

St. Martin of Tours Church

March 15, 2026

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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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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass - 8:15 am

Rosary - 7:30 am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil - 5:30 pm

7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 5:30 pm

Livestream Mass - Sunday at 9:30 am

www.youtube.com/c/saintmartinoftoursLA

Adoration & Confession

Saturday following 8:15 am Mass

Confessions end with Benediction at 9:50 am

Infant Baptism

www.smt.church/baptism

Marriage Preparation

www.smt.church/marriage

Faith Formation—Children & Adults

www.smt.church/news/FaithFormation

Funerals

www.smt.church/funerals

SMT School

www.smtschoo.net/admissions

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March 14-21

Sat	5:30 pm	Mungia-Romero Family
Sun	7:30 am	Flora Villacarlos Borromeo † Patricia Linda Widiker †
	9:30 am	Dr. James Salz †
	11:30 am	Wayne Richardson
	5:30 pm	Josefina Rodriguez †
Mon	8:15 am	Pioquinto Alvarez †
Tues	8:15 am	Ana Ferrufino & Fredy Hernandez
Wed	8:15 am	Nelly Hernandez & Paula Munguia
Thurs	8:15 am	Lilian Velasquez
Fri	8:15 am	Jackeline & Daniela Velasquez
Sat	8:15 am	Stanley Vasquez

Mass Intentions—suggested offering \$20

To request a Mass Intention, please contact: alaina@saintmartinoftours.com



Sacrament of Anointing Of The Sick

Sat, April 11 - after 5:30 pm Mass
Sun, April 12 - after all the Masses

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“I was blind and now I see.” – John 9:25

The man born blind receives not only physical sight, but the gift of faith. Lent invites us to see more clearly—to recognize God’s blessings and respond with gratitude.

Stewardship flows from that new vision. When we see all we have as gift, we give generously in return, supporting the mission of Christ through our parish.

This week, take the challenge to let what you have received become a gift for others.



Children and healthy relationships

Ideally, children should know what healthy relationships look like in their own lives. This example is important for them to learn how to develop their own relationships. Children need to know that everyone has the right to feel safe and respected, and that violence and abuse are never okay in any relationship or interaction. Safe adults can talk about the importance of respect and kindness, and model that in their own relationships to show children how to navigate friendships, conflict, and other interactions. For more information, read the VIR-TUS® article “Domestic Violence: Part 2” at lacatholics.org/did-you-know.

Guided by the Saints on the Journey to Easter
Fr. Paul

St. John Henry Newman

The man in today’s Gospel was born blind. Jesus heals him, but more than that, He leads him, slowly, into faith.

At first, the man only knows that “the man called Jesus” healed him. Then he says He is a prophet. Finally, he says, “Lord, I believe.”

His sight grows gradually and so does ours.

St. John Henry Newman understood that faith often unfolds step by step. He did not see everything clearly at once. His journey to the Catholic faith was slow, thoughtful, and sometimes painful.

He wrote the beautiful prayer:

“Lead, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom... I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me.”

That is the spirit of today’s Gospel. Lent is not about having everything figured out. It is about allowing Christ to lead us — one step at a time.

Sometimes we want clarity about the whole road ahead. But Jesus often gives us just enough light for the next step.

The man born blind trusted the One who healed him. And that trust led him into deeper vision.

This week: Ask the Lord for light — not for the whole journey, but for the next step.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

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Meets at 9:30 am in Room 1

www.smt.church/Sunday-School



EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE & RESOURCES

Please visit:

www.smt.church/news/Easter
(No 5:30 pm Mass on Easter Day)

Lent Gatherings

Fridays of Lent:

February 20th through March 27th

5:30 PM-Eucharistic Adoration/Benediction

6:15 PM-Stations of the Cross

7:00 PM-Lenten Dinner in Parish Center

Adults \$15 Children & Seniors \$10

Learning to See
Second Scrutiny – March 15
Fr. Paul

As Lent continues, the Church invites us to look more closely — not just at Christ, but at ourselves.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus heals a man who was blind from birth. But the deeper miracle is not simply that his eyes are opened. It is that his heart is opened to faith.

Little by little, the man begins to see who Jesus truly is. And at the same time, others who believe they see clearly reveal how blind they really are.

This is the quiet challenge of the Second Scrutiny.

