



Assumption Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, Second Scrutiny

March 30, 2025



The Light of the World

May you find Christ here...may you take Christ to the world!

Mass Schedule

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 6:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Monday - Thursday

9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, 10 a.m.

Sunday Reflection: Fourth Sunday of Lent

When Jesus approached the blind man (John 9:1-41) he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. This pool of fresh flowing water was one of the landmarks of the city of Jerusalem. This pool was likely used as a ceremonial bath of purification for people who were going up to the Temple to worship.

What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit (John 7:38). The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Let us pray: Jesus, in your name, the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do.

Readings for Next Sunday,
Fifth Sunday of Lent,
Third Scrutiny
Ezekiel 37:12-14
Romans 8:8-11
John 11:1-45

Saint of the Week... St. Francis of Paola

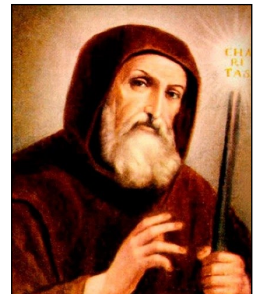
After accompanying his parents on a pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Francis of Paola began to live as a contemplative hermit in a remote cave on Italy's southern seacoast. Before he was 20, he received the first followers who had come to imitate his way of life. Seventeen years later, when his disciples had grown in number, Francis founded the Hermits of St. Francis of Assisi, who were approved by the Holy See in 1474.

In 1492, Francis changed the name of his community to "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (*minimi*) in the household of God. Humility was to be the hallmark of the brothers as it had been in Francis' personal life. Besides the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, Francis enjoined upon his followers the fourth obligation of a perpetual Lenten fast.

It was Francis's desire to be a contemplative hermit, yet he believed that God was calling him to the apostolic life. He began to use his gifts to minister to the people of God. A defender of the poor and oppressed, Francis incurred the wrath of King Ferdinand of Naples for the admonitions he directed toward the king and his sons.

At the request of Pope Sixtus IV, Francis traveled to Paris to help Louis XI of France prepare for his death. While ministering to the king, Francis was able to influence the course of national politics. Francis died in 1507 at the age of 91 while at the French court. He is the patron saint of sailors because many of the miracles attributed to him were related to the sea.

Source: franciscanmedia.org



Feast Day: April 2

 Brian Alt, Tina Blank, Jennifer Boling, Leslie Bosley, Angela Bowers, Mickey Brooks, Darlene "Bitsy" Brown, Sue Burns, Raymond Clark, Hailey Claire, Linda Davis-Kyle, Gloria DeMasi, Palma Devic, Marion Dorsey, Cam Duncan, Dave & Jean Dunn, Bill Fazzalore*, Scott Furey, Marilyn George, Barbara Gratto, Sue Greco, Donna Hanlin, Shawn Harbaugh, Shawn Hartman, Kathy Jenkins, Sarah Jones, Margie Keister, Sueann Keller-Schwille, Joanne Knott*, Jeffrey Labonte, Pam Launi, Bill Lupis, Lance Lupis, Angelo Luvara, Betty McAvoy, Steve Miner, Paul & Connie Murray, Wanda & Randy Nairn, Debbie Pappas, Cathy Pardee, Crystal Pollet, Susie Radcliffe, Katherine Revell, Carla Riggelman, Jeff Roth, Margie Roy, Helen Shallis, Sparrow Shannon, Esther Shockey, Fran Sommers, Barbara Stanislawczyk, Melissa Stanislawczyk, John Stephen Jr., Bill Stine, Patsy Summers, Stefanie Swanger, Maleigha Taylor, Courtney Whiteman.

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Thank you to Cecelia, Charlotte and Isla Delilo who assisted with the Stations of the Cross last week! If any other young people of

our parish would like to participate, please contact Rosie Landis at 304-790-4406.

Join us every Friday during Lent for Mass at 6 p.m. followed by the Stations which will be led this week by members of the Knights of Columbus.



The Fourth Sunday of Lent marks the midpoint of the season and is known as Laetare Sunday. Laetare (pronounced lay-TAH-ray) is Latin and means "rejoice."

