

# IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

“A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust”

March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent

## SACRAMENTS

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament is available during Confession hour and after each Mass per request.

### MATRIMONY

Couples wishing to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony must contact a priest of the parish one year in advance of the wedding. Diocesan regulations require that couples begin to work with the parish at least one year prior to a wedding.

### BAPTISM

Families of our parish who wish to have their child baptized should call the parish office to register for Baptism Prep. Please call well in advance of birth of your child.

### CONFESSION

Anytime by appointment

Tuesday: 5:15 - 6:15 p.m.; Saturdays: 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.



## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” - Jn 9:35

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**A LENTEN TRADITION**  
**Fridays at Noon & 6:30 pm**

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 18

8:00 a.m. Paul Hudak (Friends & Family)

4:30 p.m. Andy Duris (Bonnie & Al)

### Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Anthony DePaulo (Nancy)

10:00 a.m. Patty Santimyer (Ruby)

11:30 a.m. Margaret & Stephen Stromp  
(Regina)

### Monday, March 20

7:45 a.m. Patrick Newcomer (Family)

### Tuesday, March 21

7:45 a.m. Our Parish Family

6:30 p.m. Penny Palarino (Family)

### Wednesday, March 22

7:45 a.m. James Agatucci (Patty & Paul)

### Thursday, March 23

7:45 a.m. Deceased Members of Donnelly  
Family (Kathleen)

### Friday, March 24

7:45 a.m. Karl Klaus (Cheryl)

### Saturday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Nancy & Dom Tarantini (Family)

4:30 p.m. Almeda Brentzel (Torok Family)

### Sunday, March 26

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Rusnock (Sally & Fred)

10:00 a.m. Special Intention 50th Wedding  
Anniversary Ron & Darlene Beatty  
(Lin)

11:30 a.m. Charles Saller (Cheryl)

308 SECOND STREET • IRWIN, PA 15642 • PARISH OFFICE  
HOURS: 8:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

CLOSED 12:00 NOON • 1:00 pm

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724-691-3711**2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal update as of March 4<sup>th</sup>**Our active participation in the 2023 DLA is **10.2%**.Total pledged is **\$80,716.00**, which is **54.3%** of our Diocesan Target of **\$148,776.00** and **32.3%** of our combined Diocesan & Parish Target of **\$250,000.00**

For **2023** our parish goal is to raise **\$250,000.00**. This goal would help us in two ways: First to meet our Diocesan Target of **\$148,776.00** which would be used on the diocesan level to support the international priests, seminarian's education, faith formation programs, Catholic Charities, and other diocesan ministries. **Secondly**, the remaining **\$101,224.00** will be used here in our parish to aid the needy of our region with a **\$10,000.00** donation to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society. *Remaining monies will be used to continue the development of Immaculate Conception Cemetery for future needs.* Our intention is to add new signage, visitation parking, trees and ground cover throughout the cemetery. The landscaping will include improvements in the new Genesis sections and along the creek line. The addition of our new columbarium for cremains and development of the new sections we will provide 600 burial spaces for our parish families. Your gift to the Diocesan Lenten Appeal will enable us to achieve the above projects.

*Thank you to all who have already given a gift to the 2023 Diocesan Lenten Appeal and to those who will give a gift*

**You are able to make your gift online at [dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBody](http://dioceseofgreensburg.org/OneBody)**



## Immaculate Conception Parish offers Online Giving

**For additional information, or to sign up, visit our website at:**  
**[www.icirwin.org/giving/funds](http://www.icirwin.org/giving/funds)**

This option makes use of current technology and security standards and allows you to easily setup recurring contributions.

**Start giving online today!**

- Efficient. Set up direct withdrawals from your checking, savings account or a credit card.
- Simple. Start, stop and change your contributions at any time.
- Convenient. No need to write a check or have cash available.
- Online Giving is intended to be a convenient electronic tool for parishioners participate in weekly offertory.
- Please prayerfully consider giving online. If you have any questions, contact the parish office 724.863.9550.



