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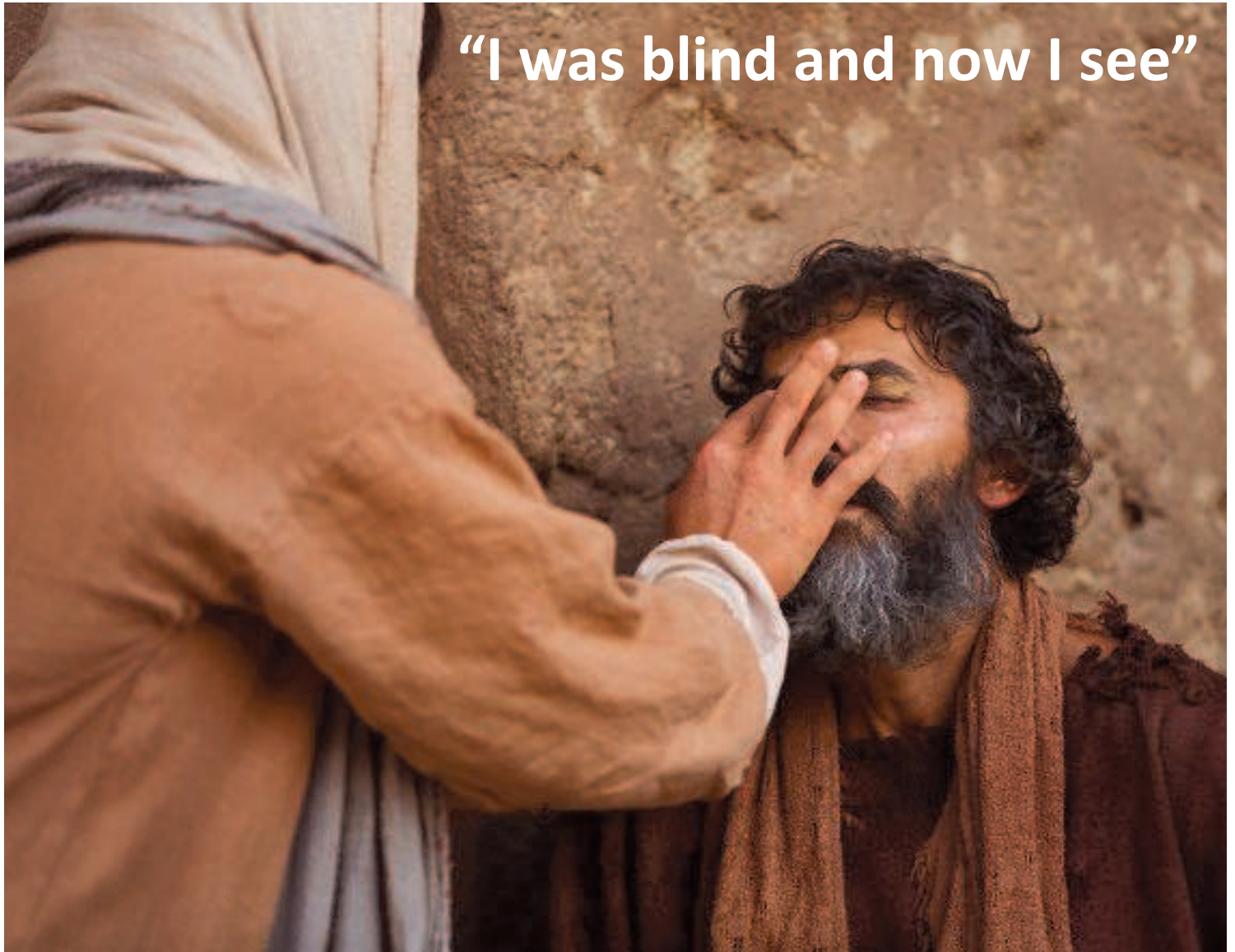
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March 26
2017

Fourth Sunday of Lent

“I was blind and now I see”



MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday Mass in English

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 AM & 12:15 PM

Daily Mass

7 & 8:30 AM (Saturday 8:30 AM)

Reconciliation

Saturday 3-4:00 PM

Misas Dominicales en Español

Sábado 6 PM, Domingo 2 & 6 PM

Misas en Español

Miércoles 7 PM

Reconciliación

Miércoles 6-7 PM, Sábado 3-4:00 PM

United in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit



From the Pastor's Desk: Bob Allred

tells the story about a country preacher who was listening to a seminary professor cast doubt on the core issues of the Faith. When the professor finished his lecture, the elderly pastor got up, took an apple from his lunch

bag and started eating it as he said, "Mr. Professor, I haven't read many of them books you quoted." Then he took another bite of the apple. "Mr. Professor, I don't know much about the great thinkers you mentioned," as he took still another bite of his apple. "Mr. Professor, I admit I haven't studied the Bible like you have," as he finished his apple and dropped it back in the bag. "I was just wondering, this apple that I just ate, was it sour or sweet? The Professor responded, "How could I know? I haven't tasted your apple." To which the old preacher replied, "With all due respect, sir, I was just wondering if you had ever had a taste of my Jesus?" The blind man says, "Whether or not the cure was approved by the FDA, *I once was blind, but now I see.*" You all argue and explain all you want, but that's enough for me.

During the Depression of the 1930s, a boat captain managed to make a modest living by piloting his boat up and down the Mississippi River. His boat was old and needed repair. The engines were grimy, emitting soot and smoke. The captain was untidy and rude. It so happened that on one of his trips, he met a traveling missionary, who introduced him to Christ and the Gospel. The captain's conversion was profound and authentic. One of the first things he did was to clean up his boat and repair its engines. The deck and deck chairs were freshly painted and all the brass fixtures were polished. His personal appearance and demeanor were transformed. Clean-shaven and with a smile he greeted his customers who remarked about the change in the man. In reply, the captain said, "I was spiritually blind, but now I see people and events as they really are. I have gotten a new glory and it shines out in all I do. That is what Christ does for a person; he gives him clear vision and a glory."

Early in his career, young Clarence Darrow was defending a client against an older, more experienced attorney, who sarcastically dismissed Darrow as "that beardless youth." Darrow rebutted, "My worthy adversary seems to downgrade me for not having a beard. Let me reply with a story: The King of Spain once dispatched a youthful nobleman to the court of a neighboring monarch, who sneered, "Does the King of Spain lack men that he sends me a beardless boy? To which the young ambassador replied, "Sire, if my King had supposed that you equated wisdom with a beard, he would have sent a goat." Clarence Darrow won the case! Prejudice often blinds us. (Bennet Cerf).

Nota de nuestro pastor: Bob Allred cuenta la historia de un predicador del país que estaba

escuchando a un profesor del seminario poner en duda las cuestiones centrales de la fe. Cuando el profesor terminó su conferencia, el pastor anciano se levantó, tomó una manzana de su bolsa de almuerzo y empezó a comer mientras decía, "Sr. profesor, no he leído muchos libros que cita." Luego tomó otro bocado de la manzana. Sr. profesor, no sé mucho acerca de los grandes pensadores que menciona", entonces tomó otro bocado de manzana. "Sr. profesor, reconozco que no he estudiado la Biblia como usted lo ha hecho", terminando su manzana y poniéndola en la bolsa, ¿"Me estaba preguntando, esta manzana que acabo de comer, es amarga o dulce? El profesor respondió: "¿Cómo podría saber? No he probado tu manzana." A lo que respondió el viejo predicador, "con todo respeto, Señor, me preguntaba si alguna vez había tenido el gusto de probar a mi Jesús?" El ciego dice: "si la curación fue o no aprobada por el FDA, *una vez estuve ciego pero ahora veo*". Todos discutan y expliquen lo que quieran, pero eso es suficiente para mí.

