



**FOURTH
SUNDAY OF
LENT**

In today's gospel, Jesus met and cured a man born blind. If I am going to ask you, how many blind men are in our gospel today, I am sure that your answer would be one because there is only one identified

blind person. But I would rather say that it is more than one if we go deeper with our reflection. I think there are four of them. The first group of blinds is the apostles. They are blind because they asked Jesus: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind? Instead of asking the most important question: How can we help this blind man? The Jewish people believed that sickness and even more would be a punishment for the sins of the parents. Jesus rejects both opinions. It is the same with us. We are surrounded with so many injustices, poverty, exploitation and even suppression but we just say: "They are poor because they are lazy."

The second group of blinds is his parents, relatives and neighbors. Even though they witnessed that it was Jesus who cured the blind man, they refused to say it. It is because of their fear of being expelled from the synagogue by the Pharisees. They are afraid to say that this man was cured by Jesus Himself whom this blind man considered as the prophet. They are like those Catholics who don't have backbones. Their personal interests, cowardice and fear blind them.

The third group of blinds is the Pharisees. They refuse to acknowledge that Jesus had performed the miracle of restoring sight to the blind man. They suspended their belief because of their prejudices and biases against Him. Instead, they call Jesus a sinner because He violated the law of the Sabbath. So, they are blind to the truth already in their eyes.

The fourth blind is the blind man himself who was cured by Jesus because of his faith and trust in Him. Though he was blind physically, he could see with his heart. The other three could see with their eyes but not with their hearts as fear, cowardice, prejudices, biases and their own selfish interests blinded them.

If we are these four types of blind, we can have two different kinds of blindness: physical blindness as represented by the blind man himself and spiritual blindness as represented by the other three groups. Spiritual blindness could be that we could not see with our own hearts. Lenten season is a season of light that one can cure his/her blindness through this season. I don't see any blind person here, but I am sure you are blind like the apostles, Pharisees, relatives, parents and neighbors of blind man who was cured. If you are, then, recognize and ask the Lord: "Lord, I want to see." (Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.)

**Mass  for the
Intentions  Week**

Monday, March 16 9:00 a.m.

Helen Osmena	req Leilani
In memory of Marcia Marcaccio	req Donna Marcaccio
Souls of Jose Pascua, Sr. family and relatives	req Lolita Pascua
Lisa and Kenneth Man	req Irene and Antony Man
Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan

Tuesday, March 17 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of Leilani Yotingco	req Rod Yotingco
Thanksgiving	req Rebecca Ramos
Healing of Helena	req Anne McInnis
Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan

Wednesday, March 18 9:00 a.m.

Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan
All souls in purgatory	req Benilda Fajardo
Mabel Marques	req John, Charlotte and Christabelle
Birthday blessings for Angelita Agbing	req Angelita

Thursday, March 19 7:00 p.m.

NO MORNING MASS

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

HEALING MASS



6:00 pm: ADORATION
7:00 pm: HEALING MASS
AND ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL

Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan
Thanksgiving to St. Joseph	req Mathew family
Healing for Enrique Evangelista	req Angelita Agbing
Thanksgiving	req Marques family

Friday, March 20 9:00 a.m.

Birthday blessings for Jose Manuel	req Loena Roy
Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan
In memory of George Cochren	req Jackie Sherk
Birthday blessings for Jadan Ascencio	req Teresa Tan

Saturday, March 21 5:00 p.m.

Safe travel and blessings	req Tessie and Lorenzo Abugan
For the intentions of Irene and Antony Man	
All souls living and dead	req Rebecca Ramos
Intentions of Richard Raganit	req Anne McInnis
Birthday blessings for Alia Alonzo	req Teresa Tan

Sunday, March 22 10:00 a.m.

For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

"Be reconciled to God for now is the acceptable time."



**PARISH
SUPPORT**

Mar 7/8, 2026

Sunday Offering \$ 1,712.00
Loose Offering 279.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to
St. Charles Garnier Parish.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**AFTER EVERY MASS
DURING LENT**



“WE ADORE YOU O CHRIST
AND WE BLESS YOU,
BECAUSE BY THE HOLY
CROSS YOU HAVE
REDEEMED THE WORLD.”

FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH

HEALING MASS

THURSDAY, 19TH OF MARCH 2026

**6:00 pm: ADORATION
7:00 pm: HEALING MASS AND
+ ANOINTING WITH HOLY OIL**

(Remembrance of the Just will last forever.... Prov. 10:7)

PLEASE JOIN US WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS



EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to appeal for donations towards the purchase of flowers to decorate our Church during Easter. Envelopes are available at the Church entrance for this purpose. Thank you in advance for your generous contribution. May your kindness be replenished abundantly.

JUBILEE YEAR OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

From Jan. 10, 2026, to Jan. 10, 2027, the Church marks a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis of Assisi on the 800th anniversary of his death. During this year, the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by fulfilling the usual conditions (confession, Communion, prayer for the Holy Father, detachment from sin) and engaging in acts inspired by the Franciscan spirit, such as pilgrimage, prayer, works of charity, and humble service.

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Holy Mass Saturday March 28: 5:00 p.m.

Holy Mass Sunday March 29: 10:00 a.m.

**APRIL 2ND
HOLY THURSDAY**

***HOLY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
7: 00 p.m.***

***ADORATION AFTER THE HOLY MASS
UP TO 9:00 p.m.***

APRIL 3RD, GOOD FRIDAY
Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 p.m.

APRIL 4TH HOLY SATURDAY
Easter Vigil Mass of Resurrection 8:00 pm

APRIL 5TH EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday Mass: 10:00 am

***(PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO MORNING MASS ON
APRIL 2nd, 3rd, & 4th)***

SHARE LENT COLLECTION

The Share Lent collection, taken up as part of our Lenten Almsgiving, will take place on the Fifth Sunday of Lent, **March 22, 2026**. Let's strive to do well this year. Let us feed, house and give medical aid to God's poor. Thank you very much for your generosity.

PARISH LENTEN RETREAT 2026

Saturday, March 28, 2026

“As the deer longs for streams of water, so my soul longs for you, O God.” (Ps. 42:1)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, as we are entering Holy Week, take time to pause, pray, and renew your heart. Our parish warmly invites you to join us for a Lenten Retreat — a special opportunity to encounter God's mercy and grow closer to Christ as we prepare for Easter. Come and be refreshed in faith, strengthened in hope, and renewed in love.

Holy Mass and Lenten Message: 10:00 a.m.
Examination of Conscience & Adoration: 11:00 a.m.
Confession: 11: 30 to 3 :00 p.m.

“Return to me with all your heart.” (Joel 2:12)

All are welcome. Please invite family and friends to join this time of grace.