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same way that the Father initially created life out of clay and God's breath, it is easy for us to understand that the blind man's illness is not a situation of sin and abandonment or punishment from God, but something that God has allowed so that he and others can come to believe. Can we look with faith, with FIAT, at our lives and say, "yes, I believe that God is at work and that ALL in my life and in the life of others is just as it needs to be (again never abuse or injustice) and is within God's purpose, which is our joy, our salvation, our growth"? Can I look at the whole of my reality and the reality of those I love, and instead of rejecting it, say as we will sing in the Psalm this weekend: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want," That is, in all things God is lovingly guiding me/us into the fullness of life. Can we try this week to say FIAT, "yes" to the whole of our lives, remembering and trusting in all circumstances those words of Jesus: it is so that the works of God might be made visible?

This is the invitation that the Letter to the Ephesians extends to us this week: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Open your eyes, o blind person, and see that God is at work in you, in others, in all. Forgive yourself, others and life. Open your eyes, not in judgment, but in discernment, and give it all another chance to reveal itself/us deeply anointed by God's presence. Give it all a chance to reveal itself as a tender gift from God and be filled with joy.

It is this **gaze of discernment**, this gaze of FIAT, which enables us today and always to hear that invitation from the church: Laetare, rejoice! Even in the midst of our full awareness of our brokenness, as we advance in this season of Lent, we can SEE God's glory powerfully at work and we can

rejoice because of such brokenness. For the one who sees is not the place of sin and abandonment, but the place of grace and light. Our brokenness and that of others is not a burden, but that which allows God's light to shine through. This week the process continues, and our FIAT is invited to go deeper and see and say yes to God's absolute presence in the brokenness of self, others, all.

Embracing weakness and brokenness is probably the hardest FIAT of all. Accepting that God is at work in our aging, our illness, our limitations of all kinds, the imperfect situations of our life, the lives of others, the world, is the next step in our journey of FIAT, our journey to the fullness of life.

What are those spaces of brokenness in you, others, the world that you have built into a knot that is standing in the way of your joy? That you have always struggled to accept or even acknowledge? Can you make an effort to anoint those spaces with the oil of forgiveness, forgiving yourself, others, life? Can you ask Jesus to remove your blindness so that you can stop judging such brokenness and weakness and be able to see it precisely as the space of God's work and glory, the place of light? We have not said "yes," FIAT, to self, others and life until we can embrace and rejoice in our weakness, that of others, all the brokenness around us. I do not love myself until I love my wounds, until I can see God's light of love shining powerfully through them. Lent is not a time to reject who we are and leave ourselves behind so we can be free, it is a time to fall in love with the whole of who we are, the whole of life, so we can experience life to the fullest.

May Mary teach us to live her FIAT and in doing so, may the knots of our lives be untied so that we can be fully alive and give glory to God.

A.M.D.G., Father Daniel

# Parroquia Cabrini Parish

Annunciation/Anunciación -Corpus Christi- Saint Michael/San Miguel

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Pastoral Care: (585) 210-3024

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT March 18-19, 2023

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## Welcome!

We graciously welcome all new parishioners and visitors to our community. To register, please fill out a registration form available at church entrances, and drop it in the collection basket or at the office. Or register online at: cabriniroc.org/register. A member of our ministry team will contact you to complete your registration.

### Baptism

Baptismal preparation is offered and required for parents of children to be baptized in our churches. Please contact the parish office or fill in the online form at cabriniroc.org/baptism, for an initial interview and baptismal preparation.

### Confirmation and Eucharist

Please contact Dawn Burdick if you are interested in Confirmation and Eucharist for Children, Youth and Adults.

### RCIA/RCIC

Those interested in becoming Catholic or wishing to complete their Christian initiation through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist are asked to contact Dawn Burdick or fill in the form at cabriniroc.org/becomingcatholic.

### Holy Matrimony

Couples must fill in the form at: cabriniroc.org/matrimony or contact the parish office at least six months prior to the celebration. Marriage preparation prerequisites must be fulfilled before the celebration of marriage.

### Holy Orders

To learn more about Holy Orders go to roc priest.org or talk to one of our priests or deacons.

### Confession

On the scheduled times listed on page 2 or by appointment. For preparation for First Reconciliation please contact Dawn Burdick.

### Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament is available for individuals upon request, and communal celebrations are scheduled sporadically. To request the Sacrament please call the Pastoral Care number: (585) 210-3024, this will put you directly in touch with one of our priests. Please do not call the office.

### Ministry to the Sick

Please call the Pastoral Care number: (585)210-3024, concerning the needs of the sick, hospitalized or shut-ins, this will put you directly in touch with one of our priests. Please do not call the office. Those unable to attend Mass may have Communion brought to them.

### Funerals

To schedule a funeral please contact the parish office.

### Reserve and use our space

In order to use any of our spaces for parish ministries, meetings, etc. or for external events, you must reserve it first. To reserve and use our space please fill in the form at: cabriniroc.org/space or call Elvy at the office.

### EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Make plans to join us to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord!

Saturday, April 8, 8pm: Great Easter Vigil Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord, at Annunciation (Bilingual)

Sunday, April 9, Easter Sunday

8:30 am at Corpus Christi (English)

10:00 am at Corpus Christi (Spanish)

10:45 am at Annunciation (English)

11:45 am at Saint Michael's (Spanish)

### EASTER FLOWERS



Please consider memorializing your loved ones this Easter by remembering them with a contribution towards our Easter Flowers. The Easter Flower Envelope is part of your envelope packet and extra envelopes can be found on top of the sacrificial offering station. There is a place on the envelope to list names of your loved ones. During the Easter Season we will publish the names of all those remembered. Thank you for your generosity.

### Our continued support of the Mission of Jesus Christ

#### Attendance March 11-12, 2023

Annunciation 4 pm	84
Corpus Christi 8:30 am	99
Corpus Christi 10:00 am	139
Saint Michael 11:45 am	162
<b>Total:</b>	<b>484</b>

### Our Sacrificial Offering for the Fulfillment of the Mission of Jesus Christ March 11-12, 2023

Online collection	\$1,451.00
Physical collection	\$8,338.37
<b>Total collection This week</b>	<b>\$9,789.37</b>
<b>Needed to get by</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>Needed to survive</b>	<b>\$16,000.00</b>
<b>Needed to thrive</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>



**Fourth Sunday of Lent March 19, 2023**

***The JOY of Seeing the blessing of brokenness***

The Scriptures proclaimed this weekend, on Laetare Sunday, invite us to follow the path of life, one filled with light, anointing, and joy.

How many times do we find ourselves thinking or even saying: once this problem is resolved, once this changes, once I can leave this behind... then all will be OK, then I will be able to be at peace or have joy. Yet it seems what needs to change is not our surroundings, situations, the people with us, nor even ourselves, but just the way we see reality, ourselves and others. Or even more, our very capacity to actually see.

The book of Samuel presents us with the beautiful story of the anointing of David which is filled with meaning from the very beginning. God seeks a new king for Israel and Samuel is sent not to a palace, but to find a humble family of shepherds, and then from among them God chooses the youngest and most unlikely of the sons to be the new king. This simple yet profound story is an invitation to see ourselves and others in a new way, in God's way. We tend to focus on weakness. When we look at ourselves and others we usually only see the ways we or others have failed in the past. Of all the limitations we know far too well, and then we quickly discount our value or that of others. We struggle to see beyond the surface of judgment. We struggle to see with

eyes of discernment, able to see the light coming through the cracks, the work of God. Not despite our weakness or that of others, but precisely in that weakness, we struggle to discern the God that is pointing at us, or at the other in front of us and saying: anoint her, anoint him, I have chosen her, I have chosen him, I have chosen YOU! But... but I have...., but they have..., they are.... I have chosen her, I have chosen him, I have chosen YOU!

This Lent we are trying to be like Mary and say FIAT, "yes," to God's presence and work in us, in others, in the whole of reality. The first invitation we receive from Scripture this weekend is to say FIAT to us and others. This requires both forgiveness and hope. Forgiveness to forgive ourselves and others for the mistakes we have made in the past, and hope to believe that from the broken history of who we are, of who the other is, goodness and light can come. That God can, and is indeed, working through us and through each person that is present in our lives, especially those who are challenging to us. We are the greatest obstacle in our way, and in the way of others. We do not give ourselves a chance to be who we are, like the people in the Gospel of John, even when God is affecting healing in us or others, untying the knots in our lives, we just cannot accept it. We want to continue to see ourselves and others as a blind man under the power of sin, even when the once blind man is standing before us seeing and free, we just cannot accept it. This week can we all make an effort to look at ourselves and others with eyes of discernment, instead of judgment? With eyes willing to discover God's presence and anointing? Can we give ourselves and others another chance?

John's Gospel this week invites us to see that we are not only blind to God's anointing in us and others, but also in situations, in the whole of reality. Even Jesus' disciples see the blind man's situation as one completely devoid of God's presence. A situation of sin, yet Jesus speaks these words of wisdom: "it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." How many times do we look at the realities of our life and feel we have been abandoned by God, or at least we are being punished? That reality is empty of God's loving and guiding presence. How can God be at work when things are not going as I want? Yet Jesus' words are truth: "it is so that the works of God might be made visible." Again, we are blind. We cannot see beyond the surface. We look with judgment and not with discernment. We cannot see God at work in our hardships or those of others, or in the general struggles of the world, yet all these things are either caused or allowed so that the works of God might be made visible. As we see Jesus tenderly give the blind man new life in the

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**The Sacrament of Confession helps us untie the knots in our life. Take advantage of all the opportunities we are offering this Lent:**

Saturdays, March 18, 25, and April 1: 2:30-3:30 pm at Annunciation, English  
Saturday, March 18 and April 1: 6-7 pm at Corpus Christi, Spanish and English