## This Week on the Corner

### IMG/IWG Men's and Women's Group

IMG Saturday - March 25th 6:30am-8:00 am

IWG Sunday - March 26th 6:30 am-8:00 am

Last week, as we walked with Jesus on his way to Calvary, we looked at Jesus' encounter with Simon of Cyrene and the women of Jerusalem. We also looked at not only what usually happened in a Roman crucifixion, but also the extraordinary events that occurred during Christ's crucifixion. In this fifth session of Dr. Edward Sri's Lenten program entitled "No Greater Love - A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Crucifixion" entitled "The Seven Last Words - Jesus the Teacher at Calvary", we turn our attention to what is commonly known as Christ's "Seven Last Words". We'll see that these were words not just spoken to the world in general, but as personal words spoken to each one of us. All are welcome! Feel free to bring a friend.



### Church Floor Cleaning March 20 – March 24

- The Church will be closed after morning Mass until 4:30 pm.
- Divine Mercy will meet and be held in Gathering Room
- There will be No Adoration Tuesday March 21

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 3

### FAITH FORMATION -

#### Grades 1-2 - Faith Formation for Public School

Students, Saturday March 18th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

#### Grades 3-6 – Faith Formation for Public School

Students, Monday, March 20th, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, 2nd Floor of the Administration Building

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**— Class will be Monday March 27th from 6:00-7:15pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Faith Formation**— Class will be Monday March 27th from 7:45 to 9pm in Our Lady's Plaza at Immaculate Conception.



# 4 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

## Notes from the Pastor

### A DETAILED PERSPECTIVE THE DEEP THEOLOGY OF SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST



*The Gospel readings that are selected for the Lenten journey this year are from St. John's gospel. The stories are long and full of much meaning as he uncovers the process of conversion from sinner to disciple.*

*Last week we heard of the Samaritan women and today that of the man blind from birth. Both our seeking human needs that of water and sight. But Jesus offers the deeper waters and a clearer sight that they thought possible.*

*The meanings, and even the length of the stories, are far too complex to present in an 8– 10-minute homily. The homilist (me) must pick a certain jewel of the story and present it with a weeklong mission.*

*Because of this daunting task to do so in a limited amount of time much is left unsaid. So, I thought I would share the following homily that gives a more detailed perspective to the beauty hidden within the story of the blind man who was brought to sight.*

**Sermon Series: Fearless:** The Courage to Question: "Is it possible to see miracles in today's world?" In the text we heard this morning from John 9, we have the story of the man blind from birth, who receives his sight from Jesus. Jesus employs a very ancient and mysterious type of cure, a cure that is literally "earthy." Jesus mixes dust and his own spit into a muddy paste. Once he had the paste the way he wanted it he places it on the man's eyes and rubs it in. Some texts say he "*anointed the man with the mud.*" The mud becomes a vehicle for the healing action.

Jesus scoops the mud from his palms and places it on the man's eyes. Then he sends the man to the *pool to wash*. The man, still unable to see, makes his way to the pool, his eyes now covered with mud and spit. He washes, as Jesus directed him to, and as he does he bathes away dead tissue that now becomes alive. Imagine him opening his eyes slowly, muddy trickles of water running down each cheek. First, he sees light, then some colors begin to emerge, then shapes, unclear at first, that take the form of water, rock, earth. Now he is aware of a fantastic tapestry of colors. He is dazzled by the sunlight on the pool and as he turns to look at the water he is surprised by his own reflection, seen for the first time. Later he sees the face of the one who healed him.



In that instant of healing he was able, temporarily, to forget that he had been the lifelong object of theological speculation. Throughout his life people had asked questions like, whose fault is it that he was born blind? What did his parents do wrong? Or was he the one who sinned and caused his own blindness? These are the very questions that Jesus' own disciples ask when they encounter the man while they are walking with Jesus. Yet even Jesus' response, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," nor the healing itself ends the theological speculation.

It is interesting that the man's cure takes exactly two verses while the controversy surrounding the cure takes thirty-nine verses. Two verses, to completely change the man's life and to reveal the love and power and grace of God in Jesus Christ the Savior. Thirty-nine verses to argue about what happened. Imagine how we would react if

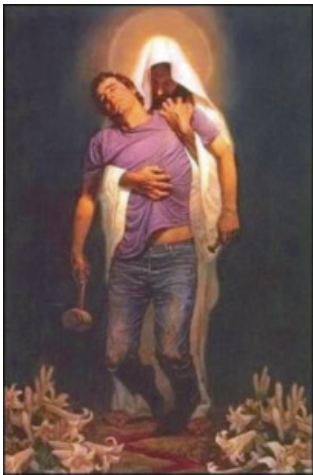


someone were to stand up here and announce that they were the recipient of a direct revelation or healing from God. Some of us might not find it at all unusual. But others of us would be scratching our heads, wanting to ask a lot of questions. On one hand we are taken with the blind man and his messy miracle cure, yet on the other hand we can sympathize with the Pharisees and their need to ask questions, their need to observe, define and explain the event.

