

# Catholic Kid's Corner

And kids at heart!

Today's Gospel tells the story of how Jesus healed a man who had been blind from birth. As we listen to this Gospel, imagine what life might have been like for this man. Think about how much he must have appreciated the gift that Jesus gave him.

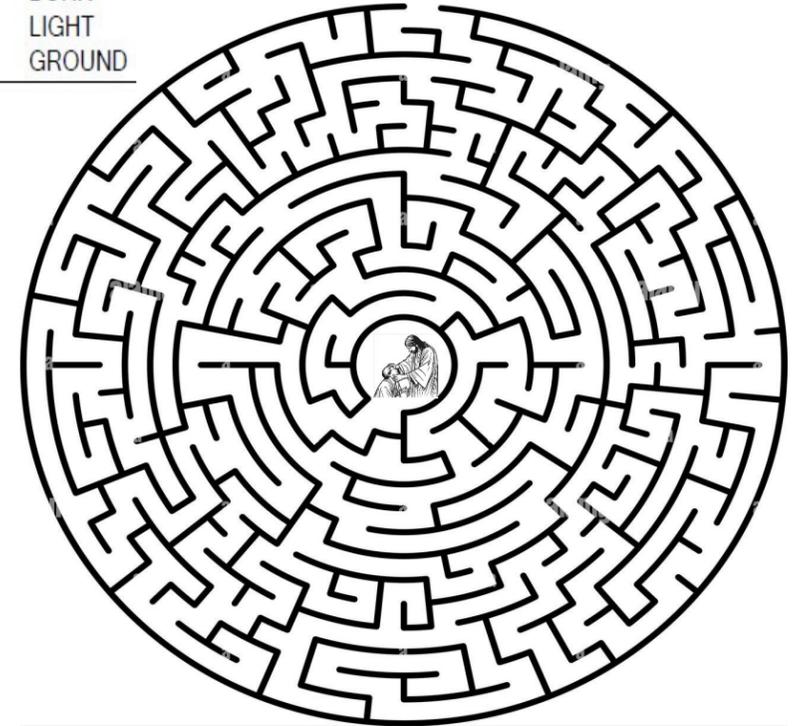
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Jesus heals a blind man



Lead the blind man to Jesus.

BLIND	EYES	SPIT	POOL	WASH
WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
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## Children's Liturgy

Kids K-5th Grade!

Join us for Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00am & 11:00am Masses!

# RISEN SAVIOR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE  
 7701 WYOMING BLVD NE  
 ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109

March 15, 2026  
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

### Clergy

Rev. Charles Ugochukwu, Pastor  
 Deacon Mark Bussemeier  
 Deacon Manuel Garcia  
 Deacon Tim Parker

### Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday: 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.  
 Tuesday & Thursday: 11:30 a.m.  
 Wednesday: 7:00 a.m.  
 First Fridays: 7:00 a.m.  
 Holy Days are Announced

### Reconciliation

Tuesday & Thursday: 11:00 a.m. until the beginning of Mass  
 Saturday at 3:00pm

### Sacramental Preparation

Baptism Classes: Contact the parish office to register for the next scheduled date.  
 Please contact the parish office or visit the parish website for more information on all other Sacraments

### Anointings

Please contact the Parish Office.

### Parish Office

Hours: Monday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
 Closed from 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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**John 9:1-41**  
 Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

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.



### Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00pm

There will be no other opportunities for confession next week. Please join us on Wednesday.

# Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday, March 14th**  
**4:00pm** - + Evelyn Orosco, + Sara LeFebre, + Andres, Oralia, Tobias, Viola, and Matthew Martinez, + Alan Luchetti, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Sunday, March 15th**  
**7:00am** - + William "Bill" McCabe

**9:00am** - + Ralph Conway, + Zach Salazar, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**11:00am** - + Steve Garcia, + Dr. Matthew Thompson

**Monday, March 16th**

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
**11:30am** - + Pauline Gonzales, + Trinidad Torres, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Wednesday, March 18th**  
**7:00am** - Holy Souls in Purgatory, For the health & healing of Carmen Swift

**Thursday, March 19th**  
**11:30am** - + Lee & Leon Chavez, Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, March 20th**  
**7:00am** - For the People

## Pray for the Faithful Departed



† **Michael E. Goldmann**  
 † **Mollie Constanca**  
*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

## Easter Sunday Choir

The Easter Vigil, 7am and 9am Easter Sunday  
 Choirs are asking parishioners to join them in the choir for Easter. Anyone who is interested can contact Camille at 505-850-4635 or join us on Tuesday evening in the church at 5:45 pm.



**We ask our faith community to keep these individuals in your prayers:**  
 Joe Baca · Jim Keenan · Teofilo Guerin · Mary Lou Trujillo · Rose Banis · Hayden Mallak · Albert Martinez · Ronald Jennings · Paul Jessen Jr. · Corrine L. Garcia · Miles Anderson · Josie Jaramillo · Armando Mares · Thomas Matuszak · Delores Martinez · Carman Swift · Daniel Miranda · Kristen Miranda · Sofia Blackwood · Raquel Rodriguez · Shirley Scott  
*To add a name to the prayer list, please contact the office, or submit your request through our website. The names remain in the bulletin for four weeks.*

## PARISH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Monday, March 16th**

**Tuesday, March 17th**  
 Book Study 10:00am, Youth Center  
 Divine Mercy 10:00am, Rm 4  
 NO Confessions  
 Mass 11:30am  
 Alcoholics Anonymous 12:00pm, Rm 4

**Wednesday, March 18th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 Child & Youth Faith Formation 5:30-7:00pm  
 OCIA 6:00pm, Library  
 Lenten Penance Service 6:00pm

**Thursday, March 19th**  
 NO Confessions  
 Mass 11:30am

**Friday, March 20th**  
 Mass 7:00am  
 ALANON 12:00pm, Youth Center  
 Bridge 12:00pm, Rm 3  
 Stations of the Cross 3:00pm  
 Simple Soup Supper after Stations, Marian Center

**Saturday, March 21st**  
 NO Confessions  
 Gambler's Anonymous 3:30pm, Rm 4  
 Mass 4:00pm

**Sunday, March 22nd**  
 Masses 7:00am, 9:00am, 11:00am  
 Young Adults Lectio Divina 12:15pm, Youth Center

## The Season of Lent



*Keep Lent Holy at Risen Savior*  
 † Mass every Friday at 7am during Lent  
 † Stations of the Cross at 3pm on Fridays  
 † Lenten Penance Service, 3/18 at 6:00pm

*As we have done for many years, we will pray the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM during Lent. Three of those weeks, we will have a Simple Soup Supper immediately after Stations. The other three weeks, we will have a Fish Fry at 5:00 p.m.*

Soup & Fish Schedule		
February 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations	
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM	
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Soup following Stations	
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM	
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Soup Following Stations	
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fish Fry at 5:00 PM	

## Weekly Votive Intentions

**March 14th - March 20th**

**St. Michael the Archangel**  
*For peace & protection*

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
*Special intention for Darlene Chee*



*St. Michael, St. Francis, Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Joseph, Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart of Jesus and Immaculate Heart of Mary PRAY FOR US!*

### Votive Candles

We have votive candles available for your intentions at our seven statues in the Church. The dedicated votives will burn from Saturday through Friday and will be replaced every Saturday. Contact the parish office.

### Christian Women Outdoors Ministry

**Tuesday, March 17, 2-3:30pm.** We will take a social walk along the Bosque starting at Bachechi Open Space off Alameda. For more information, contact Kay at kayhockey@comcast.net.



### Youth Confirmation Retreat Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Our annual Youth Confirmation Retreat Kick-off Family Dinner is scheduled March 21st after the 4:00pm Mass. We are in need of volunteers to cook, serve, and donate towards the meal. This year's meal theme is Mexican. Please contact Briana at buargas@risensavioricc.org or at 505-821-1571 ext 110.

