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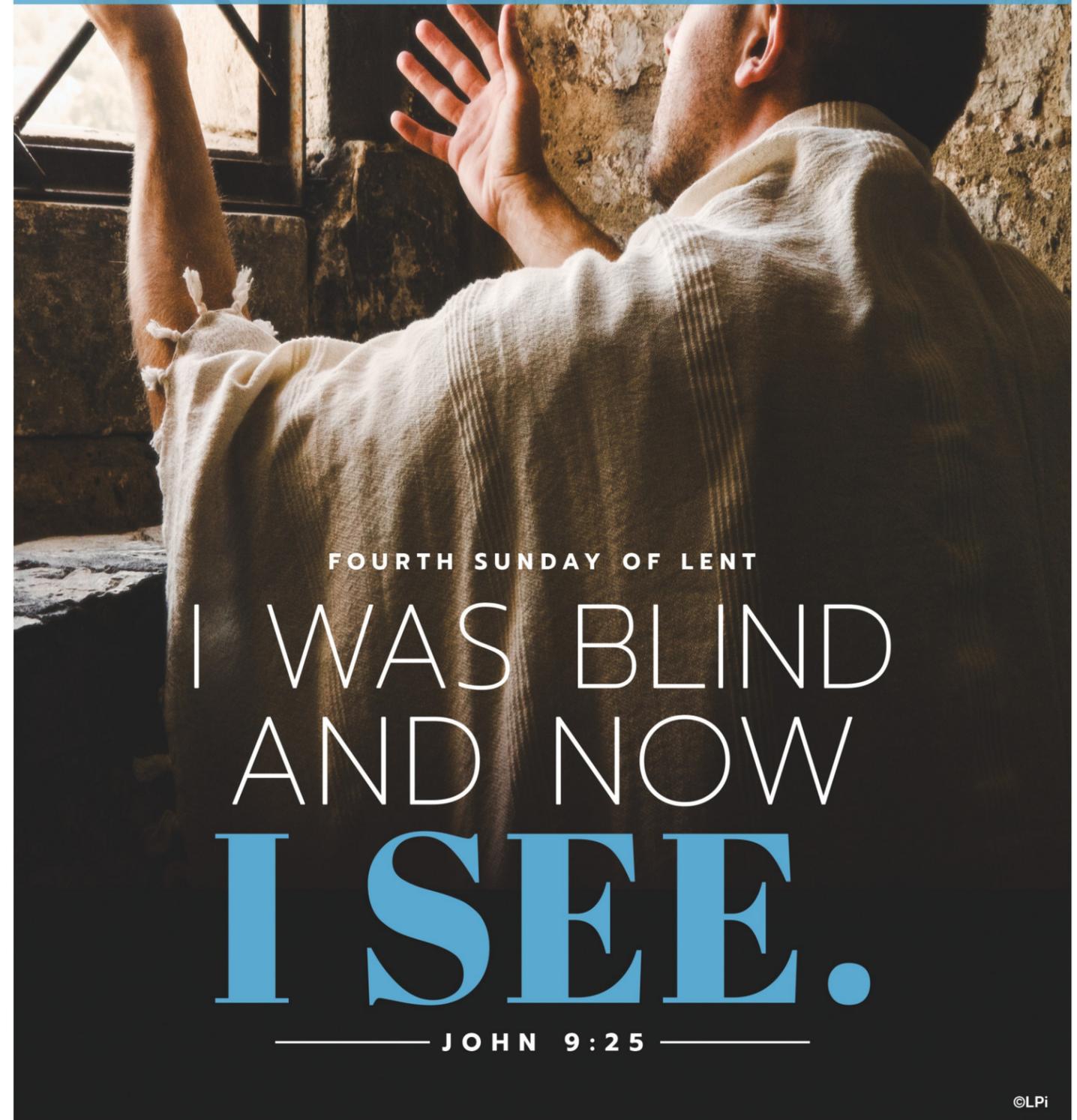
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SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I WAS BLIND
AND NOW
ISEE.

JOHN 9:25

St Ann's Parish & Its Missions

Our Mission Statement

As a Roman Catholic Church in the Diocese of Tucson, our mission is to spread the word of God. Our mission is to promote peace, love and unity to all the people of our community. The doors of Saint Ann's Parish and Its Missions are open to all who wish to enter.

