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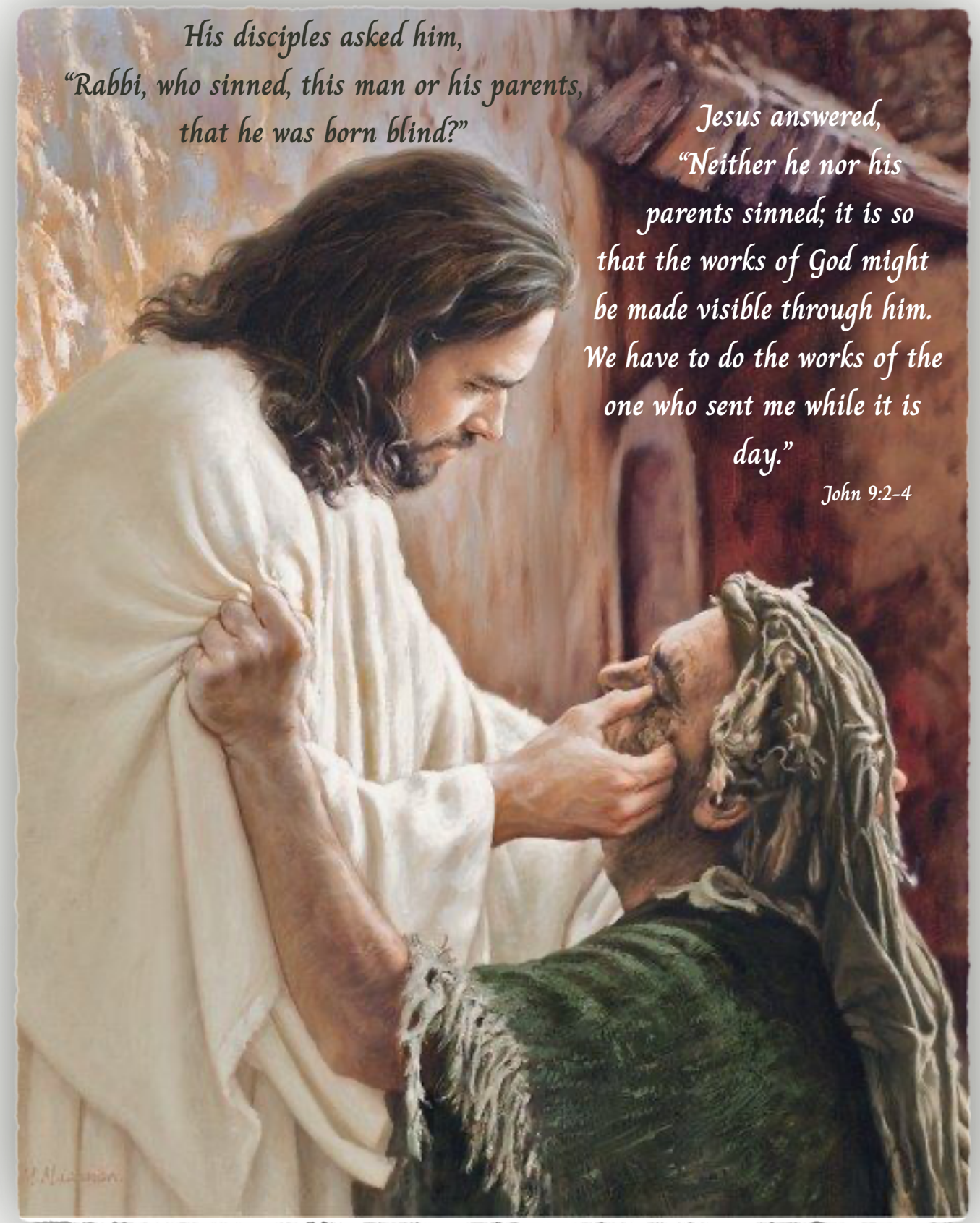
Saint Michael the Archangel defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. (May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen)

Sanctuary Dedications for the Month of March, 2024

Sanctuary Candle Under Renovation

Eucharistic Hosts Deacon Paul Pettie by Mary Ferner

Altar Candles Ritchey Children by Terry Smith



His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day."

John 9:2-4

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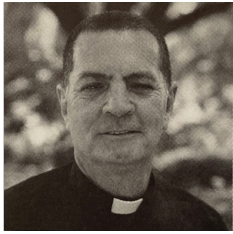
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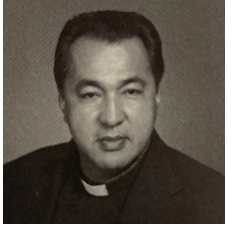
March, 2024 Ministers & Counters

	3/17/2024 9:00 AM
Sacristan	Terry Smith
EMHC #1	Teddy Celedon
#2	Bob McGann
#3	Sen Nguyen
Stand by #1	
Reader	Angie Fennell
Usher/Greeters	Margie Stanfield Ann Lemmon
Altar Servers	Daniel Greeley Leonard Greeley
Counters	Jim Hudson John Kreinbihl

Clergy



Reverend Pablo Fuentes
Pastor



Reverend Heriberto Vergara
Parochial Vicar

Thank you for Your Stewardship

INCOME RECEIVED March 3, 2024	AMOUNT
Offertory	1,811.50
Building Fund/Renovation	768.50
Easter Flowers	155.00
Mass Stipends	30.00
Central/Eastern Europe	45.00
Alter Flowers/Hosts/Candles	
Sanctuary Lights	
Faith Formation Ministry	
Food Pantry	
Youth Group	
Ladies' Guild	
Knights of Columbus	



Renovation Update

Plumbing continues; ceiling tiles, new locks, the new kitchen stove, and other materials have arrive ready for installation. And new counter tops for the service counters are being rebuilt. As always, we ask your continued fervent prayers!



