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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, CYCLE A

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

March 20th-26th, 2023

Monday, March 20th

No Mass

Tuesday, March 21st

7:00pm—Alfredo Peralta

Wednesday, March 22nd

(Multiple Intentions)

7:00pm—Geronimo Fulgencio

Thursday, March 23rd

7:00pm—Pro Populo

Friday, March 24th

7:00pm —Pro Populo

Saturday, March 25th

5:00pm—Pro Populo

Sunday, March 26th

10:00am— Community of
Our Lady of Assumption

Reynaldo Caraan

12:00 Noon—Elena Puzon

5:00pm (Tagalog)—Pro Populo

7:00pm —Pro Populo

Sunday Reflection.....



Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man (John 9:1-41).

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.



Let us pray!

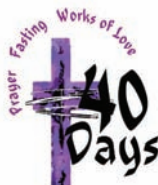
For those who are sick members of our parish and those who love and minister to them.



Offertory Collection

Sunday Collection—\$8,015.00

Thank you for your generous hearts!



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATIONS

FACE TO FACE CLASSES

First Holy Communion

Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at 9:00pm—11:00am

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday, March 25th, 2023 at 2:00pm-4:00pm



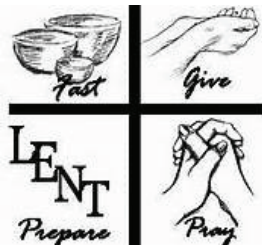
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First ShareLife Sunday Collection

March 26th, 2023



HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULES

PALM SUNDAY - THE LORD'S PASSION

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

SATURDAY: 5:00pm

SUNDAY : 10:00am / 12:00noon 5:00pm (Filipino) /
7:00pm

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MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Thursday, April 6th, 2023 at 7:30pm

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow until
midnight*

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"PABASA NG PASYON"

"Chanting Passion of Christ"

At 8:30pm until Good Friday morning

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GOOD FRIDAY- THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Friday, April 7th, 2023

THE SEVEN LAST WORDS
(Huling Pitong Wika in Tagalog)

at 9:00am-11:45am

LITURGICAL CELEBRATION
OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

12:00noon / 3:00pm

NOVENA TO THE DIVINE MERCY

at 4:30pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

at 5:00pm

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EASTER VIGIL MASS

Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at 8:00PM

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, April 9th, 2023

ENCOUNTER / SALUBONG

4:30am—Procession at the parking lot

5:00am— Holy Mass (Filipino)

10:00am / 12:00noon / 5:00pm (Filipino)

NO 7:00pm Mass



**LENTEN
RETREAT**



**Our Lady of the Assumption Parish
and the Archdiocesan Filipino Catholic Mission
invite you
for a Lenten Retreat by Fr. Lorenzo Salandanan**

Tuesday, March 28th, 2023

6:30—Praying the Holy Rosary

7:00pm Holy Mass

7:30pm-9:00pm—Lenten Talk with the Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament

Theme: "Forgiveness and Healing"

Wednesday, March 29th, 2023

6:30—Praying the Holy Rosary

7:00pm—Holy Mass

7:30pm-9:00pm—Lenten Talk with the Exposition
of the Blessed Sacrament and Healing Service

Theme: "The Cross and Closeness to God"

Thursday, March 30th, 2023

7:00pm Holy Mass

7:30pm—Community Lenten Confession

(A number of priests will be available to hear Confessions)

GOD IS CALLING.....WILL YOU ANSWER???



**A special prayer initiative for the
10th anniversary of Pope Francis'
pontificate.**

An invitation is open to the faithful worldwide to pray at least one "Hail Mary", for the Holy Father's 10th anniversary of his petrine ministry. As part of the initiative, a special online map will feature virtual lighted candles, representing the prayers of the faithful who will have registered. The map will be presented to the Holy Father as

a gift and in support for his ministry.

Anyone who wishes to participate may register using the following link (you can choose your language preference at the right upper corner): <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>

In addition, kindly find below links to *Vatican News* press release, concerning the initiative:

in English: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2023-02/prayer-initiative-for-10-years-of-pope-francis-pontificate.html>

in French: <https://www.vaticannews.va/fr/eglise/news/2023-02/ave-maria-10-ans-pontificat-pape-francois.html>

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