



Holy Family

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 15, 2026



4TH 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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PARISH CALENDAR

Mon 03/16	7:30 Adult Pickleball
Tue 03/17	10am Women's Morning of Reflection 6:30pm OCIA
Wed 03/18	9:15am HFCS Mass, led by KG 6:30pm SAC Meeting
Thurs 03/19	10am Parish Staff Meeting 1:30pm JOY Event 6:30pm Admin Council Meeting 8:00pm Men's Basketball
Fri 03/20	10am Adoration, Chapel 10am Bible Discussion, Big Room 7pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 03/21	4pm KC State Free Throw Contest 6:30pm Wine & Cheese
Sun 03/22	Prayer Shawl Sunday 9:30am First Sac Prep 10:30am Confirmation Prep 3:30 Adult Volleyball

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Wed 03/18	9:15am HFCS Mass:	Int. People of the Parish
Thur 03/19	12 noon Mass:	Jan Gasperowicz +
Fri 03/20	12 noon Mass:	The Souls in Purgatory & Our Beloved Dead +
Sat 03/21	5:30 pm Mass:	Mary Lou Raffety +
Sun 03/22	8:30am Mass:	Debbie Kilwein Tapp +
	10:30am Mass:	Marc Goerl +

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TUESDAY—FRIDAY, 9:30AM—4:00PM

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS

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

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent

Monday:

Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day

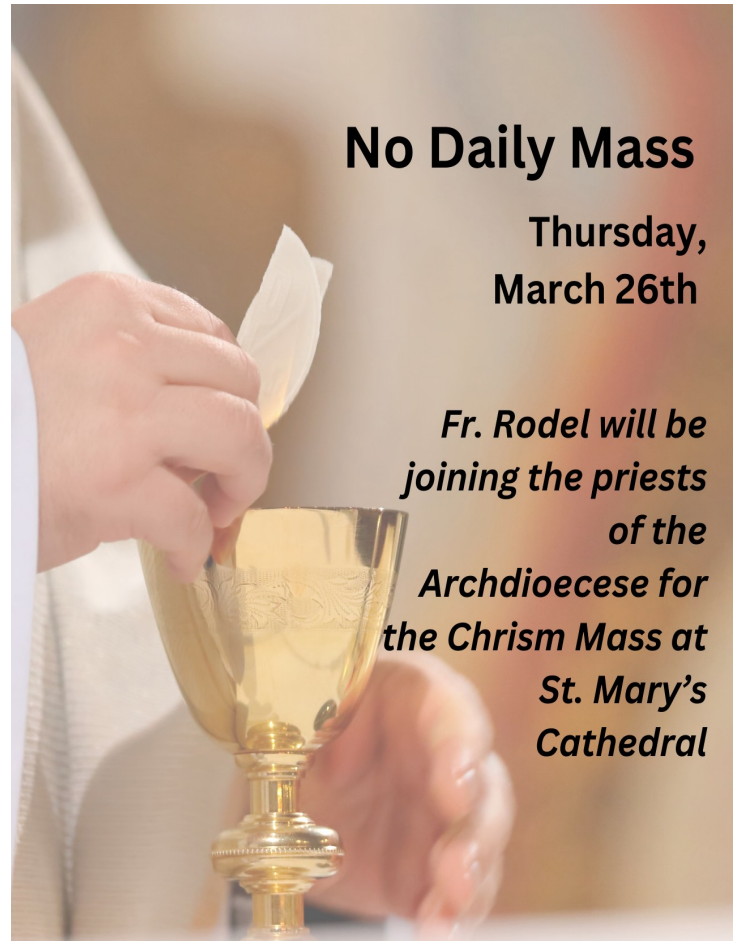
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday:

Saturday:

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



MINISTRY SCHEDULE ~ March 21-22, 2026 Saturday & Sunday

	Altar Server	Greeter/Usher	Eucharistic Minister	Reader	Sacristan
Saturday Vigil 5:30 Mass	Lucas Pienovi NOT FILLED	Jenn Pienovi	Tim Dooley Joseph Pienovi Dominic Pienovi	Chuck Sparks - Lector	Joyce Holohan-Bell
Sunday 8:30 am	Oliver Greenlee Teddy Greenlee	Christine Glander	Tim Dooley Judy O'Donnell Stephen O'Donnell	Sandra Fisher - Lector	Tim Dooley
Sunday 10:30 am	Reese Russell	Gene Dieringer	Michael Dominguez Tim Dooley	Marivic Tupaz - Lector	

TEACHING MASS WEEK 5

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST BEGINS WITH THE OFFERTORY (OR PRESENTATION OF GIFTS).

IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, WHEN A PERSON WISHED TO OFFER SACRIFICE TO GOD IN THE TEMPLE, THEY WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BRINGING THE OFFERING, SUCH AS A LAMB, TO THE PRIEST AT THE ALTAR.

IN THE NEW TESTAMENT TRADITION, WE CONTINUE THIS PRACTICE.