En la Eucaristía, con los ojos de la fe vemos ante nosotros a Jesucristo, que en la Encarnación se hizo carne (Jn 1,14) y que en el Misterio Pascual se entregó por nosotros (Tit 2,14), aceptando incluso la muerte. en una cruz (Fil 2:8). San Juan Crisóstomo predicó que cuando veas el Cuerpo de Cristo "puesto delante de ti [en el altar], di para ti mismo: Por este Cuerpo ya no soy tierra y ceniza, ya no soy prisionero, sino libre: por esto Espero el cielo y recibir los bienes que en él hay, la vida inmortal, la porción de los ángeles, [y la cercanía] con Cristo" (#19).



In the Eucharist, with the eyes of faith we see before us Jesus Christ, who, in the Incarnation became flesh (Jn 1:14) and who in the Paschal Mystery gave himself for us (Ti 2:14), accepting even death on a cross (Phil 2:8). St. John Chrysostom preached that when you see the Body of Christ "set before you [on the altar], say to yourself: Because of this Body I am no longer earth and ashes, no longer a prisoner, but free: because of this I hope for heaven, and to receive the good things therein, immortal life, the portion of angels, [and closeness] with Christ" (#19).

Readings for the week of March 10, 2024

Sunday:
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:*
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/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:
Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

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:
Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Worship & Meditation

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: "**For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him**" (Jn 3:17). He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation*. How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the least godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn.

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained



Question:
What's the difference between priests and brothers, friars, etc.?

Answer:
The distinctions titles and categories used for priests and the male members of religious communities can be confusing, especially since the categories can sometimes be intertwined as a man can be both a priest and a monk, or a brother and a friar. So, to help to piece the puzzle together, it's important to begin by noting some basic distinctions:

The distinction between priests (who are ordained for sacramental ministry) and brothers (who are non-ordained members of religious communities and who are committed to lives of prayer and service).
Priests: A priest is a man who has been ordained for sacramental ministry and these fall into two categories: A) Diocesan (or Secular) Priests can either be attached to a diocese and who serve under a bishop. Their ministry is usually oriented toward

pastoral service. B) Religious Priests are members of religious communities (like the Franciscans, Jesuits, Salvatorians, or Carmelites) and their lives are guided by the special mission and charism of their community. While both kinds of priest practice sacramental ministry, their spirituality and how they live out their priesthood can be very different.
Brothers: Brothers are non-ordained members of religious communities (such as those mentioned above) who live lives committed to prayer and service. Religious priests and brothers serve together in their communities and their ministries include much more than the care of parishes.
Monks, Friars, and Canons: These are broad categories that include religious priests and brothers, and each of these is connected to specific ways of life and spiritualities.

Ladies' Guild Corner!

Important! We continue to collect dry food goods at all masses each week. Food is abundantly needed for our Food Pantry Ministry. Please continue to donate.

Sunday, March 17, 2024

We are collecting the candy for our Traditional Easter Egg Hunt. We ask that you contribute candy for this event and deliver it by Sunday, March 17. We will be making our gift bags at our next Women's Guild Meeting.

Friday, March 22, 2024

The next Ladies' Guild meeting. All women of the Parish are invited. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. at the Faith Formation Building.

Thank you!
Betti Blouin, President

Liturgical Life

The Uncomfortable Life in The Light

If you have ever been a woman over the age of 30 who stayed in a budget motel, you know the horror of awakening in a dark room, switching on the bathroom lights and screaming at the shriveled-up she-witch you find hiding there.

And you know the feeling of disappointment that blooms in the pit of your stomach as you realize the shriveled-up she-witch is your own reflection staring back at you beneath the merciless glare of overhead fluorescent lighting.

You may also know the relief of visiting a nice restaurant after dark and catching sight of yourself in the mirror. You lean forward, mesmerized by how different — how matte! How smooth! — the contours of your face look in what we call "forgiving light." But this turn of phrase is simply not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals.

But it feels so much better, doesn't it? Salvation can feel like condemnation, when being lost is all you know. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows.

It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn.

"Is this really me?" you think in that budget hotel bathroom, examining acne scars you never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.

Remember we have now returned to taking two collections during the Mass service. Our Offertory collection will be taken after the Prayer of the Faithful; and, the second collection will be taken after Communion, which is dedicated strictly to the Building Fund.

Thank you for your continued support!

Knights' Corner!

We have installed all fourteen physical stations at the Stations of the Cross area at San Juan Mission. We still need to do some clean up and need volunteers for raking and clearing roots in the general areas of these Stations for a walkway to go in. You can work on your own time. Additionally, we are looking for someone with carpenter experience who could assist us with the wooden forms we need for installing and cementing the benches we have for placement in this area. We would like this volunteer to help us construct an arbor. We will be planting roses, plants and various scrubs in this area.

The next meeting of the Knights of Columbus Roundtable will be Tuesday, March 19, 2024.



Please contact me so we can set up dates for assistance.
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Leo Blouin,
Past Grand Knight