Pastor

Rev. Joseph Esson

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9:00 to 2:00 p.m.
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Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation

Please contact the parish office



St . Ann's Parish

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday's at 9:00 a.m.

Assumption Chapel

Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

St Ferdinand's

Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday at
9:00 a.m.

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

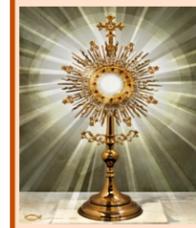
Communion Antiphon

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in God.

Prayer after Communion

○ God, who enlighten everyone who comes into this world, illuminate our hearts, we pray, with the splendor of your grace, that we may always ponder what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and love you in all sincerity. Through Christ our Lord.

Announcements/Events from St Ann's & Dioceses



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament St. Ann's Parish

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month from **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

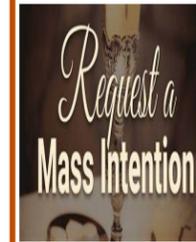
All are welcome to come and spend time in prayer before the Lord.

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Mass Intentions



The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and meaningful part of our Catholic tradition. Continuing this long-standing practice, you may remember someone who has died—whether recently or many years ago. Mass intentions are not only for the deceased. They also make thoughtful and prayerful gifts for special occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries, or in thanksgiving for prayers answered.

To request a Mass intention, please call or visit the parish office. **Mass intentions are \$10.00 each.**

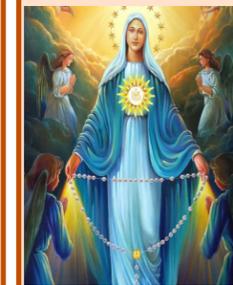
All Mass intentions must be submitted **at least one week prior to the Mass date** in order to be listed in the bulletin.

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Safe Environment

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable. If the abuse happened in the Diocese of Tucson, call the victim Assistance Program of the Diocese of Tucson at 520-623-0344 (1-800-234-0344) and/or the Office of Child, Adolescent and Adult Protection of the Diocese at 520-838-2513
<https://diocesetucson.org/reportabuse>



First Saturday Devotion – Mass & Rosary Saturday, No Mass the month of April & May (and every First Saturday of each month)

Mass and Rosary will be celebrated at **9:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church.**

Please come and join us for this special time of prayer offered in reparation and to grow closer to Jesus and His Blessed Mother.

Our Lady requested the **Five First Saturdays Devotion** at Fatima, and by responding to her call, many blessings are obtained for ourselves, our families, our country, and the whole world.

Important Reminder



Once you have received the host in your hand, Please **do not** step to the side and then consume it. You **must** consume the host **in front** of the Eucharistic Minister before heading back to your seat.



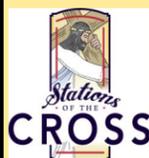
Parish Collection

March 7 & 8

Collection of \$1750.00

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Lenten & Easter Schedule



Stations of the Cross
Every Friday at 5:PM St Ann's



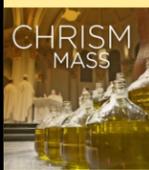
Adoration
Thursday 19th
5:PM



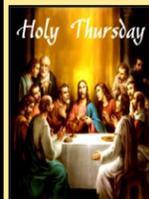
Penance Service
Wednesday, March 26
5PM



Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026



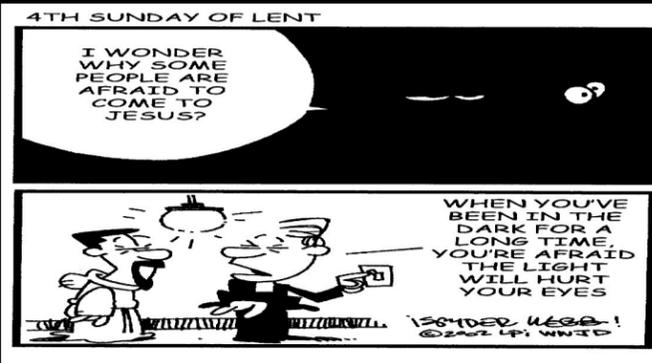
Chrism Mass March 30th
St Augustin Church
3:PM, March



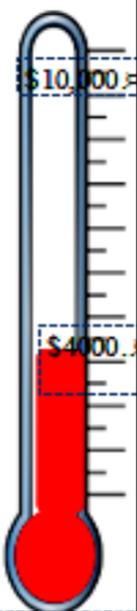
Holy Thursday /Washing of Feet
Will need 12 people
April 2nd
Mass 6:PM
Adoration: after mass



Friday the Passion
Station of the Cross 10:AM
Exultation of the Cross 5PM



GOAL!



