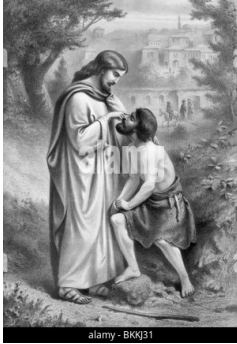


**MARCH 18 & 19, 2023**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



**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.



**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.

**PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY**

Jovany Baez, Justin Mertle, María de la Luz Ramírez,  
Rebeca Sánchez, José Araiza, Jr., Marina González, Alondra Jara,  
Sonia Jara, Matt Mills & Jared Schroeder.



**WHY SHOULD WE GET OUR HOUSES BLESSED?**

Well, our house is where we live our everyday, repetitive lives—it's where we live out our faith. Our faith is something we always have; we don't just switch it on when we're at church and then switch it off at work or at home. Home isn't the place where we kick off our spiritual shoes and relax our soul a bit—it's where most of our spiritual battles are fought, lost, and won.

It's the domestic Church, and it needs spiritual protection.

So, we should bless our house—our little domestic church—because by doing so, we ask God to protect and sanctify it. We invite Him to be present in our home and in our daily lives, helping us win battles and resist temptations.

This powerful home blessing is quite easy to obtain. Simply talk to your parish office about getting your home blessed and arrange a day with your priest for coming over to your house.

**ANNUAL MINISTRY APPEAL 2023**

Thank you to everyone who has responded generously to Annual Ministry Appeal. *One Family in Mission*. The success of the Appeal depends on you. Your gift supports the ministries and services in this diocese from which you and your parish benefit. No gift is too small and every gift is sincerely appreciated. If you have not yet responded to the Appeal, we urge to consider you to offer your commitment now. Envelopes are available, and completed envelopes can be placed in the offertory basket. Gifts to AMA can also be given online at [srdioocese.org](http://srdioocese.org). With every parishioner's participation, we will succeed in reaching our goal of **\$13,543.00**.

**Updating Our Prayer List**

Every so often we need to update our "Please Pray For" list. Please take a look at the names below and if there are names that need to be removed or that you would like to add, please contact the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 or [olgcinfb@gmail.com](mailto:olgcinfb@gmail.com).

***Thank you so much for your help and diligence!***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Antonia Rentería, Angie Gómez, Judy Halren, Rose Cortez, Fidela Jara, Felix Santillán, Martha Sánchez, Gerardo Escobedo, Angie Freitas, Russel Bryant, Derrick Heater, Ann Gallagher, Brianna Lopez, Margaret Milliken, Gina Pivrotto, Nick Quin, Mary Servis, Matty Walker, Ofelia Ybarra.



**SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**

IN ADDITION TO SATURDAYS FROM 4PM – 4:45PM OR BY APPOINTMENT.  
FATHER PACHECO WILL BE IN THE CONFESSORIAL FROM 6PM – 7PM FOR  
THE NEXT 3 TUESDAYS.



EASTER IS COMING UP AND WE WOULD LIKE TO ASK FOR DONATIONS OF PLASTIC EGGS AND CANDY FOR OLG'S YEARLY EASTER EGG HUNT. YOU CAN BRING THEM TO THE PARISH OFFICE. MONDAY – FRIDAY FROM 10AM – 2PM.



We need your generous financial help so Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish now provides “ParishSOFT Giving,” an online giving software! This is a convenient and secure way to make your one-time or recurring donations.

Thanking and blessing you for your kindness.

To get started, you can visit our Parish’s new giving page at [olgcinfb.org](http://olgcinfb.org).

From this link you will be allowed to manage your own account online, set up gifts on a schedule that you choose, and can be set up with a credit card, debit card, checking or savings account! If you have any questions, please, contact the Parish Office at 964-0229.



### KNIGHTS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS' EDUCATIONAL GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR GRADUATING SENIORS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE PARISH OFFICE.

**APPLICANTS MUST COME TO PICK THEM UP. ALSO, THEY MUST BE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH. COMPLETED APPLICATIONS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS POST OFFICE BOX 1641**

**BEFORE APRIL 23, 2023.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, YOU MAY CONTACT STEVE BEEMAN: 707-480-4614.



### The Passion Play

#### Lake County Annual Outdoor Passion Play!

Saturday and Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
4:00 to 6pm in Beautiful Lake County!!!

Visit us at: [www.lakecountypassionplay.org](http://www.lakecountypassionplay.org)

Call: 707-263-0349 or like our Facebook Page  
[www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/](http://www.facebook.com/PassionPlayLakeCo/)

Admission is Free!

New cast members are always welcome!  
If you want to feel the Power of our Lord!  
Come and Experience the Passion Play!



IN THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH, ON THE SOUTHERN WALL IS A BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL TREE. ITS BRIGHT LEAVES REPRESENT PERMANENT MEMORIALS TO THE DEPARTED OF OUR PARISH.

FOR THE SUM OF \$200.00, YOU CAN GIVE TO THE PARISH SECRETARY, THE CORRECT SPELLING AND DATES OF THE DEPARTED AND IN DUE TIME THE LEAF IS PRINTED AND ATTACHED TO THE TREE, AS A PERMANENT REMINDER OF A LOVED ONE WHO IS GONE.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 707-964-0229.

## MASS INTENTIONS MARCH 18 - 24, 2023

Saturday (18)	5:00pm	Fred & Clara White † Thomas Galemba † Clarence & Francis Johnson † & Family James Allan † Nicole Allan (healing)
	6:30pm	Mauricio Escobedo † Carmen & Tarsicio García † James Allan † Nicole Allan (healing) Gerardo Escobedo (healing)
Sunday (19)	8:00am	James Allan † Nicole Allan (healing)
	10:00am	Missa pro populo
Monday (20)	—	NO MASS
Tuesday (21)	12:05pm	Fred White †
Wednesday (22)	12:05pm	Joaquín Sánchez †
Thursday (23)	12:05pm	For the Youth (Church)
Friday (24)	12:05pm	Jim & Rita Young †

### 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]

### WEEKLY COLLECTION

MARCH 11 & 12, 2023...\$1,863.00  
MAINTENANCE FUND...\$794.00

**THIS WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES & CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

**NEXT WEEKEND OUR SECOND COLLECTION WILL BE FOR MAINTENANCE FUND**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT & CHRISTIAN GENEROSITY!!**



DURING LENT, THERE WILL BE STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 12:45PM IN ENGLISH AND 6PM IN SPANISH. (EXCEPT GOOD FRIDAY).

## **Prayer in Time of Sadness and Grief**

O God of compassion,  
your people are in pain.  
Send your Holy Spirit among us  
to dispel the fear that accompanies grief.  
We cry out to you in our confusion;  
comfort us in our affliction.  
Help us to travel this road of grief and sadness  
with our eyes fixed on the salvation  
promised us through the death and resurrection  
of your Son, who is Lord forever and ever.  
Amen.



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HAS **AMAZON SMILE**. WHEN PURCHASING ONLINE, MAKE SURE YOU **"TYPE" AMAZON SMILE.COM** AND **"SELECT" OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CATHOLIC CHURCH A CORPORATION SOLE**. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO OUR CHURCH IN EVERY PURCHASE. **FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE AT 964-0229.**



### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

When a parishioner is homebound or hospitalized and would like Father Pacheco to pay them a visit to receive Holy Communion and/or Anointing of the Sick, please call the Parish Office at 707-964-0229 and after office hours, please call 707-813-4188.



EVERY THURSDAY @ 11:30AM WE HAVE THE EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 12:05PM.