Durante la Depresión de la década de 1930, un capitán de barco logró ganar una vida modesta pilotando su barco arriba y abajo del Río Mississippi. Su barco era viejo y necesitaba reparación. Los motores emitían humo y hollín mugriento. El capitán era sucio y grosero. Pero sucedió que en uno de sus viajes, conoció a un misionero itinerante, quien le presentó a Cristo y el Evangelio. La conversión del capitán fue profunda y auténtica. Una de las primeras cosas que hizo fue limpiar su barco y reparar sus motores. La cubierta y tumbonas estaban recién pintadas y todos los accesorios de latón fueron pulidos. Su apariencia personal y comportamiento fueron transformados. Bien afeitado y con una sonrisa saludaba a sus clientes que comentaron sobre el cambio en el hombre. En respuesta, el capitán dijo, "estaba espiritualmente ciego, pero ahora veo a las personas y acontecimientos como realmente son. He conseguido una nueva gloria y brilla hacia fuera en todo lo que hago. Eso es lo que Cristo hace por una persona; le da gloria y una visión clara.

Temprano en su carrera, el joven Clarence Darrow estaba defendiendo a un cliente contra un abogado más experimentado y viejo, quien despedía sarcásticamente a Darrow como "ese joven sin barba." Darrow respondió, "mi adversario parece degradarme por no tener una barba. Permítanme contestar con una historia: el Rey de España envió una vez a un joven noble a la corte de un monarca vecino, quien se burló, "Al Rey de España le falta hombres que me manda un muchacho sin barba? A lo que el Embajador joven respondió, "Señor, si mi Rey hubiera supuesto que la sabiduría se compara con una barba, él habría enviado una cabra". Clarence Darrow ganó el caso. El perjuicio muchas veces nos ciega. (Bennet Cerf).

WEEKLY READINGS

Readings for the Week
of March 26, 2017

Sun/Dom:

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

Mon/Lunes:

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

Tues/Martes:

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

Wed/Mier:

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

Thurs/Juev:

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Fri/Vier:

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

Sat/Sab:

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

Next Sun/Dom:

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

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday March 26th

Hospitality Sunday — After all the morning Masses in the Hall

Tuesday March 28th

Events Committee — The Events Committee will meet at 7 PM in the Fireside Room. All members are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday March 29th

Communal Reconciliation 7 PM in the Church

Friday March 31st

Stations of the Cross
7:00 PM in the Church

Friday March 31st

Soup Supper — in the Hall

After the Stations of the Cross — Faith Formation Department is the group in charge, groups also bringing soup are: Catechists, Youth Ministry, Confirmation Candidates, RCIA Group, 2:00PM & 6:00 PM Sunday Spanish Masses.

Friday March 31st

Parish Offices closed

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Saturday 10 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 10 AM-4 PM
Sunday 9 AM-4 PM
Bilingual available 12 PM-4 PM

Rev. Joseph Antony Sebastian, SVD

Pastor
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday
10 AM to 12 PM
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lunes, martes, miércoles, y Viernes
10 AM a 12 PM
5 PM a 8 PM (*con cita*)

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Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper

Plan to attend our Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper every Friday during Lent. We start at 7:00 PM with the STATIONS OF THE CROSS followed by a simple

Soup Supper in the hall afterwards. The following groups will be in charge of the Soup Supper, They will bring soup, set up and clean up the hall. The first group listed is the lead group and the group responsible to make sure everything is completed:

March 31st ~ Faith Formation Department
Catechists, Youth Ministry, Confirmation Candidates, RCIA Group, 2:00PM Sunday Spanish Mass and 6:00PM Sunday Spanish Mass

April 7th ~ Music Ministry,
Simbang Gabi, Santo Nino Group, Guadalupanos, Ministry to the Sick, Apostleship of Prayer, 6:00 PM Saturday Spanish Mass.

