

MASS SCHEDULE
WEEK OF MARCH 15th, 2026

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2026

4:30 P.M. Paul Amyot

Judith Russaouën

SUNDAY MARCH 15th, 2026-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9 :00 A.M. All Parishioners

11 :00A.M. Hélène Latraverse

The Sharp Family

MONDAY, MARCH 16th, 2026

TUESDAY, MARCH 17th, 2026

7:00 P.M. Audrey & Nicky Folco

Ernest Folco

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2026

9:15 A.M. All Parishioners

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 2026-ST.JOSEPH

9:00 A.M. Florence Hessen

Doug & Annick

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2026

9:00 A.M. All Parishioners

SATURDAY, MARCH 21st , 2026

4:30 P.M. Leona Lacoste

The Family

SUNDAY MARCH 22nd , 2026-FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9 :00 A.M. All Parishioners

11 :00A.M. William McLennon

Paul & Raymonde

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICES

St. Veronica's: Tuesday March 24th: 7pm

St. John Fisher: Thursday, March 26th: 7-8 PM

St. Edmund's: Saturday, March 28th: 10:00-11:30 AM



“Seeing ourselves ... as God sees us.”

How do we see ourselves? How do we see God? And most importantly, how does God see us? *“The Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.”* (1 Sam. 16) In these words from today’s first reading, we are invited to learn to see as God sees. And that means not remaining content with outward appearances, but asking Jesus, the true light of the world, to “open the eyes of our hearts,” to give us the gift of a vision that pierces the surface and goes to the heart of the matter.

We also hear today the powerful story of the healing encounter between Jesus and a man born blind. His one desire: **“Open my eyes, Lord: help me to see your face. Help me to see!”** We all need to have our eyes opened. Lent is given to us each year so that we might see our reality with new eyes, new vision, a new perspective. And part of that perspective is the insight that all is gift. Every aspect of my life – yes, even the struggles and difficulties – is part of the way that God is present to me, pouring his life into me. Yet sometimes, there are realities that we do not want to face. Fear, shame, complacency, resistance to conversion – all of these can make us reluctant to embrace the shift required to look upon ourselves as God sees us – and to see others as God sees them.

As I hear this Gospel, with whom do I spontaneously identify? Am I the blind man: conscious of my defects, trusting in God’s power to heal that which is incomplete and broken in me, recognizing Jesus as my healer, Lord and Saviour? Can I relate to the blind man in his experience of feeling labeled by society, misunderstood by his family, unwelcome in his religious community? Or is there a bit of the Pharisee in me: stubborn, reluctant to allow God to work outside the predetermined boxes that reflect **my** view of the world?

Wherever we find ourselves, we all stand in need of conversion, of healing, of renewed vision. We need this personally; we need to do it communally. There are many ways we might consider in response to this invitation. A day of fasting, prayer, and spiritual reading? Celebrating the sacrament of reconciliation? A visit to a sick relative or a lonely neighbor? A sacrificial gift in support of the work of the parish, or the Development and Peace Lenten campaign? Whatever we choose, let us ask Jesus to “open the eyes of our hearts,” to see as he sees.

Reflection on John 9 :1-41

John 9 :1-41, the healing of the man born blind, highlights the contrast between physical blindness and spiritual sight, showing how Jesus acts as light in a dark world. It teaches that suffering is an opportunity for God's works to be revealed, rather than a punishment for sin, challenging religious legalism.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT: There is a First Communion Retreat on Saturday, March 21st at 2:30 for all Level Two students **and** their parents. This retreat is an important part of the students' First Communion preparation and must be attended in its entirety.



GOOD FRIDAY PASSION PLAY: The Youth of St-Veronica in collaboration with the Family Choir invite you to the Passion Play on Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 in the Parish. The Passion Play combines shadow acting, singing and liturgical dancing. Please join us for this night of reflection, music and prayer celebrating God's ultimate gift for us – His one and only Son

OLD PALMS : If you have any old Palms, please bring them in and give them to one of the ushers. We use them for the Easter Vigil

St. Veronica's CWL Council will be hosting a **Poverty Meal** (soup and bread) in the church hall on Tuesday, March 24th, between 5:00-7:00 pm. Contributions will be donated to Development & Peace. All are welcome.

