

March 15th, 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

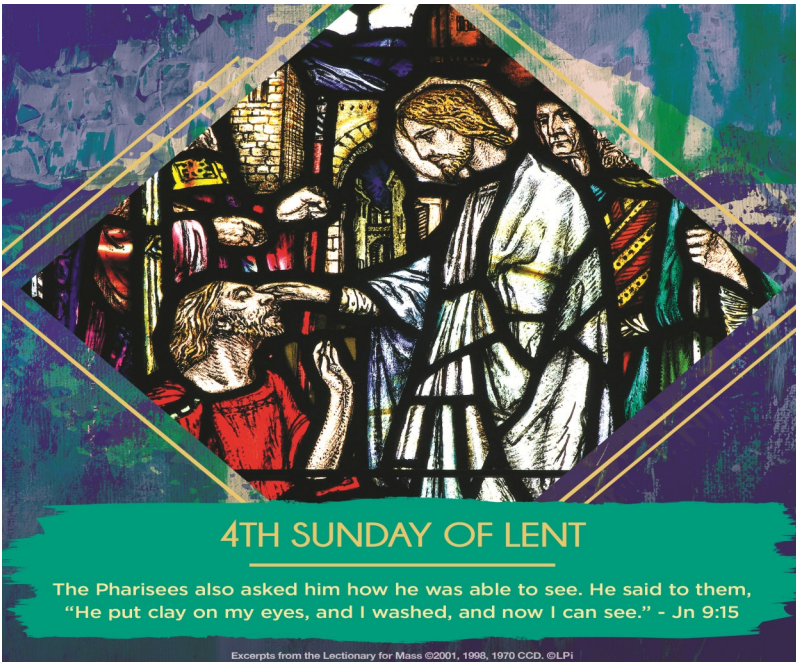
Parish Office located at 5350 SE Knight St.

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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." - Jn 9:15

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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

Sunday:

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

Daily Mass:

Tuesday-Friday 12:00 PM

Holy Days: 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:30—4:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Church

from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(Call the office for door access code)

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each Mass.



Our Lady of Sorrows Parish is a Catholic community of Christian believers devoted to the Holy Eucharist and called to proclaim the Good News of Jesus through evangelization and outreach.

Assistance with rent, food, and utilities

St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Services Center: (503) 235-8431

#1 Food or #2 Rent/Utilities

Monday Friday, 9:30 AM to 12 noon, and 1 PM to 3:30 PM

(Multnomah and Clackamas County)



Parish Staff

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Jeanette Howell, Janitor

4th Sunday of Lent

(Lec.31)

- 1) 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
- 2) Ephesians 5:8-14
- 3) John 9:1-41
or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

FOCUS: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

The lengthy exchange in today's Gospel between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees serves as a reminder that we are all born blind and are given our sight at baptism, when we are first able to see through the eyes of faith. As our Lenten journey continues, let us pray that God will continue to open our eyes to his truth.

Pastoral Council

Cathy Perisich, Sue Stoeger,

Tony Graham, Cynthia Roberti, Rosy Casper

Finance Council

Damir Karin, Carl Duyn,

Andjelique Skoro, Tim Crawley

Collection Information for 3/10 Weekly

Offertory Goal: \$4,000.00

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| Offertory | \$2,899.50 |
| Coffee and Donuts | \$67.48 |
| Candles | \$41.87 |
| St. Vincent DePaul | \$571.00 |
| Area of Greatest Need | \$150.00 |
| Property Development | \$31.00 |
| Parking Lot | \$16.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$131.00 |
| Total | \$3,907.85 |



Our church is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask in the Sacristy for a receiver to use.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

PSALM 23

Welcome to Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. If you are new to the parish or have updated information, please cut out this form, fill in the information, and bring it to the Parish Office or put it in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

New Parishioner New Address New Phone # I would like Fr. Crispine to call me.

I'm interested in parish ministries I would like to receive offertory envelopes

Mass for the Intentions for the Week

Tues-17th 12PM ✝ **Rebecca Keevers**
Helen McNiel

Wed-18th 12PM ✝ **Martin Czuba**
Samuel Czuba

Thu-19th 12PM ✝ **Rebecca Keevers**
Helen McNiel

Fri-20th 12PM ✝ **Martin Czuba**
Samuel Czuba

Sat-21st 5PM **Pro Populo**

Sun-22nd
8:30 AM ✝ **Ed Kraus**
Mary Kraus

11AM ✝ **Joe Connell**
Bill Ford

✝ **Ann O'Connell**
Bachman Family

Prayer Line

(503) 775-6731, Ext. 111

Call today with your prayer intentions.
Our prayer warriors are standing by.



