

March 22, 2020

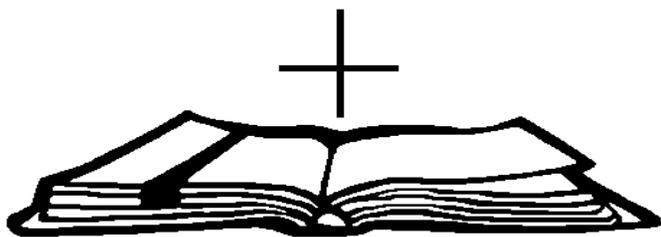
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— *Psalms 23:1*

LIGHT

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

Mass Intentions



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Sat., Mar. 21, 4:30 p.m. Dennis McCloskey, Nick Sita, Aida Saacks, Huval Family, O'Bryant Family, Edmond Drouet, Joyce Arcement, BJ Roy, Louis Perschall Sr., Karge Family, Special Intention (L)

Sun., Mar. 22, 7:30 a.m. Parishioners

Sun., Mar. 22, 9:15 a.m. Carol Pieri

Sun., Mar. 22, 11:00 a.m. Marie Duhon, Fr. Vincent Phan (L), Dorothy Naquin, Ken Boroughs (L), Mary Ann Miller, Hazel Dupre (L), Joseph Legnon, Zulma Boroughs (L), Angie Bonura (L), Yvonne Morel

Mon., Mar. 23, 8:00 a.m. Priscilla Stahel (L)

Tues., Mar. 24 NO MASS

Wed., Mar. 25, 8:00 a.m., Richard W. Letsch

Thurs., Mar. 26, 8:00 a.m. Nick Sita

Fri., Mar. 27, 8:00 a.m. Melvin Baker

PRAYER LIST

James Michael Cole	Dot Willie
Scott St. Romaine	Freddie Addotto
Fred Kopfler	Louise Cashmere
Florence Hoffman	Nita Addotto
Joseph Hadad	Richard Atkins
Roy M. Piazza	Ruthi Olson
Pam Addotto	

Weekly Collections

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Envelopes	\$ 1,892.00
Loose	\$ 1,660.00
Building and Preservation Fund	\$ 105.00
Home of Love Donations	\$ 785.00

THE CANDLES BURN IN HONOR OF:

Sanctuary	Jon Craig (L) & Jon Holmes (L)
Blessed Mother	Viola Bradford
St. Joseph	Ryan Bovia
St. Ann	Mary Anne Treuil (L)

If you would like to honor your intention by burning a 7 day candle please call 796-3806.

The Stations of the Cross Canceled.

The Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fries canceled

The office is open for normal business, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Church is open for prayer from 8:00 am – 6:00 pm. Please do not hesitate to call 796-3806 should I be any assistance to you. Fr. Vincent continues to be available if needed. His emergency contact is 985-474-9898.

RICE BOWL

WEEK FOUR OF LENT: Maria Ana and her brothers receive one meal a day at school, so that they can focus on achieving their dreams. How was education important for your future? How can you we ensure that all young people have a chance to be educated? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

REGISTER NOW FOR CONFIRMATION 2020:

Sophomores, juniors and seniors in High School should register by April 15. The first meeting with parents and students is Sunday, May 3 at 9:30 am. Five classes, all-day retreat, and rehearsal are required for Confirmation in September (date not yet set by the Archdiocese). Forms are available on Church porch or in the office. You can email to stjohnfolsom@aech-no.org

ST. JOHN'S HOME OF LOVE

Thank you for your generous donations of \$3,745.00. Our goal is a minimum of \$3,800 to provide a home for a poor family in Haiti, Guatemala or El Salvador. Envelopes are on the credenzas in back of church and can be place in boxes on the credenzas or in the collection basket by Sunday, March 22.

LIFETOUCH DIRECTORY

We are excited to have May 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, 2020 scheduled for pictures to be taken for the new directory. The times will be available soon as well as sign up information. You will be able to schedule your own date and time on the website, but we will sign up in front of church as well. Please be on the lookout on your emails for information. It is our prayer and hope that by these dates everything will be back to normal. It will be most helpful to update your email addresses, telephone numbers etc. You can email Joy at stjohnfolsom@arch-no.org. This is the email that will be contacting you anything pertaining to the parish.

SPRING DANCE

St. John's Annual Spring Dance that was scheduled for April has been postponed to a later date. We have plans to reschedule.

PRAYER FOR PROTECTION FROM CORONAVIRUS

Let us pray.

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessing to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us. (His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)

SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606) March 23

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."