

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

March 14-15, 2026 | **Fourth Sunday of Lent**



## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 PM  
Sunday Mass 10:00 AM  
Tuesday 8:30 AM  
Wednesday 8:30 AM

## ADORATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

## RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Regular: Monday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Summer: Tuesday - Thursday  
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

"Go, then, to all peoples everywhere  
and make them my disciples.  
Preach the gospel to all people."



**Wednesday, March 18  
@ 6:00 PM**

Also  
Wednesday, March 25  
Wednesday, April 1

Hosted by  
Faith in Action Ministry

First Reading 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a  
Responsorial Psalm 23:1-6  
Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14  
Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

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.

--Sunday Connection, Loyola Press

## Parish Calendar

### Tuesday, March 17

Daily Mass 8:30 AM  
The Kingdom Yet to Come 10:00 AM  
Women's Book Club 1:30 PM  
The Kingdom Yet to Come 6:30 PM

### Wednesday, March 18

Daily Mass 8:30 AM  
Adoration 9:00 - 3:00 PM  
Reconciliation 9:00 - 3:00 PM  
Stations of the Cross/Soup Supper 6:00 PM  
KOC 4<sup>th</sup> Degree meeting 6:30 PM

### Friday, March 20

Share the Word (explore the Sunday readings)

### Saturday, March 21

Women's Health & Wellness Class 8:30 AM

### Sunday, March 22

KOC Food Sunday  
OCIA Class 11:15 AM  
RE Class 11:15 AM  
Faith in Action Ministry Meeting 11:15 AM

## Sacristans/Lectors/Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, March 21

Sacristans - Ed & Meg K.

Lector - Ken H.

Eucharistic Ministers - Peg, Deirdre

Sunday, March 22

Sacristans - Charles & Maureen B.

Lector - Laurie S.

Eucharistic Ministers - Anita, Natalie, Dey, Linda H.

## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14 - St. Joseph Parishioners

Sunday, March 15 - Geri Comstock+

Tuesday, March 17 - Jerry Kubat+

Wednesday, March 18 - Barbara Miller+

Saturday, March 21 - St. Joseph Parishioners

## Parish Staff

Rev. Thomas K. Connolly, Pastor  
Joe Schroeder, Deacon  
Jeannie Saccomanno, Office Manager  
Bill Ryan, Facilities Manager  
Sydney Wilson, Youth Group  
Emily Busch, Religious Ed. Coordinator  
Mary Green, Admin. Assistant

## Parish Council

Kira Busch  
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Paul Hittson | Lara McHenry  
Ellen Stoner | Joe Winkler

## Finance Council

Joleen Cooney | Ric Gaunt  
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# Easter Egg Hunt

## 9:00 AM

# Easter Sunday

Please donate to the candy supply for the easter egg baskets on Easter Sunday.

If you could help us out with small, pre-wrapped candy, there is a basket in the lobby.

Thank You!

## What is the Guatemala Commission? Why do we support it?

The Guatemala Commission began after Bishop Topel of the Spokane Diocese responded to Pope John XXIII's 1959 call to partner with developing Latin American communities. Working with the Diocese of Sololá, Spokane took responsibility for five parishes in the Guatemalan highlands, an area of 35,000 Mayan people. Priests from Spokane served there until 2017, when local clergy were able to take over.

Alongside the Sisters of Notre Dame and the Sisters of Charity of New York, these missionaries established schools, a seminary, health clinics, and a radio station. As the mission grew, the Guatemala Commission was formed in Spokane to guide and support the work.

Today the Commission—funded by parish and individual donations—provides financial assistance to the region. The “Family to Family” program, begun at St. Thomas More Parish, also helps families develop income-producing skills and resources.

St. Joseph's Parish contributes by supplying medical materials for clinics, supporting religious education in Ixtahuacan, and helping fund a religious education center and a scholarship program that allows children to attend high school. These efforts, along with other Commission-funded programs, make education and future employment possible for many young people in the region.

Your donations—through the yellow envelopes or the QR code below go directly to these programs. We currently send \$500 each month, but contributions are not keeping pace with our commitment. Your support, in any amount, is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Peggy Ellingson  
St. Joseph's liaison to the Guatemala Commission  
509-994-6001 with questions



## 2026 LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

The 4<sup>th</sup> Degree of the Knights of Columbus are conducting weekly food collections during the five weekends of Lent. **There will be no collection on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday.**

The food and cash donations received will, as always, be donated to the North County Food Bank in Elk.

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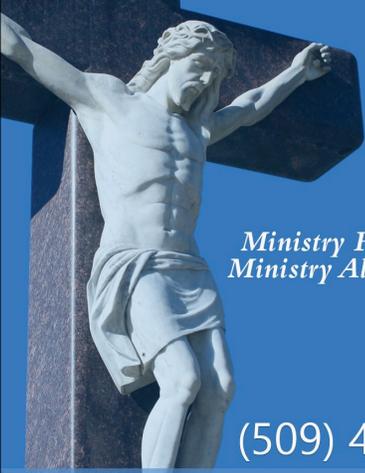
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