THE ALTAR IS SET BY THE DEACON OR ALTAR SERVERS. PLACED ON THE ALTAR ARE:

THE CORPORAL, THE PURIFICATOR, THE CHALICE, THE PALL, AND THE MISSAL -

AND THE PEOPLE BRING FORWARD THE GIFTS TO BE OFFERED.

THIS INCLUDES THE BREAD AND WINE (MADE WITH HUMAN HANDS, THAT WILL BECOME THE BODY AND BLOOD OF OUR LORD) AS OUR 'SACRIFICE', AS WELL AS THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE, IN THE FORM OF THE COLLECTION.

THERE IS GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IN REGARD TO TAKING UP A COLLECTION. REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHURCH WILL MAKE THEIR WAY DOWN THE MIDDLE AISLE WITH BREAD AND WINE. THOSE FAITHFUL REPRESENT ALL OF US. THEY MAKE THEIR ENTRANCE; THEY GIVE TO THE PRIEST THE GIFTS; NOT ONLY THE BREAD AND THE WINE BUT ALSO THE FINANCIAL GIFTS THAT WERE TAKEN IN THE OFFERING FOR THE BUILDING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

ONCE THE GIFTS OF BREAD AND WINE HAVE BEEN CARRIED TO THE ALTAR, THE PRIEST OFFERS A PRAYER OF BLESSING TO GOD FOR HIS GENEROSITY, FOR THE PRODUCE OF THE EARTH AND FOR HUMAN LABOR WHICH HAVE CREATED THE GIFTS TO BE USED FOR THE EUCHARIST (FATHER SAYS THE PRAYER). THIS PRAYER COMES FROM JEWISH PRAYERS FOR THE PASSOVER MEAL. IT REMINDS US OF OUR JEWISH ROOTS: THAT JESUS AND THE FIRST DISCIPLES WERE OF JEWISH DESCEND AND THE CHRISTIAN WORSHIP DEVELOPED OUT OF THOSE RITUALS AND PRACTICES. THIS PRAYER MAY BE SAID OUT LOUD OR SPOKEN SILENTLY BY THE PRIEST WHILE PEOPLE ARE SINGING THE OFFERTORY SONG.

THE MIXING OF WATER AND WINE:

AFTER THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR THE BREAD, THE DEACON OR PRIEST SAYS QUIETLY

"BY THE MYSTERY OF THIS WATER AND WINE, MAY WE COME TO SHARE IN THE.....

THE WATER IS CHRIST'S HUMANITY AND THE WINE HIS DIVINITY (THE 2 NATURES OF CHRIST HUMAN AND DIVINE).

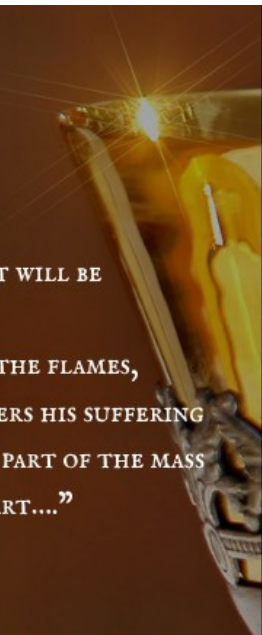
THE MINGLING OF THE WATER AND WINE IN THE CHALICE SYMBOLIZES THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST.

IT ALSO RECALLS CHRIST'S PASSION WHEN THE SOLDIERS PIERCED HIS SIDE WITH A SPEAR AND OUT FLOWED BLOOD AND WATER, THUS SIGNIFYING BAPTISM AND EUCHARIST.

THE PRIEST THEN TAKES THE CHALICE AND HOLDS IT SLIGHTLY RAISED ABOVE THE ALTAR WITH BOTH HANDS, SAYING IN A LOW VOICE, "BLESSED ARE YOU, LORD GOD OF ALL CREATION.....

THEN HE PLACES THE CHALICE ON THE CORPORAL.

IF THE PRIEST SAYS THE PRAYERS ALOUD THE ASSEMBLY'S ACCLAMATION EACH TIME IS: "BLESSED BE GOD FOR EVER."



THE PRIEST COMPLETES ADDITIONAL PERSONAL PREPARATORY RITES

THE PRIVATE PRAYER OF THE PRIEST:

THE PRIEST OFFERS A PRIVATE PRAYER, HUMBLY ASKING GOD TO ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE THAT WILL BE OFFERED ALONG WITH THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE GATHERED TO PARTICIPATE IN IT.

THIS COMES FROM THE BOOK OF DANIEL, WHERE AZARIAH OFFERS THIS PRAYER FROM WITHIN THE FLAMES, ASKING THAT THE SACRIFICE OF HIS LIFE BE PLEASING TO GOD. THE PRIEST MINDFUL OF HIS SINS OFFERS HIS SUFFERING TOGETHER WITH THE GIFTS ON THE ALTAR, IT IS SAID QUIETLY BY THE PRIEST. THIS PRAYER HAS BEEN PART OF THE MASS SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE 15TH CENTURY. “WITH HUMBLE SPIRIT AND CONTRITE HEART....”