Laetare Sunday provides us encouragement as we progress toward the end of Lent. Today is a small break from the penitential season that reminds us of the joy and hope ahead at Easter.



Easter Flower Offering

The annual Easter Flower collection is underway. Please be sure to include on the envelope who your donation is in memory of (a list will be included in the Easter bulletin). Names can be accepted through April 13.

Did You Know?

The white lily represents purity, hope, renewal and spring. In Christian tradition, it is associated with the Virgin Mary and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Angel Gabriel presented Mary with a white lily at the Annunciation, which is depicted in our stained glass window just outside the Sacristy.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, March 29	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	Doug & Jane Placka
		Soul of Gina DeMasi.....	Her loving family
		Intentions of Bill Lupis	J & S
Sunday, March 30	8:30 am	Soul of Doris Tetric.....	Friends and neighbors
		Souls of Tom & Thelma O'Connor	Assumption Parish
Monday, March 31	No Mass		
Tuesday, April 1	No Mass		
Wednesday, April 2	5:00 pm	Soul of Richard Gibson.....	Kathleen Gibson
		The Alt, Cobb & Kuh families.....	Dean & Kathy Alt
Thursday, April 3	12:00 pm	Souls of Bill & Helen Semenuk	Cathy Pardee
		Intentions of Sue Harber	Trina Melody
Friday, April 4	6:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Travis & Barrick families.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Saturday, April 5	4:00 pm	Soul of Fred Selders.....	The House & Trezise families
		Souls of Maureene, Elizabeth & James Lupis.....	Bill Lupis
		Intentions of Cathy Pardee	J & S
Sunday, April 6	8:30 am	Soul of Karen Patterson	Dave Dunn
		Intentions of Linda Marsh	Margaret McGee

Join us to pray the Rosary 30 minutes prior to each weekday Mass.

Last Week for Food Drive

The food drive sponsored by our Confirmation candidates will conclude next Sunday, April 6. All donations can be left in the Vestibule or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they begin their sacramental preparation: Micah Alt, Jude Barrick, Maddox Cameron, Hayden Costello, Pippa Dolechek, Alex Mangold, Tess Maybury, Tucker Newlin, Brant Pritts, Aleah Smith, Reed Starcher. Their catechists are Kelley Kuhn and Joe Maybury.

Your Faithful Stewardship

March 22-23, 2025

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$2,110
Loose Donations.....	\$131
Poor Box.....	\$226
Votive Candles.....	\$101
Easter Flowers.....	\$5
Total	\$2,573

Diocesan Collection

Diocesan Priests' Retirement.....	\$768
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Attendance

Saturday, 3/22.....	85
Sunday, 3/23	91
Total	176

I AM THE
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
 WHOEVER FOLLOWS ME,
 WILL NEVER WALK IN
DARKNESS
 BUT WILL
 HAVE THE
Light Of Life

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, April 5

Lector: Cathy Pardee
 Servers: Martin & Micah Alt and Lucas Dupuis
 EM: TBD, Mary Wagoner (c), Alan Taylor (c)
 Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman
 Cantor: Julie Alt

Sunday, April 6

Lector: TBD
 Servers: Jeff & Remy Kuhn
 EM: Pam Williams, Beverley Iser (c), Jane Placka (c)
 Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka
 Cantor: Linda Marsh

Saturday, April 12

Lector: Alan Taylor
 Servers: Tucker Newlin & Jude Barrick
 EM: Cathy Pardee, Sue Harber (c), Jean Harber (c)
 Greeters: Bob & Karen Yowler
 Cantor: TBD

Sunday, April 13

Lector: Derek Stephen
 Servers: Abby DelSignore, Pippa Dolechek & Lucas Dupuis
 EM: Kelley Kuhn, Charlotte Delilo (c), Mike Landis (c)
 Greeters: Tony & Marie DelSignore
 Cantor: TBD

Keyser Healthcare Center EM

April 3 Joanne Stickleby
 April 10 Meredythe Barrick



Camp Carlo 2025

June 29 - July 5
 July 6 - July 12
 July 13 - July 19
 July 20 - July 26

Register online at campcarlovw.org

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