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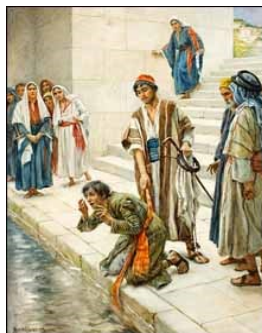


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### The Man Born Blind John 09: 01-41

John's account of the healing of the man born blind is a "sign," as it points to Jesus the Healer and Light of the World. At the same time it contrasts physical blindness, which can be healed, with spiritual blindness which cannot. Jesus has just left the temple grounds at the conclusion of the Feast of Tabernacles. Seeing a young man with no sight caused Jesus' disciples to wonder aloud the cause. Why, Lord? They were curious. They assumed his blindness was the result of sin, but since he was young, they wondered if it might have been his parents' sin which caused it, not his. So they ask Jesus. 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' said Jesus, 'but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life.'" (9:2-3)

Jesus' answer makes it clear that in this case his affliction wasn't because of someone's sin, but because God had a larger purpose in it, that "the work of God might be displayed in his life" (9:3). It is clear in Scripture sometimes afflictions do come as a result of sin (1 Corinthians 11:30; Psalm 38:3; James 5:16). This may have been the case in the man healed at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5:14). Job's afflictions weren't the result of sin -- even though his "friends" were insistent Job's sin was the cause (Job 1:11-12).



### "I am the Light of the World" John 8:12



There are two types of light in the world. We can perceive one, both, or neither! When we are born into this world, we perceive physical light, and by it we learn of our Creator's handiwork in the things we see. Light is good, but there is another Light, a Light so important the Son of God had to come in order declare and impart it to us. John 8:12 records, "When Jesus spoke again to the people, He said, 'I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life.'" The metaphor used by the Lord in this verse speaks of the light of His Truth, the light of His Word, the light of eternal Life. Those who perceive the true Light will never walk in spiritual darkness. We take a candle into a room to dispel the darkness. Likewise, the Light of Jesus Christ must be taken into the darkness of sin which engulfs the hearts and lives of those who are not following Him. The condition behind having this Light is that we follow Him. If we do not follow Him, we will not have this light, this truth, this eternal life. Physical light is necessary for physical life. In the same way, spiritual light is necessary for spiritual life. This is a good test of our standing in Christ.

**Please Join Clergy, Staff and Parishioners of St Bernadette Church in Wishing our Beloved Msgr Mac a very Happy Birthday on March 13; this coming Wednesday.**

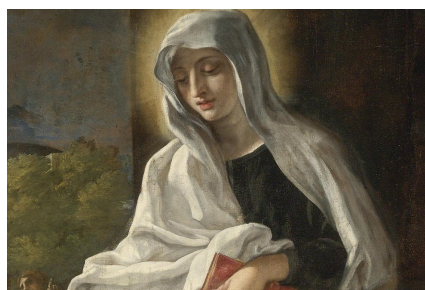


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*God Isn't Asking You to Figure it Out?*

*He's Asking you to Trust He Already Has.*



### **Saint Francis of Rome. 1384—March 09 1440**

Frances' life combines aspects of secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service, so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor. Born of wealthy parents, Frances found herself attracted to the religious life during her youth. But her parents objected and a young nobleman was selected to be her husband. As she became acquainted with her new relatives, Frances soon discovered that the wife of her husband's brother also wished to live a life of service and prayer. So the two, Frances and Vannoza, set out together—with their husbands' blessings—to help the poor.

Frances fell ill for a time, but this apparently only deepened her commitment to the suffering people she met.

The years passed, and Frances gave birth to two sons and a daughter. With the new responsibilities of family life, the young mother turned her attention more to the needs of her own household.