**Penance Service with Individual Confessions for all: Next Saturday, March 25, 10 am at Corpus Christi:**

Several priests available to hear confessions in both Spanish and English

**Cabrini Day of Penance and Mercy Confessions and Adoration, Tuesday, March 28**

1:00-7:00 pm at Annunciation in English with Father Bob  
4:00-7:00 pm at Corpus Christi in Spanish with Father Jack Podsiadlo and Father Jesús Flores

**This week in our Parish (Schedule, Mass Intentions and Liturgical Calendar)**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Rose**

**Readings:** 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

**Saturday, March 18**

10:00 am **Faith Formation** at the **Ministry Center** (316 Bay Street)

2:30 pm-3:30 pm **Confessions and Adoration** at **Annunciation** *English*

4:00 pm **MASS** at **Annunciation** - For **Rosemary Marasco and Roy Sweet Sr.** by Family

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

7:00 pm **Confessions and Adoration** at **Corpus Christi** Spanish and English

**Sunday, March 19**

8:30 am **MASS** at **Corpus Christi** — For **Enza Droel** by Pat Graves

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

10:00 am **MASS** at **Corpus Christi** — For **Reinaldo and Reina Rivera** by Gloria Rivera

*SPANISH Presider and Homilist: Fr. Jack Podsiadlo / Deacon Carlos Vargas*

10:00 am - Noon **Saint Joseph's Table** at **Corpus Christi Hall**

11:00 am **Stations of the Cross** at **Corpus Christi** *Spanish*

11:45 am **MASS** at **Saint Michael** — For **Alexis Mercedes** by children, parents, siblings and friends *SPANISH Presider: Fr. Bob Werth / Homilist: Deacon Jorge Malavé, followed by Coffee Hour*

6:30 pm **Confirmation Preparation** at **Corpus Christi**

**Monday, March 20**

Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary —White

8:00 am **MASS** at **Annunciation** — For **Pauline Sherwood** by Gloria Forgiome — *ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

8:45 am **Rosary** at **Annunciation**

**Tuesday, March 21**

Lenten Weekday—Violet

11:30 am **Stations of the Cross** at **Saint Michael** *Spanish*

12:10 pm **MASS** at **Saint Michael** — For **Cruz, Marcelina and Luis DeJesús** by the children

*SPANISH Presider: Father Bob Werth / Homilist: Deacon Jorge Malavé*

**Wednesday, March 22**

Lenten Weekday—Violet

8:00 am **MASS** at **Annunciation** — For **Frances Grillo** by daughter

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

8:45 am **Rosary** at **Annunciation**

**Thursday, March 23**

Lenten Weekday—Violet

6:15 pm **MASS** at **Corpus Christi** — For **the Parishioners of the Parish** — *SPANISH Presider and Homilist: Father Jesús Flores*

7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross** at **Corpus Christi** *Spanish*

**Friday, March 24**

Lenten Weekday—Violet

8:00 am **MASS** at **Annunciation** — For **Pedro Padraza** by the Family

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

8:35 am **Stations of the Cross** at **Annunciation** *English*

8:45 am **Rosary** at **Annunciation**

6:15 pm **Stations of the Cross** at **Annunciation** *English*

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Violet**

**Readings:** Ezekiel 37:12-14, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:1-45

**Saturday, March 25**

10:00 am **Penance Service** at **Corpus Christi** *Confessions in Spanish and English*

2:30 pm-3:30 pm **Confessions and Adoration** at **Annunciation** *English*

4:00 pm **MASS** at **Annunciation** - For **Jennie Scardinale** by Rosemarie Limoli

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

**Sunday, March 26**

8:30 am **MASS** at **Corpus Christi** — For **Joseph Cumbo** by cousins Kathie and Jeff McClellan

*ENGLISH Presider and Homilist: Father Bob Werth*

10:00 am **MASS** at **Corpus Christi** — For **Ruben Polaco** by Ivalia Polaco

*SPANISH Presider and Homilist: Fr. Jesús Flores / Deacon Salvador Otero*

11:00 am **Stations of the Cross** at **Corpus Christi** *Spanish*

11:45 am **MASS** at **Saint Michael** — For **Francisco Negrón** by Victoria Negrón

*SPANISH Presider: Fr. Bob Werth / Homilist: Deacon Jorge Malavé,*

6:30 pm **Confirmation Preparation** at **Corpus Christi**



The Sanctuary Candle at **Annunciation Church** burns this week for **Jennie Scardinale** by her children



**Saint Joseph Table Sunday, March 19,**

**10am-12pm, Corpus Christi Church**  
**All are welcome!**

**Readings:**

2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22  
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a

**Readings**

Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12  
John 5:1-16

**Readings:**

Isaiah 49:8-15  
John 5:17-30

**Readings:**

Exodus 32:7-14  
John 5:31-47

**Readings:**

Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22  
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30



**Prayer Line**  
**(585)288-6107**  
**Frances M. Grillo**



**For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

**Pope's Prayer Intention for March**

*Each year the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month.*