



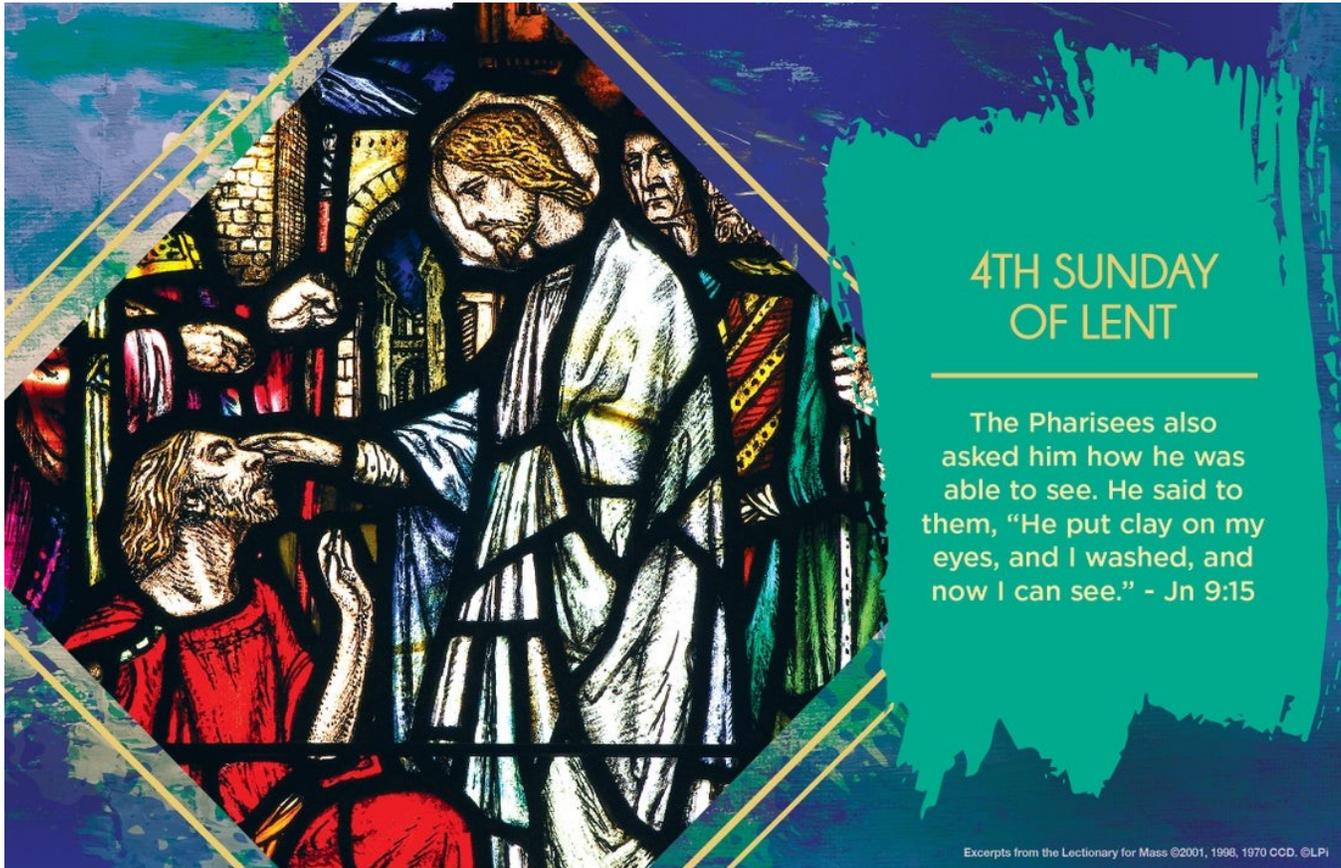
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GOSPEL MEDITATION – A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

The evangelist John presents Jesus as the man who gives light, who is the light. He describes step by step the process of faith of the man born blind. Jesus heals the blind man and sends him to wash in the Pool of Siloam, which means "Sent." He obeys and is healed. After the miracle, much unease arises: whether it was really the same man, how he was healed, and other questions. He explains it in great detail, but they don't believe him. Then they also question his parents. Finally, the man confronts the Pharisees, and they expel him from the synagogue.

The Gospel then tells us: "Jesus heard that they had cast him out. When he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He replied, 'And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and he is the one speaking with you.' Then he said, 'Lord, I believe,' and he knelt before him" (John 9:35-38).

What joy! The blind man sees the light, while the Pharisees, although they see Jesus, remain blind by rejecting the one who is the light. Faith brings us out of darkness. Let us see how the blind man, in his journey of faith, first says that the man who healed him is named Jesus. Then he affirms that he is a prophet. Later he declares that he is a man of God, and finally he prostrates himself before him in worship. What should we learn from this blind man? What names do we give to Jesus on our own journey of faith? How could we describe the way God has healed our illnesses and forgiven our sins, as He did with the man born blind? Jesus, let him see! ©LPI

Sunday Mass- 9:30 AM English

Misa Dominical- 11:30 AM Español

Confessions/Confesiones: 30 min. before Mass

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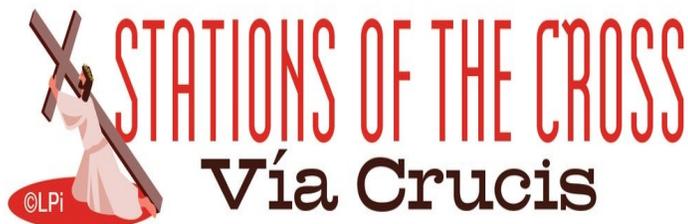


CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: The Bible talks a lot about “testifying” or “giving testimony” to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer: The courtroom image isn’t too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God’s power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to “a reason for your hope.” Now you’re on the stand! It’s time to offer, “with gentleness and reverence,” the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16) ©LPI



Bilingual Every Friday at 6:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS-INTENCIONES DE MISA

Sunday, March 15th 2026—9:30 AM

† Rogelio & Ofelia Jaramillo (by Lucy Aguilar)

† Bernadette Pino (by Alice Torres)

† Josephine Torres (by Angela Vargas)

Domingo 15 de marzo, 2026—11:30 AM

† Jose y Jesus Valdez (de familia)

† Sergio Carrasco (anniv.) (de familia)

Monday, March 16th, 2026—8:00 AM

Boudreau family (by family)

Tuesday, March 17th, 2026—8:00 AM

Health & Healing for Perla Torres (by Andrea Trujillo)

MARCH WEEKLY READINGS

Sun. 15th: Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-6, Eph 5:8-14,
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Mon. 16th: Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17-21, Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a and 13b, Jn 4:43-54

Tues. 17th: St. Patrick, Bishop

Ez 47:1-9, 12, Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9, Jn 5:1-16

Wed. 18th: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 49:8-15, Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18, Jn 5:17-30

Thur. 19th: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Fri. 20th: Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22, Ps 34:17-21, 23, Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Sat. 21st Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18-20, Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12, Jn 7:40-53

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR HEALING

Bobby Chavez, David Sanchez, Alex Casillas,

Tina Martinez & Deacon Andy

BLESSING TO SEE

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see. Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show. That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness. That Your Light can break like the dawn. Amen.

DEANERY C PENANCE SERVICES

• March 21st, Immaculate Conception Parish — 11:00am