The family flourished under Frances' care, but within a few years a great plague began to sweep across Italy. It struck Rome with devastating cruelty and left Frances' second son dead. In an effort to help alleviate some of the suffering, Frances used all her money and sold her possessions to buy whatever the sick might possibly need. When all the resources had been exhausted, Frances and Vannoza went door to door begging. Later, Frances' daughter died, and the saint opened a section of her house as a hospital. Frances became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world, and it was not long before she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Once the society was established, Frances chose not to live at the community residence, but rather at home with her husband. She did this for seven years, until her husband passed away, and then came to live the remainder of her life with the society—serving the poorest of the poor.

**Patron Saint of: Motorists/Widows**

**Feast Day: 09 March 2024**

**Join us for  
Bible Study**

**1st and 3rd Thursday  
1:00 & 7:00 PM  
Via ZOOM**

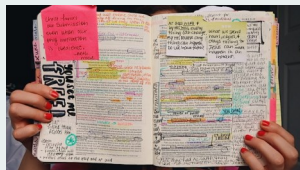
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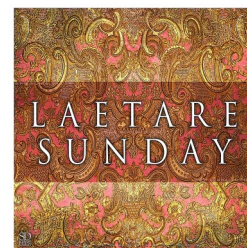
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### **Laetare Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent (March 10, 2024)**

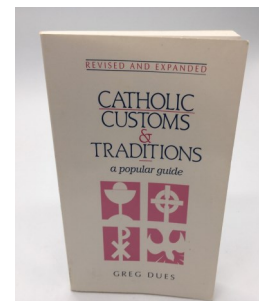
The theme comes from the entrance antiphon : “Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast.” **Laetare is the first word — meaning “rejoice” — in the Latin text.** On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses hope and joy in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. Vestments change in color to Rose, giving a glimpse of the joy which awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passion. The joy of Easter being around the corner is symbolized in a few other interesting liturgical possibilities. During Lent, the General Instruction of the Roman Missal forbids flowers adorning the altar. On Laetare Sunday there is a pause to penitential observations! At one time, marriages were generally forbidden during Lent, but Laetare Sunday was often associated as a day when marriages could be celebrated during the penitential season. While marriages are now only forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, Laetare Sunday is still a fitting day for those wishing to be married before Eastertide. Laetare Sunday is the Church's way of giving us a “shot in the arm” as we approach the darkness and horror of the days through Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It's an opportunity to savor and keep in mind what awaits us on Easter Sunday — Jesus Christ is risen from the dead, and our hearts will always be filled with joy!



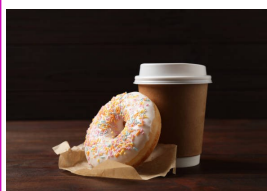
### **Why are Catholic Traditions and Customs Important???**

Being aware of traditions and customs assists us in celebrating the beauty of our faith. As you can see, in the Laetare Sunday The Fourth Sunday of Lent article above, there is much associated with even a nondescript day like the Fourth Sunday of Lent — not to mention the rest of the season, or the 50 days of Easter and beyond.

**Take advantage of the richness of our Catholic traditions. Embrace them, enjoy them. And? If you wonder why we bother with them? Research them.**







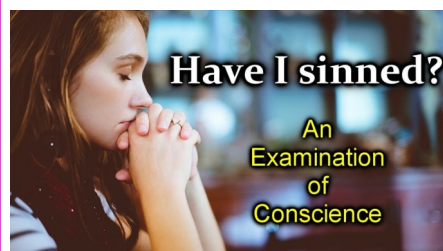
**We need "Coffee and Donut Sponsors"**  
**No Set Up, or Pick Up,**  
**Just Pay Up.**  
**We will take care of the rest.**  
**All you need to do is?**



**Donate all or part of the Weekly Cost ( \$100) to the church.**  
**We will take care of the rest.**  
**For More Details, Please Call the Parish Office at (323)293-4877**  
**Special Thank You This Week to Sonny and Aurora!**



**Buy a Lilly, Beautify the Altar,**  
**Benefit Confirmation Candidates**  
**Our Confirmation Class is selling Lilies as a Fundraiser.**  
**The Lilies beautify our altar at Easter, and the funds raised help pay for the Confirmation Retreat.**



