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### **SUNDAY LITURGY**

*Closed to the Public*



**Daily Mass**  
Monday through  
Friday

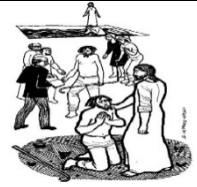
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### **CONFESSION**

*Suspended until  
further notice*

# Saint John Gualbert Cathedral Parish

I am the light of the world,  
says the Lord, whoever follows  
me will have the light of life.



## **All Masses to be said privately by the Priests**

### **Sunday March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Readings: 1 Samuel 16:1b / Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41  
Pauline Pappas (*Family*)  
Joseph Hart III (*Daughter, Mary Alyse Newnam*)  
People of the Parish

### **Monday March 23 Lenten Weekday St Turibius, Bishop**

Readings: Isiah 65:17-21 / John 4: 43-54  
St Anne Society  
Stephen Kuzmiak (*Niece, Nancy*)

### **Tuesday March 24 Lenten Weekday St Oscar Romero, Bishop/Martyr**

Readings: Ezra 47:1-9 / John 5:1-16  
Anna Panchik Anniversary (*Family*)  
Charlene Tarnowsky (*Cha Cha & John Bair*)

### **Wednesday March 25 Annunciation of the Lord**

Readings: Isiah 7:10-14 / Hebrews 10:4-10 / Luke 1:26-38  
Charles Huffman (*Perioperative Team, TX Children Hospital*)  
Carrie Ann McCullough (*Homola Families*)

### **Thursday March 26 Lenten Weekday**

Readings: Exodus 32:7-14 / John 5:31-47  
Living & Deceased Members of 1<sup>st</sup> Catholic Slovak Ladies  
Rose Concannon (*Bill & Terrie Ray*)

### **Friday March 27 Lenten Weekday**

Readings: Wisdom 2:1a / John 7:1-2  
Deacon John Concannon (*Tonette & Dom Furfari*)  
George & Eileen Wehner (*Children*)

### **Saturday March 28 Lenten Weekday BVM**

Readings: Jeremiah 11:18-20 / John 7:40-53  
Elmer "Bud" Miller (*Linda Wilkie*)  
Helen Yuhás (*Betty & Ed Pryor*)

### **Sunday March 29 Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Readings: Ezra 37:12-14 / John 11:1-45  
John McInchok (*Daughter, Nancy & Family*)  
John Kucenski (*Wife, Mary Ann*)  
People of the Parish



**Reflection on the Gospel for The Fourth Sunday of**

**Lent** The healing of the man born blind: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" John 9: 1-41

**The Blame Game** When something goes wrong, when something breaks, when that good plan goes awry, we demand to know: Who did this to us? Who is responsible?

We spend a lot of time and energy, wondering whom to blame for our misfortunes and tragedies.

Unhappy? Blame your parents, your family, the neighbors, the priests and nuns who taught you in school.

Career going nowhere? Blame the new immigrants, the Asians and Hispanics, the "new" woman in the workplace, or the "old" boys' network.

The world going to hades in hand-basket over COVID-19? Blame the political party or the minority or the news organization of your choice. Blame whatever end of the political spectrum you wish — the religious right, the liberal left, the apathetic middle.

Blame the manufacturer, the sales representative, the administration. It is always the fault of the waitress, the printer, the driver, the contractor, the secretary, the delivery service.

We seem to live by the credo: litigation first, solutions second.

There is a strange satisfaction in being able to point our finger at someone, even if it is ourselves. It gives us some sort of explanation and offers us some sort of clarity. There is some sense of security, of control, in being able to answer the question, Who did this to us?

To the question who was to blame for the tragedy of the man born blind, Jesus replies Nobody. He was born blind so that in him, we might see God's works revealed. Jesus does not allow us to solve our own or other's problems through blame. The challenge he poses is to discern during our darkness, the light of God. In Jesus' vision, everything, even the greatest tragedy, can become an occasion in which we can see God's works revealed if we seek resurrection rather than recrimination.

We all suffer pain and tragedy — death, depression, betrayal, rejection, poverty, separation, loss, and now time without the Mass and the reception of the

Eucharist. We seldom have control over them. The challenge to us as followers of Jesus is not to seek someone or something to blame, however, to seek God's presence in those events in order to transform them from Good Friday pain and sorrow into Easter healing and re-birth.

**Archbishop Wilton Gregory** "We look forward to a day when we can merely encounter one another without fear of either spreading or being infected by disease. Pope Francis has emphasized the value of "encountering and accompanying" others on the journey of faith. These days we wait in joyful hope just for the restoration of simple, regular interactions.

This disease will not get the best of us; rather, we implore our merciful God to use it to bring out the best in us. *Catholic Standard*, 3/19/ 2020.

**Entranceways Notice** Cathedral is open Weekdays - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Weekends - 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM for Private Prayer, Observe social distancing. No public Mass or Stations of the Cross. Mary, Health of the Sick, Protect All.

**Pastoral Care** Anointing of the Sick for those in grave danger contact Fr. Jim 934-9605. Individual Confession, please contact the rectory, 536-0117.

**Envelope Offerings, Catholic Ministry Drive Gifts, Mass Stipends** You may mail these or place them in the rectory mail slot.

<b>COLLECTIONS: 3/15/2020</b>	
ENVELOPES	<b>\$ 2,653.50</b>
CASH	532.47
MAINTENANCE	15.00
SECOND COLLECTION	224.25
ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00
BLACK & INDIAN	40.00
EASTER FLOWERS	115.00
CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES	26.00
	<b>\$ 3,616.22</b>
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