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**SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023**



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. — Psalm 23:1*

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**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday-,p.m.-Sunday, 8:30 & 11a.m.

**CONFESSIONS**

Saturday, 4:00-4:30 p.m. or Upon Request

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sunday 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

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**BULLETIN DEADLINE**

We welcome your contributions to the  
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# FOURTH SUNDAY OF Lent

MARCH 19, 2023

I was blind and now I see.

John 9:25

## WHAT DO YOU SEE?

What do you see? Jesus gave sight to a man who was blind from birth. Not only was his physical sight restored, he saw things clearly even though the people around him—religious leaders, his own parents—were blinded by fear. Their preconceived convictions kept them in darkness even while the light of the world stood before them, offering them new sight. Led by the light of Christ, the man who had been blind worshiped Jesus. Samuel looked at Jesse's sons through the eyes of God and found the Lord's anointed, not in the older, stronger ones, but in the youngest, David. As we continue our Lenten journey, we resolve to live in the light of the Lord, to see clearly through the eyes of faith and respond by sharing Christ's light with the world.

## IT'S TIME TO SEE OUR BLINDNESS

Most of us can admit that we're blind at times—we simply do not see the people and situations around us clearly. We stumble in the darkness of illness or grief and cannot see a way out. We may be blinded by selfishness or self-centeredness. Sometimes we are so caught up in our own lives, we're blind to the hurt, confusion, and need of those around us. We may look at things through our limited experience and perspective and not understand others' pain. At times, we choose to remain blind. We fail to see injustice and unfairness, preferring to remain in the dark rather than risk acknowledging and addressing such situations. Like the parents of the man who was born blind, we stay safe and comfortable, even when there is clearly an opportunity to make a difference, to bring light and love to the darkness.

## SEE THROUGH THE EYES OF FAITH

When Samuel met the sons of Jesse, he thought he could see the one the Lord would anoint. He found the grace, however, to see through the eyes of faith and respond by anointing David, who would become the king of Israel. Jesus opened the eyes of the man who was born blind. We do not know how many others' eyes were opened that day, as they saw Jesus as the source of light and life. We can learn from Samuel and Jesus, bringing our darkness to the light through faith. When we look at life through God's eyes, we see endless possibility for goodness, holiness, grace, and peace.

## TODAY'S READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6–7, 10–13a

Psalm 23:1–3a, 3b–4, 5, 6

Ephesians 5:8–14

John 9:1–41 [1, 6–9, 13–17, 34–38]



**March 19, 2023-4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7**

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

**19 de marzo de 2023-40. Domingo de Cuaresma**

**“Pues Dios no ve como el hombre ve, pues el hombre mira la apariencia exterior, pero el Señor mira el corazón”. 1**

**SAMUEL 16: 7**

¿Qué tan a menudo invertimos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoros para crear una apariencia que no le importa para nada a Dios? Tendemos a impresionar con nuestra vestimenta, casa, carrera, posesiones, automóvil y otras marcas de distinción. Pero ninguna de esas ilusiones de grandeza impresionará a Dios. En lugar de eso, Él mirará dentro de nuestros corazones para ver cuánto lo amamos, cuánto amamos a los demás y cómo mostramos ese amor en la forma en que usamos nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro aquí en la tierra.

**Ministry Schedule**

**Mar. 25**

**5:00p.m**

AS M & A Folland & Volunteer  
EM C Kitchen  
L R Kitchen  
U Y Carr & D Avard

**Mar. 26**

**8:30 a.m.**

AS B & M Fluegel  
EM M McCumber  
L P Miranda  
U M Vinson & J Richtman

**11:00 a.m.**

AS M Adams, Z Araya, & J Rafferty  
EM Jodi McIntosh  
L M Imbertson  
U R Monteleone & B Roundtree

