

March 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

How many times do we, like casting directors, judge people by their appearance, voice, or ethnic background? Maybe we wait to learn more about their education, work, family or financial situation. Sooner or later we stereotype people. And once we have put them in those boxes, it becomes impossible to imagine them in any other way. We limit our vision of who we/others are, and who we/others might become.

The story of how the prophet Samuel chose David to be king of Israel is one of the most beloved stories in the Bible. There are elements of both humor and drama in the narrative, but the key point is contained in the line, 'Not as man sees does God see' (1 Samuel 16:7). The author wants us to be clear about the fact that God is guiding the destiny of Israel and that our human efforts will be successful only to the extent that they operate in accord with the divine will.

In the Gospel, Jesus heals a man who had never seen in all his life. One can imagine what it was like: He had no memory of the faces of his parents, no sense how blue a summer sky is or even any concept of color.

A world of utter darkness was completely normal to him. Perhaps he learned to find his way across the room when he was just a crawling baby.

Then one day he met Jesus and asked for the gift of sight. Jesus dabbed a bit of damp clay on his eyes and sent him off to wash. The story goes on to tell us that he began to see. He gets to learn to see. Like all of us, he learns to focus his eyes on an object, realize its shape, size, whether distant or close to him, sort the jumble of letters into words, estimate the speed of a moving object, etc.,

We also at the same time learn not to see: like shutting out distractions when we concentrate on a task at hand; We learn how to ignore unpleasant interruptions etc. Unfortunately we also learned how to ignore things to which we should have paid attention: like the plight of the poor and the needy; the loneliness of the shut-in, the plight of the refugees fleeing from war torn countries etc.

The man born blind received both physical and spiritual enlightenment. He now is able to see himself, the Pharisees, and Jesus as God sees all of them. No longer is he blinded by his culture's stereotypical view of him. No longer is he limited to the role he has been cast in his whole life – the sinner to be scorned. He has been awakened to new possibilities. He has seen by the light of Christ, and that will change everything.



CUARTO DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

¿Cuántas veces, como directores de reparto, juzgamos a personas por su apariencia, voz u origen étnico? Tal vez esperamos aprender más acerca de su educación, trabajo, familia o situación económica. Tarde o temprano categorizamos a la gente. Y una vez que los hemos puesto en estas categorías, resulta imposible imaginarlos de cualquier otro modo. Limitamos nuestra visión de quién son/somos, y que podemos/pueden llegar a ser.

La historia de cómo el profeta Samuel escogió a David para ser Rey de Israel es una de las historias más queridas en la Biblia. Hay elementos de humor y drama en la narrativa, pero el punto clave está contenido en la línea, 'Dios no juzga como juzga el hombre' (1 Samuel 16:7). El autor desea que estemos claros sobre el hecho de que Dios está guiando el destino de Israel y que nuestros esfuerzos humanos tendrán éxito sólo en la medida en que operan de acuerdo a la voluntad divina.

En el Evangelio, Jesús sana a un hombre que nunca había visto en toda su vida. Uno puede imaginarse como era: No tenía ninguna memoria de los rostros de sus padres, no tenía sentido de lo azul que es el cielo en el verano o cualquier concepto de color.

Un mundo de oscuridad era totalmente normal para él. Tal vez aprendió a encontrar su camino en una habitación cuando era apenas un bebé gateando.

Entonces un día conoció a Jesús y le pidió el don de la vista. Jesús le aplicó un poco de lodo húmedo en sus ojos y lo mandó a lavarse. La historia pasa a decirnos que empezó a ver. Aprende a ver. Como todos nosotros, él aprende a enfocar sus ojos en un objeto, se da cuenta de su forma, tamaño, ya sea lejano o cercano a él, a ordenar el revoltijo de letras en palabras, estimar la velocidad de un objeto en movimiento, etc.,

También al mismo tiempo aprendemos a no ver: como cuando dejamos fuera las distracciones y nos concentramos en una tarea; Aprendamos a ignorar las interrupciones desagradables etc.. Desafortunadamente también aprendemos a ignorar las cosas al que le debemos prestar atención: como la situación difícil de los pobres y necesitados; la soledad del confinado, la situación de los refugiados huyendo de la guerra en su países etc..

El hombre que nació ciego recibió iluminación tanto física como espiritual. Ahora se puede ver a sí mismo, los fariseos y Jesús como Dios los ve a todo ellos. Ya no está cegado por la visión estereotípica de la cultura. Ya no está limitado a la función a la que ha sido emitido toda su vida – el pecador a ser despreciado. Ha sido despertado a nuevas posibilidades. Ha visto por la luz de Cristo, y eso va a cambiar todo.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

COLECTA DE LA SEMANA PASADA

March 7 — March 8, 2026

Weekday Masses Offerings.....\$ 185.15

Weekend Mass Offerings.....\$2,189.00

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal.....\$1,434.00

UPCOMING 2nd COLLECTIONS

March 15: Catholic Relief Services

March 29: Palm Sunday

April 5: Reserve Fund & Easter Sunday

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Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

We urge you to help us meet our goal:

Parish Assessment:	\$32,295.00
YTD we paid:	\$ 1,434.00
Balance we owe:	\$30,861.00
Pledges Balance	\$0.00

Thank you for your generosity!

2026 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.” Isaiah 40:31

The Annual Appeal is our chance to join with Catholics throughout our Archdiocese to assist those who depend on us. Your generosity supports essential ministries that care for our youth, accompany families, serve those most in need, and support our priests.

Our Parish assessment for this year 2026 is \$32,295.00.

Your generosity makes a real difference in the lives of many throughout our Archdiocese.

Our parish mailing has gone out this weekend. It is our hope, you will receive it soon.

For more information or to make a donation, please go to:

<https://sfarchdiocese.org/aaa/>

Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of this request!



The Recitation of
the Holy Rosary
Weekdays of Lent
After the 9:00am
Mass in English



On Fridays during Lent,
we have the praying of
the Stations of the Cross
after the 9:00am Mass

VIA CRUCIS

Domingo
a las 11:00am

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 14 TO MARCH 21

SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
March 14, 2026	March 15, 2026	March 16, 2026	 March 17, 2026 	March 18, 2026
<p>9:00am ✠ Michael Murphy</p> <p>4:30pm William A. Recio </p>	<p>8:00m ✠ Candida V. Ramirez ✠ Florendo Mariano</p> <p>10:00am ✠ Deceased Members of the Ventura Family ✠ Clemencio Macadangdang ✠ Jose M. Claudel Emma Steinbruner </p> <p>12:00pm ✠ Luis Oliverio Palacios ✠ Anita Rose Ochoa ✠ Maria Elivira Murcia de Barillas</p>	<p>9:00am John Mark Rabara  ✠ Candida V. Ramirez</p>	<p> 9:00am ✠ Mary Redubaldo  Perla Patag </p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Mary Redubaldo </p>
		THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		March 19, 2026	March 20 2026	March 21, 2026
		<p>9:00am Jayleen Elsey  ✠ Daisy P. Ramos ✠ Ron Warner</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Medina & Eufracio Ermitaño</p>	<p>9:00am ✠ Fr. Vincent Hughes, OFM ✠ Ramon Berry Nelson Apalit </p> <p>4:30pm Parish of St. John</p>