144 Envelope Fundraiser Update – Thank You for Your Support!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all of our parishioners for their generous support of the **144 Envelope Fundraiser**. Through your kindness and generosity, we have already raised **\$4,000** toward our **\$10,000** goal.

We are truly grateful for your continued support as we work together to reach this goal. Every envelope and every contribution makes a difference and helps support the needs of our parish.

If you have not yet participated, there is still time! Envelopes are available at the back of the church. Simply choose an envelope with the number you wish to donate and return it with your gift.

Let's keep the momentum going! With everyone's help, we can reach our goal and continue strengthening our parish community.

Thank you for being such a blessing to **St. Ann's Parish**.



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Venerable Eusebio Francisco Kino, S.J.
August 10, 1645 - March 15, 1711
PRAYER FOR THE CANONIZATION OF PADRE KINO
Almighty and merciful Father, Lord of the Nations, You inspired your servant Eusebio Francisco Kino with a love for the people of the Americas, and filled him with selfless zeal for the Gospel.

Your love for the desert peoples of the Americas came to life in him, forming him into a bridge-builder between peoples and cultures — a prophet to justice in service of their lives and their dignity.

We thank You for the celestial favors bestowed upon him in his lifetime of service and evangelization. Inspired by his example, we ask that You open our hearts to continue his legacy of peace-making and of loving service.

With hope in his intercession before Your heavenly throne, we beg You to grant the petitions we now bring before You (mention your petition).

Also, if it be in accord with Your will, we ask, too, that the holiness of his life may result in a declaration of sainthood so that his example might inspire peace, understanding, and justice among all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, for the greater glory of Your Name. Amen.

Today, is the 315th anniversary of the death of Father Kino. He and his fellow Jesuits were faithful missionaries in the Pimeria Alta, what is now southern Arizona and northern Sonora. In his proclamation of the Gospel, he is believed to have traveled roughly 50,000 miles on horseback from Quiburi to Yuma, from Sonoita to San Andres. He founded 21 missions during his 24+ years of service here. Please offer the prayer printed above, that Father Kino is canonized. Thank you.

Yours truly in the Sacred Heart,
Father Pat

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. (1 Sm 16:13)

Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." (Eph 5:14)

Gospel:

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" — which means Sent — . So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

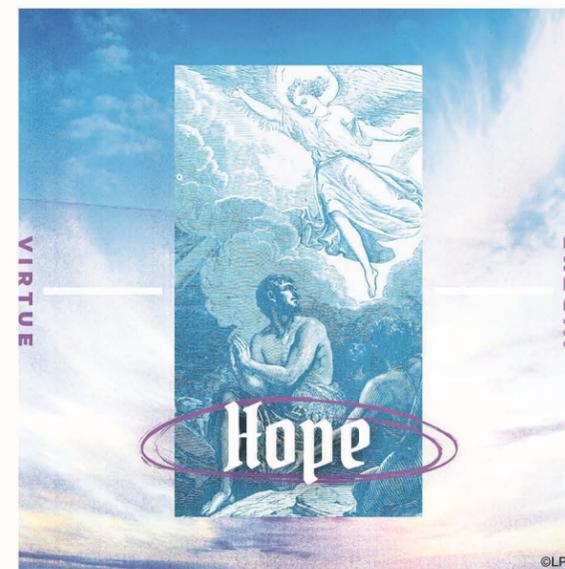
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Pharisees refused to see what was in front of them. Their blindness was stronger than that of the man born without sight, because it was a blindness they chose for themselves. So what will it be for us? Do we choose blindness, or do we choose sight?

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

- Sunday:** 4th Sunday of Lent
- Tuesday:** St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
- Wednesday:** St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
- Thursday:** St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Next Sunday:** 5th Sunday of Lent



Virtues, Explained!