The Pharisees set out to conduct three fruitless interviews. The neighbors are confused: They ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, it's not him, but it's somebody like him." All the while the poor man in question is saying, "*I am the man.*" The Pharisees, still not believing the man had been blind, decide to check out the story with his parents. They ask, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" But they don't get too far with the parents. The parents are afraid of what the religious authorities will do to them if they tell the truth about the situation. They have heard that anyone who has said that Jesus is the Messiah has been thrown out of the synagogue. So, they throw the ball back. They tell the Pharisees, check the story out with our son, if you really want to know. He's an adult; ask him.

So back they go to man to whom Jesus has restored sight and they ask him, what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" This doesn't get them anywhere. The man turns the tables and starts interviewing the Pharisees: Why do you want to hear the story again? Do you want to become his disciples?" So much controversy, so little rejoicing. Yet still, the Pharisees aren't totally unsympathetic characters in this story. We're apt to want to check out quick conversions ourselves. The corrupt politician or celebrity who finds themselves in hot water and suddenly "gets religion" is usually suspect. Things have gotten out of hand. The once-blind man is experiencing the freedom and joy of one who sees not from a human perspective but from God's perspective. The man doesn't possess any special knowledge but has made a life-changing acknowledgement

When Jesus learns that the Pharisees have driven the man out, he goes looking for him. Jesus did not want his healing of the man to have created a painful situation for him. It is as if Jesus the mother hen goes out to gather the vulnerable chick under his wing. When he finally finds the man he asks him, Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He responds, "Who is he, sir? Tell me, that I may believe in him. Jesus says, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He responds eagerly: "Yes Lord, I believe."



In some respects, the once-blind man is similar to the woman at the well whom we discussed last week. Like her, he is not overly pious. He doesn't use a bunch of religious jargon to talk about his healing. But he does know that his darkness is now drenched in sunlight. He has no special knowledge; he simply makes a special acknowledgement. "One thing I know" he might have said. As he makes his witness to a multitude of sons and daughters, each with their own witness, tell their own story. You and I, each in our own way, are brothers and sisters of that man who received the healing touch of Jesus and continues his witness.

At different times in our lives each of us might be able to say nothing more in witness than "There's one thing I know is..." Someone might say, "When I was at my loneliest, when no one seemed to care, when I didn't think I could continue one more day, the one thing I know is that God was with me." Another might say, "The one thing I know is that when I was consumed by my alcoholism, and my health and family life were a wreck, when I didn't think I could ever overcome my addiction, the one thing I know is that I never would have made it without the Spirit's presence with me." Another might say, "The one thing I know is that when I was in the midst of my divorce and I was angry and consumed with hate, it was Christ's love that saw me through and healed my heart."

The healing love of God comes to us in many and varied ways. We need no special piety or language or knowledge to receive it, just the ability to acknowledge it: "Lord, I believe." No special knowledge required, just acknowledgement. The one thing I know.... You can be careful, you can keep your bases you can check everything out, but in the end, God will break through your most powerful defenses. God's going to get you with a power and grace that will take away the cloud and give you real vision.

## 2023 Penance Service, Holy Week

## Easter Schedule



## COMMUNITY PENANCE SERVICES

Monday, March 27	6:30 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Irwin	
Tuesday, March 28	6:30 p.m.
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, N. Huntingdon	
Thursday, March 30	6:30 p.m.
St. Agnes, N. Huntingdon	

Please see parish bulletin for additional confession schedules.