Lent is not only about turning away from sin or satisfying our thirst for God. It is also about learning to see rightly.

We ask: What blinds me? Fear? Pride? Habit? The pace of life that leaves little room for God?

Sometimes what keeps us from seeing is not darkness, but distraction. Not hostility, but familiarity. We can look at Jesus for years and still not truly see Him.

Yet Jesus never tires of opening our eyes again and again.

True sight is not simply about understanding. It is about trust. It is the courage to say, like the healed man, “Lord, I believe.”

As we continue our journey toward Easter, the Church invites us to allow Christ to heal not only what we cannot see — but what we may not want to see.

Because when Christ opens our eyes, He does so not to condemn us, but to lead us into freedom and light.



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EASTER TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY ~ April 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30pm
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY ~ April 3rd

12:00 pm: Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
2:00 pm: Solemn Good Friday Liturgy
Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, Eucharist

HOLY SATURDAY ~ April 4th

Easter Vigil Mass 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY ~ April 5th

Masses 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am
No 5:30 pm Mass



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Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand,
anointed David in the presence of his brothers;
and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.
(1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground
and made clay with the saliva,
and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him,
"Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — .
So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

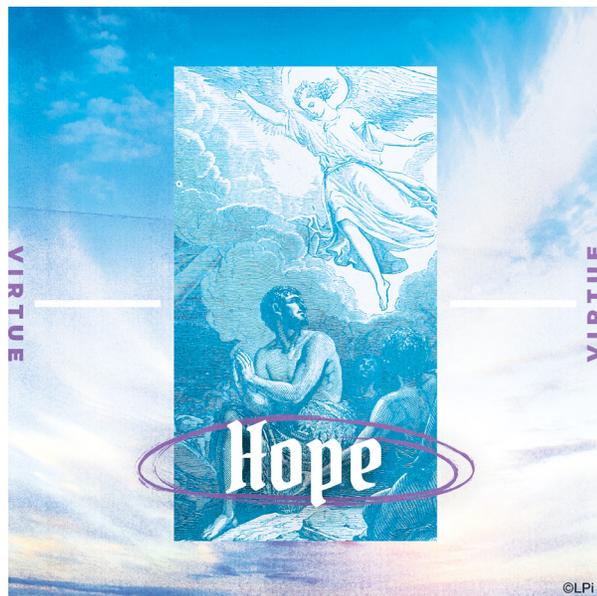
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
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
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see.
Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show.
That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness.
That Your Light can break like the dawn.
Amen.

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*

(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).

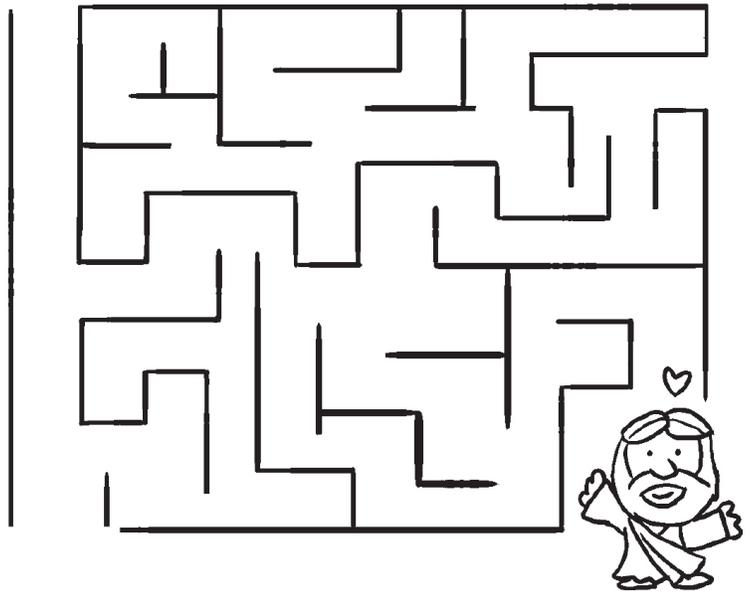
Prayer

Jesus, thank you for helping the blind man believe in you.

Mission for the Week

Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

Help me to find God!



Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus saw the blind man, he did not just walk by. Jesus stopped. He knew he could help the man, and honor God at the same time. Showing all of God's love and power, Jesus healed the blind man's eyes. For the first time in his life, the man could see Jesus and believe in him.

Now color the picture!