Thanks to all who participate



PRAY FOR

Anita Urbino
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Paul Seishas
Laura Soffiotto
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Michelle Ann Cavagnuolo
Adam Pachkofsky
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Elaine Duarte
Ronaldo Reyes
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Jennifer Guinto
Hector Chavez
Isabel Burkfield
Jim Smith

DONATIONS

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Food offering for next week:

Canned Meats or
Tuna

Carne enlatada
o atun

CONTRIBUTIONS CONTRIBUCIONES

COLLECTION FOR WEEK

March 26th

The Plate Collection

\$ 8,945.50

EFT Collection

\$ 840.00

On Line Giving

\$ 311.00

TOTAL for the WEEK

\$ 10,094.50

VATICAN CORNER

Historically, the Catholic Church has observed the disciplines of fasting and abstinence at various times each year. Fasting is the reduction in the intake of food, while abstinence is the refraining from a particular food, like meat. The Church teaches that all people are obliged by God to perform some penance for their sins, and penance is both personal and corporeal (affecting the body). The purpose of fasting and abstinence are for spiritual focus, self-discipline, imitation of Christ, and performing penance. On Fridays, abstaining from eating meat and instead eating fish has long been a tradition in the Church.



Up until 1966, church law prohibited meat on all Fridays throughout the entire year, not just during Lent. A false story about the beginning of this tradition says that a powerful medieval pope made a secret pact to prop up the fishing industry. Many people have searched the Vatican archives but have found no evidence for that story. The real reason for fish on Friday comes from Christian teaching that Jesus died on a Friday, his death redeemed a sinful world, and to commemorate this sacrifice, people abstain from eating the flesh of warm-blooded animals, that in a sense sacrificed its life for us. Fish are coldblooded, so they are considered ok to eat on Fridays. Also fish had been associated with sacred holidays even in pre-Christian times. The medieval Christian calendar, required not only meatless Fridays, but Wednesdays and Saturdays as well, and during Advent, Lent and other holy days. As a result the need for fish grew greatly and consequently so did the global fishing industry. At first herring was the fish of choice because they were plentiful, but they were also dry and tasteless when salted or smoked as was necessary for preservation. Eventually cod became the more popular fish since it tasted better when cured and it lasted longer. The Vikings became experts at catching and preserving cod and they and others may have followed the range of the Atlantic cod West, discovering the lands of the New World in the process. At the time of England's Henry VIII in 1509, fish dominated the menu. Henry not being able to get his marriage annulled by the pope broke away from the Roman Catholic Church, starting the Church of England. Suddenly, eating fish became political, and the English turned away from fish. Fishermen were hurting so much that meat abstinence days had to be reinstated.

Well into the 20th century, the Church's policy on meat influenced global economics. When in the 1960's Pope Paul VI loosened fasting rules, U.S. fish prices plummeted. A few years before the Vatican relaxed the rules, Lou Groen, an enterprising McDonald's restaurant owner in a largely Catholic part of Cincinnati, found himself struggling to sell burgers on Fridays. His solution was the Filet-O-Fish, which now feeds millions around the world. To be continued . . . Sources: npr.org, catholicdish.com, catholiceducation.org

TODAY ~~Sunday is Hospitality Sunday

After ALL Morning Masses ~~In the Hall

Be sure and thank the Knights of Columbus for setting it up and making sure that everything is ready for you to enjoy!

Come for the Coffee & Donuts,
stay for the conversation !

SEE YOU THERE!!!



