



# ST. JOHN'S CLONMEL KANSAS

**March 22, 2020**

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

*March is dedicated to St. Joseph*

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### **MASS SCHEDULE**

*Suspended for the public  
until further notice.*

### **CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**WEEKDAYS** • 8-8:30 am  
**WEEKEND** • Saturday 4:30-5:30 pm  
Sunday 9-10 am

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**

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# ST. JOHN'S, CLONMEL

## PRAYER 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.

## TODAY'S GOSPEL...

...gives us another example of conversion. The key figure in the story is a man who was born blind. Jesus heals him physically, and in doing so creates a spiritual conversion. After he is healed, the man is brought before the Pharisees to explain how it is that he can suddenly see. He retells the story multiple times, and each time his belief in Jesus becomes stronger and more adamant. In the first retelling, he refers to Jesus as "a man." The next time, he calls Jesus "a prophet." In the end, as he is talking to Jesus again, he accepts Jesus as "the son of Man" and refers to Him as Lord. By healing his sight, Jesus has empowered this man to share his testimony; he has become a missionary disciple! How has Jesus healed you? In what way has He given you new sight? Like the healed man in this passage, we should be eager to share our own testimony, growing in faith each time we tell the story.

DATE	MASS READINGS	MASS INTENTION
Monday, March 23 Lenten Weekday	Isaiah 65:17-21 / John 4:43-54	+Barbara Flax
Tuesday, March 24 Lenten Weekday	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12 / John 5:1-16	+Francis Rausch
Wednesday, March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10 / Hebrews 10:4-10 /	+Wanda Farmer
Thursday, March 26 Lenten Weekday	Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47	Int. of the Norman Pelz Family
Friday, March 27 Lenten Weekday	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22 / John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30	+Lawrence Dugan
Saturday, March 28 Lenten Weekday	Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40	+Marilyn Garretson
Sunday, March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent	Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 /	People of the Parish

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 8, 2020

\$7,547.50

Year to Date (July 1-March 15)

\$375,606.86

Thank you for your gift to St. John's Parish!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March 22 Robbie Schroeder

March 24 Mitchell Allender

Helen Oberley

March 25 Jacob Crowell

Chloe Garner

Audrie Garrison

March 26 Nichole Pracht

March 27 Julianna McCosh

Adrian Alvarez

March 28 Andrea Kaiser

## YEAR END STATEMENTS

If you are in need of a year end statement for tax purposes, please contact the office.

## HOLY FATHER'S MARCH PRAYER INTENTION

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

## MARCH 22: ST. DEOGRATIUS



Deogratias (which means thanks be to God) was Bishop of Carthage. Before he became Bishop, the city had no Bishop for 14 years. Carthage had been taken over by Barbarians called Vandals who had kicked out the Bishop and all the Priests. Emperor Valentinian in Rome asked Genseric (the Vandals' leader) if he would allow Carthage to have another Bishop and when he agreed, Deogratias became Bishop. Shortly after Deogratias becoming Bishop of Carthage, Genseric attacked Rome and captured many Roman families to become slaves in Africa. Family members were sold separately and mothers and fathers were separated from their children. When Bishop Deogratias heard about this he made a plan to help these people. He sold all the riches he could from the church and when the ship with the newly captured slaves stopped in Carthage

Bishop Deogratias bought as many slaves as he could. He took care of the needs of all these people, buying food and clothing and places for them to stay. He even converted two Churches into places for people to stay and a hospital to take care of them. He worked very hard to care for these people and tell them about God. He was only Bishop for three years when he died after working so hard to care for his people. After he died the Vandals would not allow Carthage to have another Bishop for 23 years.