

March 15th, 2026: 4th Sunday of Lent

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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TICKETS - WORK OF ART DRAW:

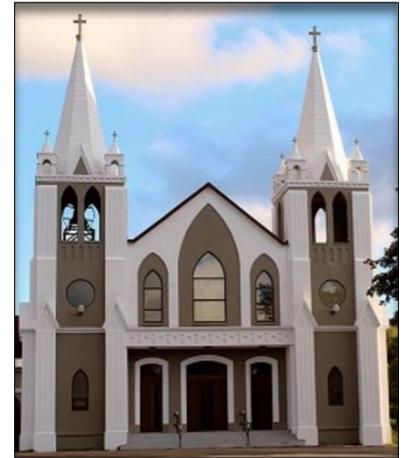
We are selling tickets on an original painting by Anna House (value \$300). Ticket **cost is \$1.00** each and we have a total of 2000 tickets. Other members of the parish will start selling tickets in April however if you would like tickets before then, please **contact the office**.

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Sacred Heart Parish

A Stewardship Parish in Union with Christ



Parish Information

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Diocesan website: rcchurch.com

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:30 pm, Sunday 11 am.

Weekday Mass:

Tuesday to Friday 10:00a.m.

BAD WEATHER – please call the office to verify if mass is cancelled & office closed.

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First Friday of each month at 2pm.

Bible Study:

To be determined at a later date.

Holy Hour of Adoration:

Postponed until further notice.

Reconciliation:

Before Mass or by request.

Marriages:

Six months' notice required. A year's notice is recommended.

Baptisms:

Please call the Parish Office to schedule preparation session.

Family Connections:

At www.rcchurch.com you will find a link to family connections.

St. Vincent de Paul:

To assist those in need. Call 709-638-9010.

RECEIVED WITH THANKS

Mar. 7 - 8, 2026

Regular Sunday	1977.00
Loose Offering	107.00
Parish Dues	140.00
Envelope Cost Contribution	40.00
Building Fund	95.00
Indian. Res. School Fund	5.00
Lenten Folders	145.00
Votive Candles	39.00
Sunday Missals	16.00
Living with Christ	5.00
Mass Stipends	20.00
Catholic Missions in Canada	20.00
Good Friday	5.00
Saint Vincent de Paul	10.00
St. Anne's Oil	5.00

MASS INTENTIONS

March 17 – 22, 2026

Mar. 17 – Tues.	The Late Mary King The Late Pierce P. Brake
Mar. 18 – Wed.	The Late Bernadette & Anthony George
Mar. 19 - Thurs.	The Late Marcella Murphy
Mar. 20 – Fri.	The Late Maureen O’Rielly
Mar. 22 – Sun.	Special Intentions: Anna House

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Mar. 21 – Saturday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Joan Penney	Don Gallant

Mar. 22 – Sunday

Reader	Eucharistic Minister
Mike Leonard	Marie Pennell

Communion to the Sick: Barbara Neville

COR EXPERIENCE DURING LENT:

The Knights have scheduled a COR experience, which will now be held on **Wednesday evenings** (not Thursday) during **Lent** at **Holy Redeemer Cathedral, 7-8pm**, with refreshments being served.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday after morning mass we will be having The Stations of the Cross. This will continue every Friday after morning mass up to and including Good Friday.

CHRISM MASS/REFLECTION & STUDY DAY:

Before Mass there will be the following:

Study Day - Tuesday, March 24

- at All Hallows Church Hall – Start 9am.

Day of Reflection – Wednesday, March 25

- at All Hallows Church Hall – Start 9am.

Morning Mass is on Tuesday, March 24 and

morning Prayer on Wednesday, March 25.

Tuesday will end at 3pm, Wednesday will end

with lunch at noon.

Chrism Mass - Wednesday, March 25· 2026

- 7pm Holy Redeemer Cathedral.

MARCH BINGO:

Our next bingo will be on **March 29th, 2026**

at Sacred Heart Elementary School. Doors

open at 1pm and bingo starts at 2pm. All are

welcome. Remember this is a Scent Free

area.

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April**

14th, 2026 at **6:30pm** in church meeting

room.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

The next parish council meeting will be

Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 at 6:30pm in the

church meeting room.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

On **Holy Thursday April 2nd**, volunteers are

needed for foot washing.

CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE, N.S:

Youth Event in Halifax, N.S., from **July 10th**

to July 12th. The **fee to attend is \$250/youth**

and only includes: registration fee, meals, &

accommodations at the conference. All other

items to be paid by yourself.

Deadline to register - **March 20th, 2026.**

Please contact the parish office if your youth

wishes to attend at 709-785-5025 or

curlingparishing@hotmail.com

DEVELOPMENT & PEACE:

On Track for Justice – from father to daughter

Lives in the village of Piquiá de Baixo in Brazil

began being disrupted in the 1980s, with the

arrival of several polluting industries in their

backyard. The villagers formed an association to

defend their rights. Flavia’s father started the

fight, and she picked up the torch.

Last year, after a 20-year struggle, 312

families affected by industrial pollution moved

to the new, cleaner, safer village of Piquiá da

Conquista. The support of Development and

Peace — Caritas Canada’s partner, *Justiça nos*

Trilhos (JnT), made this relocation possible for

1,300 people.

Learn more about JnT’s in our Mini-magazine

and meet Flavia and her daughter Aylla by

watching their testimonies at **devp.org/lent**.

MASS SCHEDULE – Holy Week

Holy Thursday – April 2nd, 2026

– **Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper**

4:30 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

7:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

Good Friday – April 3rd, 2026

– **Celebration of the Lord’s Passion**

10:30 a.m. – Stations of the Cross

– Sacred Heart Parish

3:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

5:00 p.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea

Holy Saturday – April 4th, 2026

– **Easter Vigil – The Lord’s Resurrection**

9:00 p.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

Easter Sunday – April 5th, 2026

– **The Lord’s Resurrection**

9:30 a.m. – Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish

11:00 a.m. – Sacred Heart Parish

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK:

Holy Thursday – April 2nd, 2026

Reader: Jacqueline Neville

Good Friday – April 3rd, 2026

Reader: John Carroll

The Passion: Sherri Lynn Brake

Veronica Stone

Holy Saturday – April 4th, 2026

1st Reading: Art Hall

3rd Reading: Mike Leonard

5th Reading: Victor Murphy

7th Reading: Calvin Gillis

Epistle: Eileen Moore