MASS INTENTIONS

March 25-April 1, 2017

Saturday 4:30 PM

Juanita Estrellas (*healing*)
Francisco Camaclang †
Lily Fernandez †

Saturday 6:00 PM

Ruben Jesus Romo (*cumpleanos*)
Jesus Magallon Jr. †
Crisceciana Gutierrez † (*aniversario*)
Carlota Barajas †
Francisco Sanchez †
Yolanda Marquez †
Mauricio Martinez †
Julio Hernandez † (*2nd aniversario*)

Sunday 7:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Sunday 9:00 AM

Amelia Mamaril (*healing*)
Rob Booth (*healing*)
Ngo Dinh Tru †
Teodor Gaza †
Oscar Orpiano †
Ligoria "Lily" Fernandez †
Juan & Agatha Edejer †
Eduardo Castro †

Sunday 10:30 AM

Juanita Estrellas (*healing*)
Antonio Daniel Del Rosario †
(*3rd anniversary*)

Jocelyn A. Alcantara †
Josefina Acorda †

Sunday 12:15 PM

Madeline A. Trauscher †

Sunday 2:00 PM

Jose & Gladis Perez
(*33rd aniversario de Boda*)
Jose G. Ramos †
Carmen Garcia Ponce †
Yolanda Marquez †
Julio Nolasco Marin †
Mauricio Martinez †

Sunday 6:00 PM

Samantha Pedraza (*19th birthday*)
Moises Perez (*birthday*)
Cristalina Pedraza (*thanksgiving*)
Pedro Ramirez & Maria Amaya †
(*aniversario*)
Esther Guevara †

Monday 7:00 AM

Mauricio Martinez †

Monday 8:30 AM

Yolanda Marquez †

Tuesday 7:00 AM

Mauricio Martinez †

Tuesday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 7:00 AM

Mauricio Martinez †

Wednesday 8 :30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Wednesday 7:00 PM

NO EVENING MASS

Thursday 7:00 AM

Mauricio Martinez †

Thursday 8:30 AM

Charlene Ann Bermudez (*birthday*)
Racquel & Analyn Garcia (*thanksgiving*)

Friday 7:00 AM

Mauricio Martinez †

Friday 8:30 AM

Kyrene Castaneda (*23rd birthday*)
Dolores Macapagal (*thanksgiving*)

Saturday 8:30 AM

The Community of St. Joachim

Communal Reconciliation

Penance Service

March 29th at 7pm

Servicio Penitencial

29 de Marzo en 7 PM



NO hay Misa el 29 de marzo 7:00 PM

**Saint Joachim Church
Financial Report
Calendar Year 2016**

Total Revenues	\$921,935
Total Cash Expenses	<u>853,893</u>
Cash Flow before Capital Spending	68,042
Capital Spending	<u>96,915</u>
Negative Cash Flow for 2016	<u>(\$ 28,873)</u>

Revenues for the year consist of the following items:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% to total</u>
Plate Collection	\$579,653	63%
Capital Donations	76,733	8%
Sacramental Services	18,250	2%
Fundraising Gross Receipts	61,655	7%
Programs and Ministries	126,994	14%
Interest, Rebate, Other	<u>58,650</u>	<u>6%</u>
Total	<u>\$921,935</u>	<u>100%</u>

The details of the total expenses of \$853,893 are as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>% to total</u>
Salaries and Benefits – Lay	\$341,444	40 % (13 employees; 4FT, 9PT)
Salaries and Benefits – Priests	94,507	11% (2 SVD priests)
Diocesan Assessment	80,593	9%
Insurance charges (Diocese)	36,690	4%
Facilities maintenance	42,826	5%
PG&E	41,593	5%
Garbage and Water	16,494	2%
Church and liturgy supplies	23,837	3%
Votive candles	11,469	1%
Faith Formation expenses	76,731	9%
Rectory living	14,590	2%
Office Supplies and expenses	16,612	2%
Professional fees	1,000	-
Events and fundraising	3,648	-
Catholic Voice assessment	11,664	1%
Telephone/Communication	12,804	2%
Music ministry	6,253	1%
Financial fees/charges	13,333	2%
Other ministries	7,805	1%
Total	100%	

Capital Spending in thousands: Daily Chapel related, \$66K; Handicap ramp – rectory entrance, \$5K; Church projectors and cameras, \$13K; Kneelers and Chairs, \$8K; Music System, \$3K; Faith Formation Office desk/heater/projector, \$2K.

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