Christian hope "is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness" (CCC 1817), even as we recognize that our own strength and merit can never achieve this. Hope, simply, is remembering that God keeps His promises.

Blessing to See

Bless us, Lord, to see as You see. Remind us that heartbeats and hopes can outshine outward show. That quiet witness can overcome violence and darkness. That Your Light can break like the dawn. Amen.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? In his touch? We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

Sent

I don't know about you. But if I was a blind person sitting by the side of the road, minding my own business, and a stranger came along and rubbed spit-mud in my eye, I'm just salty enough that I would ignore his words out of spite.

Even though he was, admittedly, super-nice about the whole thing.

Obviously I would wash the mud out, because ... spit. But I wouldn't go to the Pool of Siloam. I would go to a pool on the *whole other side of town*, just to be contrary. I would make frustrated, grossed-out noises while I splashed water on my eyes: "Ugh! I can't believe this! People are the worst!" I would feel satisfied that I wasn't tricked or conned or taken advantage of.

And I would stay blind the rest of my life.

When Jesus performs a miracle in the Gospel, we sometimes think of it like a fireworks show. Something people point at — "Ooh! Aah!" — and move on from. But a miracle of Jesus is not a party trick. It is a commissioning.

And each of us, in our own way, has the choice of accepting it or not.

Nowhere in the Gospel story does it say that Jesus promised the man sight if he washed in the pool. I wonder what it was that made the blind man feel he could trust Jesus. Was it something in his voice? Was it something in his touch? Was it the humanity with which he spoke of the blind man to his disciples — a gentleness missing from most other interactions of his life?

We'll never know. But we do know this: the blind man's sight wasn't restored until he made a decision. A decision to be sent.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Why do we do that? Catholic Life Explained

Question:

The Bible talks a lot about "testifying" or "giving testimony" to our faith. That makes me think of a courtroom. What does testifying to faith look like in everyday life?

Answer:

The courtroom image isn't too far off for some Christians. The Church has often been persecuted, and it was especially intense in the early days of the Church, when Acts and the various epistles were being written. For persecuted Christians, it did mean attesting publicly to their faith in Jesus Christ, sometimes before harsh judges. To testify is to bear witness, and this is something we are all called to do.

The call of Jesus is, first and foremost, a call to conversion of life. It is a repentance from sin, a casting off of old ways of seeing and moving in the world. The Christian life is one of transformation, becoming more and more like our God of love. In one sense, to testify to faith should happen naturally as we live like Jesus did. Our lives should bear witness in the respect we accord to others and the uncompromising dignity we honor in them. We bear witness in our gratitude, in our joy, in our hope in God's power and grace. This is where we start! Sometimes others might inquire, as St. Peter puts it, as to "a reason for your hope." Now you're on the stand! It's time to offer, "with gentleness and reverence," the Good News of the Gospel (c.f. 1 Peter 3:15-16).

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/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:

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday:

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday:

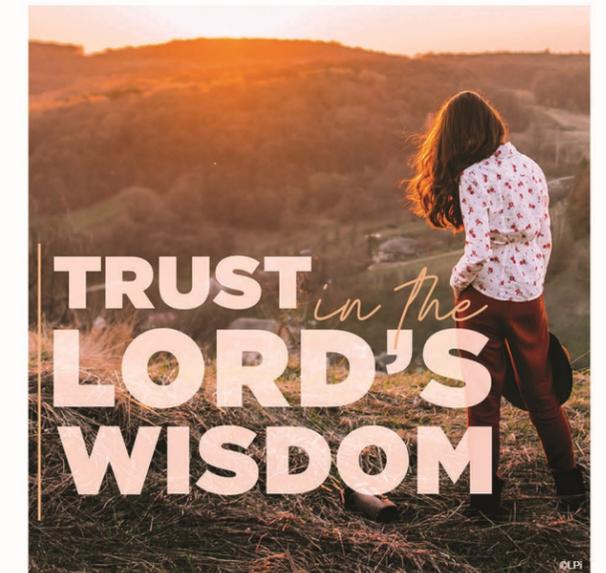
Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday:

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



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Gospel Meditation Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir