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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

 Mass Intentions				
Date	Day	Time	Mass Intention for	Requested by
Mar 24	Tues	8:15 am	Suresh Alfred✠	Angela Alfred
Mar 25	Wed	8:15 am	Amelia Sadiwa – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Amelia Sadiwa
Mar 26	Thurs	8:15 am	Melinda Modica✠	Holy Cross School Staff
Mar 27	Fri	8:15 am	Helen Chan – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Pauline Taylor
		7:00 pm	Evening Mass followed by the Stations of the Cross Patricia Boyer – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Patricia Boyer
Mar 28	Sat	9:00 am	Lolita Bayon – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Oscar & Severina Mamaril
		5:00 pm	All Parishioners	
Mar 29	Sun	9:30 am	Ruel, Edhu & Gutierrez Family – <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Fe & Vinda Olase
		11:00 am	Pelucia Mario✠	Virtudes Hernandez
		7:00 pm	Lloyd & Bibi Berger - <i>Thanksgiving</i>	Eleanor Houston

Sunday Gospel Reflections

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

John 9.1-41



True Recovery of Sight

In the Gospel today, we encounter Jesus healing a man who was born blind. In all of the Bible, this is the only healing of a man blind since birth, whereas other healings were of temporary blindness. The uniqueness of this great mystery offers us the ability to richly reflect on what it means to be good stewards of Christ.

Firstly, while the man was healed of his physical sight, the more remarkable miracle was his ability to grasp Jesus' true identity. When Jesus reveals to him that He is the Son of Man, the blind man boldly responds, "Lord, I believe." The blind man did not come to this realization on his own, but it was the Lord's working in his life that led him to this change of heart.

So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about our interior conversion. We must never fall into the temptation that our faith and charity is the result of our own strength or abilities. After the blind man's encounter, it says "he worshipped Him." As good stewards we should seek to imitate his example, falling down in thanksgiving and adoration for all of the grace and gifts the Lord has poured into our lives. Let us take a moment today to praise God most especially for the gifts of our Catholic faith and the Church.



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PASTORAL NOTES

Baptism

2.1 Receiving a Baptized Christian into Full Communion

2.1.1 Reception of Validly Baptized Faithful

Those wishing to join the full communion of the Catholic Church who have already been validly baptized in a non-Catholic ecclesial community, are not to be "re-baptized," but should be received into the Church by a Profession of Faith. The following norms are to be observed.

2.1.2 Reception of Infants

Previously baptized infants below the age of 7, are automatically received into the Catholic Church at the time of the reception of their parents by a Profession of Faith. The parent(s) and Godparent(s) are to be suitably instructed to safeguard the Christian formation of their children.

If the child is of sufficient age, he or she too is to receive appropriate instruction.

2.1.3 Reception of Infants of Parents Who Do Not Intend to Become Catholic *(Will be published on the next bulletin issue)*

Upcoming Events

Al-Anon Meeting (Except long weekends)
Every Monday • 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm • Parish Hall

Food Drive: Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Every 2nd Sunday of the month

Junior Legion of Mary Regular Meeting
Every Sunday after the 9:30am mass • Rectory, Basement
**Children ages 7 to 18 years old are welcome to join.*

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

CONFIRMATION: Session 1

Parents are required to attend the Session 1 only
April 5, 2020 • Sunday • 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm • Parish Hall

RCIA

Every Sunday • 10:00am • Parish Hall

Holy Cross Eucharistic Healing Procession & Benediction

Every **1st Saturday of the month**, Fr. Freddy performs a Eucharistic Healing Procession and Benediction in the Church after the 9:00am Mass.

Everyone is welcome to attend.



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

We would like to inform everyone that the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is every **Tuesday to Friday after the 8:15 a.m. mass until 10:00 a.m.** in the Church.



Special Prayers for Parishioners

We keep in our prayers the sick, elderly, the housebound, the "forgotten members" in our community, and their families and caregivers.

"Lord, surround them with your healing and steadfast love."

If you know of someone who is seriously ill, or someone who has recently died, you can contact the parish office so they can be prayed for in the weekend Mass during the Prayers of the Faithful.

Schedule of Lent and Holy Week Service/Mass

Friday Masses followed by the Stations of the Cross	March 27 & April 3	7:00pm
Holy Cross Confessions	March 27, Friday	5:30pm-7:00pm
Holy Cross Lenten Retreat	March 28, Saturday	10:00am – 12:00nn

Palm Sunday	April 5	Sun	9:30am 11:00am 7:00pm	Regular Mass
Holy Thursday	April 9	Thurs	7:00pm	*NO 8:15am Mass Celebration of the Lord's Supper <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00pm</i>
Good Friday	April 10	Fri	3:00pm 7:00pm	*NO 8:15am Mass Liturgy of the Passion of Christ Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	April 11	Sat	8:00pm	*NO 9:00am & 5:00pm Mass Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	April 12	Sun	9:30am 11:00am	Regular Mass Regular Mass *NO 7:00pm Mass

PABASA or "Reading of the Passion"

April 6, 7 & 8 (Mon, Tues, Wed)
10am - 4pm • Parish Hall

Pabása ng Pasyón (Tagalog for "Reading of the Passion"), known simply as **Pabása** is a Catholic devotion in the Philippines popular during Holy Week involving the uninterrupted chanting of the *Pasyón*, an early 16th-century epic poem narrating the life, passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The verses are based on the bible and practiced every holy week.

You can contact 416-423-8616 and look for Lina Arjune. Everyone is invited and welcome to join.

March 29 is ShareLife Sunday



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