THE WASHING OF HANDS:

THE PRIEST THEN WASHES HIS HANDS, ALSO KNOWN AS LAVABO, WHICH MEANS “I SHALL WASH” AS A SYMBOL OF HIS UNWORTHINESS TO OFFER THE SACRIFICE OF THE MASS AND HIS NEED FOR PURIFICATION.

THIS IS SYMBOLIC BECAUSE THE HANDS THAT ARE “WASHED” ARE THE HANDS THAT WILL HOLD THE HOST AND THE CHALICE FOR THE CONSECRATION. THE WORDS THAT ARE SPOKEN COME FROM PSALM 51:4
“WASH ME, O LORD OF MY INIQUITIES AND CLEANSE ME OF MY SIN.”

THE PRIEST BEGS US TO UNITE OURSELVES WITH HIM IN THE SACRIFICIAL ACT AS IT DRAWS NEARER... THE PRIEST STRESSES THAT THE SACRIFICE IS MINE (I.E., CHRIST OFFERS HIMSELF—THE ASPECT OF MINISTERIAL PRIESTHOOD) AND YOURS (THE ENTIRE CHURCH OFFERS THE SACRIFICE—THE ASPECT OF COMMON PRIESTHOOD) STANDING IN MIDDLE OF THE ALTAR, FACING THE PEOPLE, EXTENDING AND THEN JOINING HIS HANDS (THE ORANS), HE SAYS, “PRAY, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS, THAT MY.....”

THE PEOPLE RISE AND REPLY, “MAY THE LORD ACCEPT THE SACRIFICE AT YOUR HANDS....”

THIS DIALOGUE HAS BEEN PART OF THE MASS SINCE THE 8TH CENTURY. THIS IS A REMINDER THAT ALTHOUGH WE ARE INDIVIDUALLY SINNERS, WHEN THE COMMUNITY GATHERS IN THE LORD’S NAME, AND OFFERS THE SACRIFICE WE EXERCISE OUR SACRED OR HOLY DUTY “FOR OUR GOOD AND FOR THE GOOD OF ALL HIS HOLY CHURCH”.



THE PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS:

THE PRIEST OFFERS A PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

THIS PRAYER ASKS THAT THE GIFTS BE PLEASING TO GOD, AND IT MAKES REFERENCE TO THE LITURGICAL SEASON OR FEAST THAT IS BEING CELEBRATED.

THE ASSEMBLY RESPONDS “AMEN” TO MAKE THIS PRAYER THEIR OWN.



Holy Thursday, April 2nd

Commemorates the Last Supper when Jesus gave us the gift of himself in the Eucharist and set an example of service by washing the Apostles' feet.

Mass at 7 PM followed by Adoration.



A special tradition at Holy Family is for the women of the parish to dress the altar on Holy Thursday.

If you are interested in being part of this tradition, please contact Joyce Holohan-Bell at 503-775-5767 by March 27th

Limited to 75 People

HOLY FAMILY SEDER MEAL

**Wednesday, April 1st
6:00pm-8:00pm**
Located in Celebration Hall

**\$25 person
(5 and under free)**



Sedar Meal

What is a Passover Seder?
The Hebrew word Seder means "order." The ceremony takes place at a table and involves traditions that represent different aspects of the Passover story. A typical Seder includes songs, readings in Hebrew and English, and rituals relating to the Seder plate. Then there's a traditional Seder dinner, followed by more prayers and other activities.



Women's Morning of Reflection

Presenter: Sr. Loretta Schaff

Hearts Shaped by Grace

Tuesday, March 17th, 10:00am - 12:00pm

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JOY Just Older Youth
a group for
parishioners
50 years +

HomeFit

with Robin Bacon-Shone from AARP

Thursday, March 19th
1:30pm-3:00pm
Parish Office Big Room

AARP surveys consistently find that older adults want to remain in their current homes and communities for as long as possible. Yet barely one percent of the nation's housing supply contains any "universal design" elements – such as single story living or a sink that can be reached from a wheelchair. That's where AARP HomeFit comes in. Based on the free AARP HomeFit Guide (available at aarp.org/yourhome) this presentation can help individuals and families make their current or future residence – or that of a loved one – their "lifelong home".

Questions and RSVP Contact Vic and Terri Cozzoli at joy@holyfamilyportland.com or (503) 788-2073

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sabas Quiray	Janice Oliverio Black	All special intentions
Doree D'Angelo	Marilyn Walstrom	All grieving loss of loved ones
Mary DeSousa	Patricia McEvoy	Mental Health of all HF Parishioners
Tim Evens	Doug Sinclair	Ukraine
Jean Goerl	Cam Hanemann	Peace in the Middle East
Sam Johnson	Doug Marsh	
Kathy Kaopuiki	Dennis McNulty	
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Holy Family Community is dedicated to strengthening and supporting each other as we walk together in faith, making God's love and mercy known to our members and all who enter our doors.

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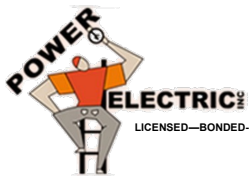
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