**Pray for the Sick**

Howard App, Nilda Arietta, Owen Austin, Kaitlin Blake-wood, Amelia Boyd, Garrett Brant, Denise & Joe Burdick, Mona Burnham, Fernanco Carreras, Andy & Kathy Chester, Jerry Collins, Brent Cornwell Family, Crystal Christiansen, Joan Cosgrove, Richard Culberson, Lenny & Rose Danielewicz, Bill Edwards, Mark Erickson, Cindy Forte, Cecelia Gadowski, Lee Gobrogge, Marty Haloda, Chip Harris, Ruthann Hein, Rebekah Hess, Jordan Hill, Jackie Hillard, Kailey Honeycutt, Sutton Hotard, Marvin Hughes, Trent Jones, Pat Jordan, Wendy Karpowicz, Billy Kelley, Kaycee Kessler, Nick Knight Nicole Knight, Janice Kosek, Sandra Kowalski, Jean Lafond, Josette Lafond, Yvan Lafond, Linda Liebl, Rosa Lewis, David, Henry & Loretta Matzdorf, Mary Susan McAndrews, Corrine McCumber, Bryan Milne Sr., Zach Mitchell, Joyce Mixon, Jaxon Morales, Jon & Linda Morgan, Millie Morris, Lorraine Nessar, Rick Nettles, Roy & Mildred O’Connor, Ken Otto, Carrie Owen, Larry Page, Mary Lu Paulson, Teresa Phillips, Matthew Pickett, Melanie Pitingamy, Ron & Eileen Proveaux, Kate Radonavich, Loretta Riley, Jimmy Sapp, Susanne Sears, Joann Skorich, Ann Shuman, Angel Smith, Lynn Smith, Tim Strickland, Tommy Strickland, Ann Sweatt, Lisa Taube, Ken & Joyce Tyson, Christa Ward, Sheila Whitehead, Tripp Whitten, Callie Wiggins, Schanecy Wilmot, Wynn Family, Jon Zinck

**Mass Intentions**

Sunday 03/19 +Chuck Ellis  
+Nancy Miller  
Tuesday 03/21 +Judy Hames  
Wednesday 03/22 +Barbara Davis  
Thursday 03/23 +Thatcher Graham  
Friday 03/24 +Souls in Purgatory  
Saturday 03/25 ♥Karen Preston



CW5 Scott Durrer, MSGT Brian Lafond, A1C Aubriana Butchko, SFC Steven Liebl, PVT Dylan Dickerson, SR Christopher Meinert, SSGT Patrick Gleaton, PFC William Bland, PFC, Dalen Baldwin, ENS Sean Garrett, LTJG Riley Garrett



## Weekly Collection with YTD Figures

### Weekend of March 05, 2023

Offertory/Online Collection	\$4,899.81
YTD Offertory Collection	\$238,887.24
Bills Paid this Week:	\$4,104.28
Bills Paid to Date:	\$231,865.83
Building Fund Collection	\$941.50
YTD Building Fund Collection	\$47,686.40
Special Projects Donations	\$1,322.81

### Annual Catholic Appeal

**Goal: \$29,271.00**

**Given: \$6,034.00**

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Joseph; Spring begins
Thursday:	St. Toribius of Mogrovejo
Friday:	Abstinence
Saturday:	The Annunciation of the Lord

## SEEING THE LIGHT

Our Lenten journey continues this Sunday as we hear of Jesus healing a blind man in the Gospel of John. Jesus proclaims himself the light of the world, a light that overcomes darkness and enables a new capacity to see. The man, blind from birth, was able to begin his path to sight by first acknowledging his blindness. We are reminded of God's ongoing invitation to us to journey from blindness to sight. We begin by acknowledging our own capacity for "blind spots," and so open ourselves to uncomfortable truths and to God's healing. We are invited to see beyond appearances, as the reading from Samuel indicates, and to look into the heart of things. We are invited to "live as children of light" as the letter to the Ephesians teaches. Like the man healed from blindness, we may gradually learn to see fully and to follow Jesus.