## 75th Annual Brother Mathias Barrett Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

to benefit Good Shepherd Center's Works to Aid the Poor

Join us Tuesday, March 17th, 2025 4 pm to 8 pm at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church located at: 9502 4th St NW Albuquerque, NM 87114 Dinners Available To-Go! Now Accepting Sponsorships and Donations. For info visit [www.gscnm.org](http://www.gscnm.org) Or call 505-252-0236 or 505-243-2527 ext. 303

## Seasons of Hope

This ministry is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one. We pray, read scriptures and share our stories.

Our next meeting will be held on March 18th from 3:30pm-5:00pm in the Youth Center. Please contact the Armijo's for more information at [juli.koleske@gmail.com](mailto:juli.koleske@gmail.com).

## Easter Memory Flowers

Traditionally Risen Savior places flowers in the sanctuary at Easter in memory of loved ones. For your convenience, the purchase of the flowers has been pre-arranged. If you would like to donate in memory of your loved ones, their names will be placed in the sanctuary along with the flowers. Beginning on March 9th through March 26th please stop by the office to make arrangements.



## THE CATHOLIC CORNER

**For Catholics Faith is NOT a blind leap.**  
 Just by virtue of being a human being you and I are hungry for truth. We are wired to know the truth and we seek to surrender the sacred assent of our belief only to what is true. We have an innate desire to conform our minds to reality as it is. God helps us to make our way to the truth through a darkened world full of lies, deception and spiritual snares. He does this by giving us the gift of light and sight. In the Bible faith is often described as a supernatural gift of light and sight. Think of the conversion to faith in the life of Saint Paul who was blinded by light and then given new sight. Also with the man born blind who Jesus healed through water. For the first time he experienced both light and sight as he came to believe in Jesus. This points to the great gift of faith that the baptized first receives through water. This sight and light enables us to see with 'eyes of faith' beyond the veil into the supernatural. When others only see bread and wine, those who see with the eyes of faith, see God. When other see water poured over an infant, those with eyes of faith see a new birth of a creature in the order of grace. Pope John Paul II wrote, "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth". According to Hebrews 11:1-3, 'Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen'. This implies an assurance and an inner conviction associated with one's belief. For Catholics faith is NOT and never will be a blind leap. Because faith is reasonable and evidence based, faith is certain. The CCC says that we can be certain of God and his existence based on reason. "By natural reason man can know God with certainty, on the basis of his works". We can reason about God's existence by simply looking around at the amazing order, design and beauty in nature. We can say something like, 'This sunset is better than any painting. It is a work of art, a masterpiece, therefore there must be an uppercase A, Artist who created it'. We may also say, 'Since I am seeing complex structures and machines in the cell which require a knowledge of engineering principles to comprehend, there must be an uppercase E, Engineer behind its design'. There is another way of knowing God and that is through believing what God has said and what others have said. Believing others is the most common way that we as humans gain knowledge. We learn through reading, through viewing videos, films and through our parents and teachers. For us to be certain of the truth of what anyone tells us we must trust them. God cannot lie. He can neither deceive nor be deceived. "God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent; Has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19). Jesus said, "Believe in God, believe also in me...I am the Truth" (Jn 14). It is God himself who is the source of both the doctrine in our Catholic Faith and the life changing grace. This is why it is called, divine Revelation.

*"Faith is to believe what you do not see; the reward of this faith is to see what you believe."* -St. Augustine

*"To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life... In every child which is born and in every person who lives or dies we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ."* Pope Saint John Paul II, Evangelium vitae. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

40 Days for Life continues through March. Please consider joining Risen Savior's Respect Life Ministry members for prayer at sidewalk vigils on Friday, March 20th. For more information, contact us at [rsrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:rsrespectlife@gmail.com). All are welcome!