## 2023 MASS SCHEDULES

	St. Agnes	Immaculate Conception	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
<b>Holy Thursday, April 6</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
<b>Good Friday, April 7</b> Stations of the Cross & Veneration Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Divine Mercy Stations of the Cross & Veneration Tenebrae	— 12:00 noon 1:30 p.m. 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. —	8:00 a.m. — 12:00 noon 3:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.	— 6:30 p.m. 1:00 p.m. — — —
<b>Holy Saturday, April 8</b> Divine Mercy Blessing of Easter Baskets Easter Vigil	11:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.	— 11:00 a.m. 8:30 p.m.	— 12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.
<b>Easter Sunday, April 9</b> Masses	7:15 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m. — 10:30 a.m. —

*I have been crucified with Christ and the life I live now is not my own; Christ is living in me. I still live my human life but it is a life of faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me.*

—Galatians 2:19 – 20

## Views on Vocations

A Put Out into the Deep  
Five Part Series

By Tyler Randolph

## Receiving the Call

In our last article, we learned about the four particular types of vocations that stem from our universal call to holiness. Now let us turn our focus to how one can find our vocation and how to help others on their vocational journeys.

The short answer is prayer, and the long answer is more prayer! Prayer is communication with God, and communication is a two-way street. I know for myself personally, a lot of times I find myself doing a lot of the talking, and I have to pause and consciously remind myself to listen! If we are too talkative, busy, or distracted in prayer, listening can become difficult.

Let's go back to our first definition of vocation as needing a caller and receiver... think about how a phone works... in order to receive the call, you must be able to hear the ring. I know this might sound silly, but think about it. How many times might you miss calls because you can't hear the phone, or you see the call coming in and decide to ignore it, or get a voicemail and you're unable to decipher its meaning and wish you would have just answered in the first place!

Our call from God works in much the same way. We must be open to receiving his call and ready to answer. The only way we can do this is to have a communicative relationship to God through prayer! In our next article, now that we're open to the call... what's next?

THE 15<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL RACE FOR GRACE:

A 5k Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Walk, will be on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at Norwin High School in North Huntingdon, PA. The Race For Grace benefits the Reflections Of Grace Foundation. To register for the Race, make a donation or learn more about the Foundation, visit [www.reflectionsofgrace.org](http://www.reflectionsofgrace.org).



Our **Homebound** Ministers help to keep those who cannot attend Mass connected to our Parish Family by bringing them the Word of God and the Eucharist. If you know someone who isn't able to attend Mass and would like to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick, please contact Sharyn Gesmond at the Parish Office 724.863.9550 or [sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:sgesmond@dioceseofgreensburg.org).

# FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 7

## Angels Corner

## Candles

**Sanctuary Candle:** In Memory of Michele Ruby by Courtney

**Easter Flame Candle:** In Memory of Colleen Lissy

**Divine Mercy Candle:** In Memory of Liddie Blank by Divine Mercy Prayer Group

**St. Peregrine Candle:** In Memory of Kathy Corbett McCoy by Toni & Nick Michel

**St. Joseph's Candle:** In Memory of John Churma by Audrey & Family

**Altar Candles for the Month of March:**  
In Memory of James A. Salvatore by Luann & Mel Hunter

## Readings of the Week

### March 19th - 4th Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

### March 26th - 5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:12-14  
Romans 8:8-11  
John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Prayers and Sympathy

Prayers and sympathy for the family of Fred Whitney who recently passed away. May he rest in peace.

**Eucharistic Adoration** is held every Tuesday beginning after 7:45 am Mass. If you need to leave and there is no one else in the church during Adoration, please call the church office at 724-863-9550 and someone will come over. Thank you

What better way is there to spend an hour or two then in His presence of Eucharistic Adoration. A sign up sheet is available in the back of the church for you to sign up and spend some private time in prayer and in His presence. You can come after mass, for lunch and dinner. Bring a friend and/or bring the family after school. Just come! - Thank you to all who have already signed up!

## Stewardship Corner

### Weekly Offering

Sunday Offertory Week of March 4-5, 2023 \$22,776.38

OSV Sunday Offertory Mar. 6-Mar. 12, 2023 \$4,259.44

## REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2023-2024

Do you have a school age child? Have you considered our parish school, Queen of Angels Catholic School? From Pre School age 3 to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our school offers a wonderfully warm, faith-based environment staffed with dedicated and highly qualified faculty who educates the whole child. High expectations and support help to develop each child's unique gifts. Parents like the extended family created by the school community and the personal attention each child receives. The school invites parents to be an active part of the home/school team. Tours are available by appointment only.

