabater

Deacon

Fr. Anthony Tran

VHM Chaplain

Ryan and Ashley Agcaoil

Coordinators of Youth Ministry

Grace Young

Communications Coordinator

Earl Morita

Church Grounds Maintenance

Samy Ratum

Facilities Custodian

Noraliza Tapeç

On-Call Church Custodian

Felipe Tan

Accountant

Joan Mabag

Custodian

"How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord God of Hosts."
Psalm 84:1



Daily Mass Readings

www.usccb.org

March 16, 2026

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

March 17, 2026

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

March 18, 2026

Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

March 19, 2026

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 or Luke 2:41-51a

March 20, 2026

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

March 21, 2026

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

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

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 or John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45