Prayer Corner

Please pray for the following people who are ill or recently deceased:

Clint Dodge, ✝ Barbara Sheridan, ✝ Gary Hart, ✝ Connie Whitmarsh, Cynthia Reis, ✝ Patrick Hague, ✝ Gloria Federici, Sally Allen, ✝ Rosana Gonzalez, ✝ Adela Escobio, ✝ Pillar Dizon, Jim Bachman, Maryann Hollinger,, Richard Ellingson, Greg Roberti, ✝ Yvonne Bjurstrom, ✝ Susan Beslic, ✝ Sharon Shadder, ✝ Melvin Sweet

may you find consolation in knowing that you are thought of and prayed for in this time of need.



PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Mon-16th **Office Closed**
No Mass

Tues-17th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Wed-18th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Thurs-19th Office Open 9-3:00
Mass 12PM

Fri-20th Office Open 9-1:00
Mass 12PM
Stations of the Cross 6:00pm
Soup Supper

Sat-21th **Confessions 3:30-4:30PM**
Saturday Vigil Mass 5 PM

Sun-22nd **Fifth Sunday of Lent**
Masses @ 8:30 AM and 11 AM
Coffee and Doughnuts

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTION COUNTERS (3/17):

Leslie C., Chuck S., Caroline H.

March 22nd: 5th Sunday of Lent

5:00 PM Vigil Mass

EOM: Tony G.

Lector: Maria L.

Servers: Louis O.

8:30 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Rosy C.

Lector: Leslie C.

Servers: Jonathan S., Emeraude L.

Anastasia S., Kelcie A.

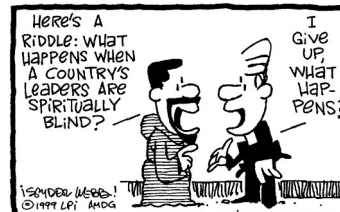
11:00 AM Sunday Mass

EOM: Jim B.

Lector: Helena P.

Server: Paul S., Milan S., Michael S.

4th SUNDAY OF LENT



Legatus

Ambassadors for Christ

Legatus is an international organization of Catholic business leaders and executives committed to study, live and spread the Catholic faith. Legatus provides its members the opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and discover how Catholic truth and values can help them meet the challenges they face on a daily basis. Spouses are full members, providing additional opportunities to enhance marriage and family life. Monthly meetings start with Mass, followed by socializing and fine dining - complemented by dynamic and informative presentations by expert or nationally known speakers.

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For information, please contact Tom or Julie Heger at jtheher75@gmail.com

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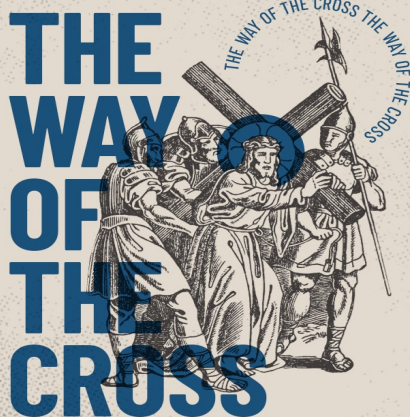
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Stations of the Cross

Join us Every Friday beginning February 20th, for Stations of the Cross at 6pm, followed by a simple Soup Supper.

Soup Supper

Holy Week 2026

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday, March 26th: Chrism Mass at St. Mary Cathedral, 7 PM

Sunday, March 29th: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses at 5 PM (Saturday), 8:30 AM, and 11:00 AM

Tuesday, March 31st: Mass at 12:00 PM, Adoration 8 AM –6 PM

Wednesday, April 1st: Mass at 12:00 PM

Thursday, April 2nd: Evening Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, 7 PM, followed by Adoration until 10:30 PM

Friday, April 3rd: Stations of the Cross, 3 PM

Celebration of the Lord's Passion, &
Adoration of the Wood of Cross, 7 PM

Saturday, April 4th: Easter Vigil Mass, 8:30 PM

Note: No Confessions are heard today.

Sunday, April 5th: Masses at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

CHURCH REGULATIONS REGARDING FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Abstinence from meat (beast or fowl) is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. This obligation prohibits the eating of meat, but not of eggs, milk products, or condiments of any kind, even though made from animal fat.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are eighteen years of age, but not yet fifty-nine are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, the two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted.

Tuesday March 17th

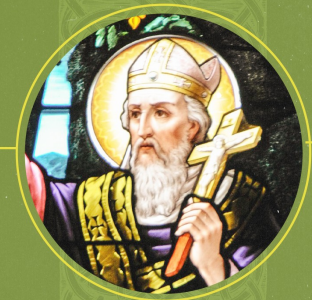


1. HE WAS NOT IRISH!

St. Patrick was born in Roman Britain then kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland when he was 16.



2. His birth name was Maewyn Succat. He changed his name to **PATRICIUS** after becoming a priest.



3. After escaping slavery in Ireland and becoming a priest, he willingly returned to the country to promote Catholicism. He is now the **PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND.**

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday:

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday:

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday:

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/
Jn 5:17-30

Thursday:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, **"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2)** They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: **"Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him."** He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: **"I am the light of the world" (John 9:5)**. He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— *Father John Muir*