Also, be sure to check our website at [www.queenofangelssch.org](http://www.queenofangelssch.org) for on-line applications, and more information.

**Please call the school office at 724 978-0144 x 2222 with any questions. Please join our family!**



## March Faithful Challenge: Lenten Reflections

### Join Bishop Larry J. Kulick for Lenten Evenings of Reflection

Throughout March, Bishop Kulick challenges the faithful to attend Lenten Evenings of Reflection at one or all of the five parishes listed below in the Diocese of Greensburg. For those who are able to attend, Bishop Kulick has a special Lenten pin to be worn as a sign of intentional discipleship. Bishop Kulick's Lenten Evenings of Reflection focus on the Sunday Gospels proclaimed during Lent. His reflections will be recorded and available for viewing on the Diocese of Greensburg website or on the Diocese Facebook page.

**Challenge Yourself:**

- Plan to join Bishop Kulick for a Lenten Evening of Reflection in person
- Watch the recorded Lenten Evenings of Reflection on the Diocese Facebook page or on the website: [DioceseofGreensburg.org](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org)

**Tuesday, February 28 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Mary, Mother of God Parish, Yatesboro  
Topic: Called to Confidence in Faith: The Temptation of "Now"

**Tuesday, March 7 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Mary (Nativity) Parish, Uniontown  
Topic: Transfiguration through Listening

**Thursday, March 16 - 6:00 PM**  
Church of the Resurrection Parish, Clymer Site  
Topic: Companions on the Journey

**Tuesday, March 21 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Joseph Parish, Derry  
Topic: Seeing Through Our Blindness: Light in the Darkness

**Wednesday, March 29 - 6:00 PM**  
Saint Bruno Parish, Greensburg  
Topic: The Compassion of Christ: Rising to New Life




Eucharistic Revival is a three-year process initiated by the USCCB to invite the faithful to reflect upon the mystery and meaning of the sacrament of the Eucharist in our lives. Write much of your own journey, processing devotional and formational opportunities for parish and Diocesan staff, you, too, can be a part of Eucharistic Revival right now! Visit the Diocese of Greensburg Facebook page every Thursday to participate in a Faithful Challenge, and hopefully you will feel yourself growing in a relationship with Christ. Visit the Eucharistic Revival resource page at [DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival](http://DioceseofGreensburg.org/EucharisticRevival) for videos, prayers and gathering dates. Consider Bishop Kulick's invitation to become an intentional disciple this year!



St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to our 6<sup>th</sup>

## Night at the Races

Saturday, April 1, 2023

BYOB and  
snacks

50/50

20x your  
money  
chance

Paint sticks!

Chinese  
Auction

Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m.

**Dinner served from 5:00-6:00.**



*\$25 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.*

**\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables**

Complete the form below and turn it in with cash/check made payable to **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton** after Mass at the table in the back of the church during weekends of March 18/19 and 25/26. You may also put it in an envelope marked "SEAS – Night at the Races" and drop it in the collection basket or drop it off at the Church Office.  
Questions? Please call/text Julie McNamara 412-310-1505.

**Can't attend but would still like to help?**

**Donate a basket for our basket auction (approximate value \$75).**

**Donate lottery tickets for a lottery basket.**

**Donate gift cards for a gift card basket. Sponsor a race. Buy a horse.**

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church invites you to our

## Night at the Races

on Saturday, April 1, 2023



*Doors to Mack Hall open at 5 p.m.  
Dinner served from 5:00-6:00  
with races to follow.*

*\$25 Admission price includes great food, dessert, unlimited soft drinks, beer, and naming rights to one horse/jockey/stable.*

Winner need not be present to win.

BYOB - **You must be 21 or older to attend.**

Ticket not required for entry. (Check in at door.)

Checks made payable to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church

**\$40 awarded to winning Horses, Jockeys, and Stables**

### ONE ENTRY FORM PER PERSON PLEASE

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Race Entry \_\_\_\_\_

(The first 100 entry forms received will be horses, the second 100 received will be jockeys, and the third 100 received will be stables.)

For each additional \$10, you can buy an additional race entry.

Race Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Race Entry Name \_\_\_\_\_

Do you plan on attending? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you wish to reserve a table, please email Lori at

[lanselmimo924@gmail.com](mailto:lanselmimo924@gmail.com) or call/text 412-877-9566.





# *Spring Fling Card Party*

**Christian Mothers/Women's Guild  
Immaculate Conception Church  
In  
Our Lady's Plaza**



**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**Enjoy playing cards or bring your favorite board game**

**Food, Fun, Raffles, Door Prizes, Basket Auction & Share the Wealth**

**Doors open – 6:00 P.M.**

**Light Dinner – 7:00 P.M.**

**Admission \$15.00 (Recommend Tables of Four)**

***For Reservations call Sharyn at 724-863-9550***

***Seating is limited***

***Tickets are on sale March 18/19 & March 25/26***

## IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Irwin, Pennsylvania

Office of Liturgical Music Ministry

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 19, 2023 - Order of the Mass

## VOCATIONS PRAYER

Lord Jesus, raise up from our homes those called by the Father:  
 courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, generous servants to the Permanent Diaconate,  
 faithful people to Consecrated Life, and holy men and women to the Sacrament of Marriage.  
 Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness by listening to the Father's voice and  
 responding with a sacrificial love. Holy Mary, Model of vocations, pray for us.

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

## Lift High the Cross

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim till  
 all the world a-dore his sa-cred name.

1. Come, Chris-tians, fol-low where the Mas-ter trod, our  
 2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phunt sign, the  
 3. Each new-born fol-l'wer of the Cru-ci-fied bears  
 4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, your  
 5. So shall our song of tri-umph ev-er be: praise

King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 hosts of God in con-quer-ing ranks com-bine.  
 on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.  
 to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18; George W. Kitchin, 1827-1912, and Michael R. Newbolt, 1874-1956, alt.  
 Tune: CRUCIFER, 10 10 with refrain; Sydney H. Nicholson, 1875-1947  
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## PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Ky-ri-e, e-le-i-son. Chri-ste, e-le-i-son.

(Then repeat the first Kyrie.)



## FIRST READING 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 23  
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*The Lord is my shepherd,  
there is nothing I shall want.*

## SECOND READING Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL READING John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent —. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

CHRIST  
our light

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## CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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## He Healed the Darkness of My Mind



He healed the dark - ness of my mind The day he  
 Let oth - ers call my faith a lie, Or try to  
 Ask me not how! But I know who Has o - pened

gave my sight to me: It was not sin that made me  
 stir up new doubt in me: Look at me now! None can de -  
 up what none can

blind: It was no sin - ner made me see.  
 ny I once was blind and now I see!  
 do - I once was blind and now I see.

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The LORD

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## EUCCHARISTIC ACCLAMATIONS

Mass of Charity and Love  
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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san-na in the high - est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-claim your  
Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.  
A - men, a - men, a - men.

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## AGNUS DEI

Chant, Mass XVIII

A-gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: mi-se-ré-re no - bis. *(repeat)*  
A - gnus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - cá - ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.

Music: Vatican Edition XVIII; acc. by Richard Proulx

## COMMUNION HYMN

## All Who Hunger

## Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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## RECESSIONAL HYMN

## Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The  
2. O God, what your great pow'r has made, In  
3. We seek you, Lord, in our dis-tress; O  
4. All who con-fess Christ's ho-ly name, Give



God of all cre - a - tion, The God of pow'r, the  
mer-cy you are keep-ing; By morn-ing glow or  
God, in mer-cy hear us. O Sav-ior, see our  
God the praise and glo-ry! And all who know God's



God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion. With  
eve-ning shade, Your eye is nev-er sleep-ing; In  
help-less-ness And come with peace to cheer us. For  
pow'r, pro-claim: Give God the praise and glo-ry! Cast



heal-ing balm our souls are filled; All our la-ments with  
the do-min-ion of your might All things are just and  
this we thank and praise you, Lord, Who are by one and  
ev-'ry i-dol from its throne; God is the Lord, and




peace are stilled. To God all praise and glo-ry!  
good and right. To God all praise and glo-ry!  
all a-dored. To God all praise and glo-ry!  
God a-lone: To God all praise and glo-ry!

Text: *Sei Lob und Ehr' dem höchsten Gut*, Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, alt.  
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