

The Church's Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 22

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Masses CANCELED

Ministry Fair CANCELED

Monday, March 23

Monday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Tuesday, March 24

Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Wednesday, March 25

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 11:00am

Thursday, March 26

Thursday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Friday, March 27

Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Day of Abstinence

Stations of the Cross CANCELED

Saturday, March 28

Saturday of the Fourth Week of Lent

Sacrament of Reconciliation at 10:00am

Ss. Damien/Marianne Prayer Group CANCELED

Vigil Mass CANCELED

Sunday, March 29

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Masses CANCELED

**ALL WEEKEND AND DAILY
MASSES ARE CANCELED
UNTIL MARCH 31st (inclusive).**

Find out what the pope is thinking.

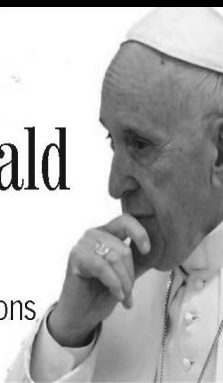
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Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory Collection

3/9 – 3/15

Sunday Offering	\$ 6,016.04
Weekday	\$ 1,551.31
Coffers	\$ 359.27
Feasts & Solemnities	\$ 40.00
Total Offertory	\$ 7,966.62

Other Collection

Repair & Maintenance	\$ 6,936.90
Mass Intention	\$ 405.00
Devotional Candles	\$ 668.00
Cathedral Catholic Academy	\$ 234.00
Others (Gallery, Outreach, etc.)	\$ 142.06

Total

\$ 16,352.58

Living the Liturgy

- Write a statement of your beliefs about God's actions in your life. You might look back on key moments in your life to find different times where your relationship with God developed or stalled. Share your beliefs with a friend, family member, or group.
- Read Psalm 23. Write a prayer to God as your shepherd. What do you ask from God? What does the Shepherd offer you?
- What situations or places in the world seem to be in darkness, perhaps as a result of war, pollution, famine, or prejudice? Do you have any relationships or areas of struggle in your life that seem to be in darkness? How does God ask you to bring light to these places and situations?

Sharing Faith

- Paul encourages his reader to awaken and rise from the dead. How can the Second Reading renew your Lenten commitment to conversion?
- God often picks unlikely or fallible people to carry out his plans. How do you feel about God choosing you?
- Where does God invite you to see with new eyes?

Parish App Feature-of-the-Week



Messages

- Helpful parish updates
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March 22, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

Exegesis on this Sunday's readings

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

Paul's letter to the Ephesians, with images of light and waking from sleep, sounds almost like an Advent reading. It connects us powerfully to an Advent theme during Lent: we welcome the Messiah, the light of the world come to dwell among us. In Lent, we remind ourselves that the Messiah's message of light in the darkness has been passed on to all disciples. Testify to the Good News. Produce goodness, righteousness, and truth. Reject sin. Live in the light.

In today's Gospel, we hear the powerful story of the man born blind. Considered a sinner all his life because of his blindness, he is led to conversion and faith. And we might notice in the story that it is not he who asks for healing, but the disciples who make an example of him. Nonetheless, he follows Jesus' instructions and begins a journey that ends with his proclamation of Jesus as the Messiah. Light entered the darkness of his blindness and his world was changed. The blind man's faith in God led him to the truth.

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Next Sunday's Readings: "Fifth Sunday of Lent"

Ezekiel 37:12-14 | Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8. | Romans 8:8-11 | John 11:1-45

From the Desk of Fr. Pascual

Dear Cathedral Basilica Ohana,

Greetings of peace, love, and joy!

"One thing I do know is that I was blind, and now I see."

Our Gospel story on this fourth Sunday of Lent is about the miracle of Jesus' healing of a man born blind. The Pharisees find it difficult to accept the miracle that happened and point out that whoever made it possible is not from God. Despite the wonderful gift given to this blind man, the Pharisees blind themselves with their arrogance and self-righteousness. They do not see at all the goodness of having a sight given him by Jesus. This man suffered blindness throughout his life, and when he was cured, not an inch of recognition of Jesus come from the Pharisees. Instead of being happy for this man's recovery of sight, they reprimanded him all the more. While the man born blind sees, the Pharisees are blinded of Jesus' good deeds, as a prophet and even as the Son of God.

Such blindness can also happen to us when we do not even recognize our faults. We, like the Pharisees, are too focused on our "ego" and wanting always to be pleasant as we can be to others but not to God. When this happens, Jesus is absent in our lives. We become too self-righteous that we only see the splinter in someone's eye and not our own. (*Matthew 7: 3*)

As we are closing into the celebration of Jesus' Paschal Mystery, will we rise with Him and given new eyesight like how the Lord Jesus sees? Will there be a substantial change in our relationship with Him and with others that will bring goodness, peace, and joy to our own families, our church, and our world? Will we be like the blind man who can truly express the same words he said, "one thing I do know is that I was blind, and now I see."

It is worth reflecting as well during these critical times due to the dangerous effect of the coronavirus, what the Lord is telling us. Many of our brothers and sisters have already died, and there will be more if we do not take essential steps to stop it. Many people are sacrificing their lives, and many events are canceled. Even our most beloved Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist is not celebrated publicly. When one is affected, we are all affected. When one is suffering, we all suffer. And this is not what our Lord desires for each one of us. He wants the fullness of life not only after our life here on heaven but even here and now. But we need to step up to our faith and see beyond our physical eyes what we need to see in the midst of what is happening around us. In this Lenten Season, we embrace the crosses we bear, the blindness that we have and, be focused on Jesus to bring light to our eyes of faith.

Your friend in the Lord,
Fr. Pascual