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## OUR FASCINATING FAITH

The Three Lenten Disciplines: Fasting

The season of Lent is characterized by fasting and abstinence. I remember that when I was a child, my parents instilled in me the practice of give up eating sweets and abstaining from candy during Lent so I could share the bitterness of the suffering that Jesus endured for my sins. Eventually in our parish, the priest encouraged us to put aside the money saved from not buying candies in order to send it to poor children. Fasting and abstinence were not only ways to accompany Jesus in his suffering on the cross, but also means of encouraging and consoling him in his suffering children of today's world. The pastor taught me that fasting is not simply refraining from sweets and candy; fasting teaches me how to deny myself so that it is not I who live but Christ who lives in me. To fast means to deny myself certain things in order to give life to others, and thus, with my small sacrifice, to make the world a little better.

—Friar Gilberto Cavazos-González, OFM,  
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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
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:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## LIGHT AND SHADOW

In faith there is enough light for those who want to believe and enough shadows to blind those who don't.

—Blaise Pascal

## **Weekly Announcements**

Faith Formation – March 2023

Sunday, March 19 – No Faith Formation classes/St. Patrick's Day break

Saturday, March 25 – 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. First Holy Communion retreat. First Reconciliation at 11 a.m.

Sunday, March 26 – Faith Formation classes.

## **Parishioner in Need**

Parishioners Joseph & Monica Avanzato, are in need of some help during the week of March 27. Joe will be having surgery and will need help with lunch time meals and to help let their dog out, while Monica is at work.

If you are able to help Joe & Monica for an hour or two during this week, please call Monica at 609-356-3745.

## **Parish Needs**

The parish is looking for someone who could add weather stripping around the windows in the church and a plumber or someone who can to replace the spigot on the patio side of the church building. Please contact the parish office if you or you know of someone who can help fix or replace it.

## **Stations of the Cross**

Join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday evening during Lent, beginning at 6:30 pm followed by Mass at 7pm. Stay after Mass and share a meatless meal with your fellow parishioners. We ask anyone who attends to bring their favorite meatless dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

## **Grounds Clean-up**

A grounds clean up has been scheduled for Saturday, March 18, from 9 am to 12 noon. We will be cleaning up the grounds around the church, education building and possibly around the office area if time permits. Bring your rakes, gloves, wheel barrow or utility trailer if you have one. We are also looking for people to help with the lawn mowing season. If you are interested or have questions about the grounds clean up please contact Tom or Pattie Liebl, 912-547-3009 or email [theliebls1@comcast.net](mailto:theliebls1@comcast.net).

## **Prayer & Play**

We would like to invite Mothers and Caregivers to bring their little ones for snacks, prayer and fellowship every other Wednesday at 9:00 in the nursery. Our next meeting is March 29th. Hope you can join us!

## **K of C**

Knights of Columbus are selling Boston butt tickets through March 26th. Tickets are \$30. Pick up is April 1st. 11-2p.

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 16, Divine Mercy Sunday, join us at 3:00pm for the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

## **Save the Date-International Potluck Supper**

Join your fellow parishioners on Sunday, April 16, after the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 4:00 pm for the International Potluck Supper! Bring your favorite appetizer, main dish, or dessert from your heritage to share. Decorations & Costumes from your ethnic background are encouraged. Watch for more information to come in the next few weeks.

## **Virtus Training Sessions**

The VIRTUS Protecting God's Children training is required for all volunteers and employees in the Diocese of Savannah. This training addresses the effects of child sexual abuse, the mindset of predators, and our ability as volunteers and employees to keep both children and vulnerable adults safe in our parishes, schools, and social service agencies. A session is scheduled via ZOOM Remote on March 14th – 6:00pm – 9:00pm. Registration is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>A LAPTOP or DESKTOP is required for registration.

You must confirm your registration by logging onto [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) with the user id and password that you create on the following date. And a session is scheduled at the Catholic Pastoral Center, Savannah, Friday, March 23, 2023, 09:00AM - 12:00PM. Seating is limited and pre-registration is required online. Registration Instructions can be found at <https://diosav.org/how-do-i/register-for-virtus-training>.

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Fear not for I have redeemed thee.  
- Isaiah 43:1

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