**The Examination of Conscience** In the Sacrament of Penance, Catholics are obliged to confess serious (mortal) sins in kind and number since their last confession. If one is uncertain of the number, then an estimate is acceptable. Hence, one should always begin there: What are the more serious sins I have committed that may likely be mortal

sins? No exact list of mortal sins can be given here since circumstances are important and because many sins have a range between serious and lighter matter. For example, gossip is usually not a mortal sin, but it might become so if reputations are ruined. Regarding lies, there are serious lies that cause harm and smaller lies that do less harm and are told merely to avoid awkward situations. That said, we could generate something of a "hot list" of sins that tend to be more serious. There are sins against faith, such as idolatry and serious superstition. There is the sin of missing Mass without a serious reason, refusing the worship that is God's due and refusing holy Communion, which is essential for us. There is invoking the name of God to curse rather than to bless, or making false oaths invoking God's name. Serious disrespect to parents and lawful authority or the refusal to obey significant and just laws can become serious. Significant neglect of parents in their old age can also be serious.

Endangering the lives of others through reckless behavior can be serious as is the harboring of hateful and vengeful feelings, violent outbursts and other forms of destructive anger, whether verbal or physical. Abortion, or helping others to procure abortion, is gravely sinful, and so is the neglect to assist or warn others whose lives are endangered physically or spiritually.

**Our Grocery Box Giveaway Campaign is quickly approaching 100 Boxes!!!**

**It's not too late to participate. Just pick up a couple extra of any item your already purchasing.**

**If everyone does a little, no one will need to do a lot!**



**LITURGY SCHEDULE**  
**MONDAY,**  
**MARCH 11, 2024**  
**TO SUNDAY,**  
**MARCH 17, 2024**

**Monday, March 11, 2024**

**7:30 Adoration**

**8:00 Communion Service**

**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**7:30 Adoration**

**8:00 Communion Service**

**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

**8:00 am Mass**

**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Thursday, March 14, 2024**

**8:00 am Mass**

**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Friday, March 15, 2024**

**8:00 am Mass**

**Live-Streamed and In-Person**

**Saturday, March 16, 2024**

**3:00 pm Reconciliation**

**4:00 pm Vigil Mass**

**Sunday, March 17, 2024**

**Feast Day of St Patrick**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 am Mass**

**Coffee & Donuts**

**Sponsored by**

**Sonny and Aurora**

**(Sacraments as Scheduled)**

**Mass Intentions**

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**\*LOTW: Liturgy of the Word**

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### 1 Corinthians 15:58

*Oh Lord, help every worker to work wholeheartedly for the church. Help them to remember the work they do in the church is not in vain as Your Word declares Your work is never wasted.*



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## Mass Intentions: March 09 to March 15, 2024

**Saturday, March 09, 2024 at 4:00 pm**

**Cora Harris, RIP**

**Isaac Bacon, RIP**

**Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 10:00 am**

**Agnes Malva Hudson, RIP**

**George Marioneaux (RIP)**

**Requesting a Mass Intention?**

**Contact the Parish Office (323) 293-4877**

**March 9-10 || Why are children with disabilities at risk? Children with disabilities are at higher risk for maltreatment and abuse.** In many cases, this is because these children may be more vulnerable to grooming or exploitation by a perpetrator, need extra attention and care, which can lead to caregiver burnout and frustration, isolation from community, and financial strain.

For more information, read the VIRTUS® article

“Learning from True Stories of Victims/Survivors”

at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/). “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” at [lacatholics.org/did-you-know/](http://lacatholics.org/did-you-know/).

**Read the VIRTUS® article “Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials” here.**



**Christian Service  
Needs your  
Grocery Bags!!!  
You Can Drop  
Them off in the  
Parish Hall  
after Mass  
or  
at the  
Parish Office**



### Daylight Savings Time:

**Mar 10, 2024 – Nov 3, 2024**

Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on **March 10**. In the spring, participating states turn clocks forward one hour.

Clocks "fall back" on November 03.