

March 22 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Sat., Mar. 21	5:00 p.m.	Intentions of The Parishioners
Sun., Mar. 22	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Laura De Luca Malky by Michael & Marianne Mancini
Tues., Mar. 24	9:00 a.m.	Una Murphy by The Nash Family
Wed., Mar. 25	9:00 a.m.	Robert Gravel by Ann Hudson Butler <i>The Annunciation of The Lord</i>
Thurs., Mar. 26	9:00 a.m.	Robert Gravel by Claire Kelly
Fri., Mar. 27	9:00 a.m.	Annette Duncan by The H.O.P.E. Group
Sat., Mar. 28	5:00 p.m.	Anibal Tavares by Deolinda Tavares
Sun., Mar. 29	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Denis Desgroseilliers by The Dean Family Intentions of The Parishioners Alessandro Pedicelli by Liliana Pedicelli

All Public Masses have been cancelled. The priests still say Masses privately, therefor Mass intentions will be fulfilled.

Readings for This Sunday March 22

1 Samuel 16.1b,6-7,10-13 Psalm 23.1-3a,3b-4,5,6 Ephesians 5.8-14 John 9.1-41

Readings for Next Sunday March 29

Ezekiel 37.12-14 Psalm 130.1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7b-8 Romans 8.8-11 John 11.1-45

Lord, Grant Mercy and Lasting Peace to those who died recently, and strength and comfort to those who mourn them: **Caroline Meehan (nee Landers)**. *Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

Father Sibichan's HOMILY 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT, The Man Born Blind.

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. The story of the blind man testifies to the power of Jesus to heal not just the blindness of the eye but the blindness of the heart.

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 is why the Pharisees and scribes asked Jesus the question, of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer the question directly. But instead gives the question an entirely different dimension, by saying, 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. The message that Jesus gives to us today is a reminder, that to learn from Jesus we must first admit our ignorance. To be healed we must acknowledge our blindness. To be forgiven we must confess our sins.

From earliest times today's Gospel story has been associated with baptism. Just as the blind man went down into the waters of Siloam and came up healed, so also with

the believers who, are immersed into the waters of baptism come up spiritually whole, and totally healed of the blindness of original sin.

Today is the second of the three RCIA scrutiny Sundays. This story of the blind man is used in the preparation of catechumens for baptism, that it spells out what it takes to be a disciple of Jesus. It is a story of how a blind man who used to sit and beg became a disciple and then went about witnessing to Jesus. This story of the healing of the blind man shows that the only thing you need to experience and to bear witness to Jesus is not having a lot of knowledge but having a personal experience. Through the story of the blind man Jesus reminds us, it is only after a personal relationship with the Lord that we begin to appreciate the importance of our faith and church worship. Faith experience comes before theology. That is why the blind man arrived at the true faith in Jesus before the learned Pharisees. So, let us today admit our spiritual blindness and pray together with St. Augustine of Hippo, in the spirit of Lent and of today's Gospel; "Lord that we may see. "The Lord will give us light and spiritual insight.



Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Eyesight to the Blind: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent." Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38–39](#)). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70–71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father. www.stpaulcenter.com/reflections

The Pope's Prayer Intention for March. We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

Parish Office Hours The office hours have been modified due to the current situation. The Hours are Monday to Friday from 1:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Thank you for your understanding.



Let Us Pray for Those Who Are Sick

Yolanda Amaro Manzanal, Mila Bax, Marie Josee Belanger, Jose Benveniste, Gerry Bosnyak, Judy Cole, Gordon Deery, Christine Deery, Debbie Foley, Adam Gacek, Jennifer Lacroix, Patricia Lacroix, Dawn Alda Laxson, Sally Palka. *Please email the parish office if you would like to add a name to the parish sick list. Please obtain permission from the person named*

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The Chapel of Eucharistic Adoration The hours at the chapel have been modified due to the current situation. The hours are daily from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.

Let us not forget our Neighbours Are you or someone you know alone and in need of help with groceries or just need someone to talk to? Please let us know by calling the parish office. 514-695-0205

Daily Mass from the Chapel of Bishop Baron Bishop Baron through the Word of Fire community has made online daily Mass available through the link below <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

More options for online Masses www.canadiandailymass.com

And from St. Luke's Parish <https://st-luke.ca/cms/> (follow the instruction on the website)

Archdiocese of Montreal For up to date information from the Archdiocese of visit <https://www.diocesemontreal.org/en>

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C.A.C. Food Bank currently in need of **canned spaghetti, canned ravioli, canned fruit & cereal.** Your on-going donations are always greatly appreciated.

SJFP Has Got Talent! The auditions and Talent Show are postponed until further notice. Thank you for your understanding.



Laptops Needed for School in Uganda Just a little reminder that there is still a need for laptops. Do you have a laptop that you are not using anymore? Could you, please, donate it to St. Pontiano Secondary School in Uganda. This will be very appreciated. For info call Fr. David, at 514-213-5778

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 5:00 p.m. Blossom of Love Choir
 9:00 a.m. Kayla Chibok & Jennifer
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 Those intending to marry should give
 notice of 6 months.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 After weekday Masses, half an hour
 before weekend Masses or by
 appointment.

Baptism:
 The third Sunday of each month. Parents
 should contact the parish to register and
 for more information.

Sick Calls:
 Emergencies, Anointing of the Sick or
 visitation of shut-ins. Call the Rectory.

Funerals:
 Please call the parish office.

Local schools:
 Lindsey Place: 514-694-2760
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If you are new to the parish and would like to be included on our parish list please
 complete the following information and place the form in the collection basket.

Name _____
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