

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Lent

MARCH 26, 2017

*I was blind  
and now I see.*

*John 9:25*

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the church. It was simply a way of reassuring bishops who were nervous about safeguarding the Eucharist. The dove solution caught on in England and France after Crusaders came in contact with the custom in their travels in the Orthodox East.

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**CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT**

The future king, David, in today's first reading, is an example of a type of character present throughout the Hebrew scriptures. He is the child born out of place (not the eldest or most favored) who ends up receiving the promise of the covenant. The spirit of God's anointing rushes upon him. In this way, he is similar to the man born blind from today's Gospel. David's family and the blind man's community did not expect the miraculous grace of God's love to work through them. Perhaps they, too, were "blinded" by the expectations and assumptions of those around them. Yet, after being touched by God, they both came to "see" the presence of God's will for them. Both became messengers of God's will. That same Spirit of God's anointing rushed upon us at our baptism; we were given a candle as a sign of our membership in the Body of Christ, the Light from Light. Our vocation, then, is to fulfill that enlightenment, that anointing, as Ephesians tells us, by living as "children of the light."

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The church slowly developed customs of reserving some portion of the eucharistic sacrifice for the sake of the dying. Today's custom of placing this portion in a tabernacle for prayer and adoration by the faithful cannot be traced back much beyond the year 1,000, much to almost everyone's surprise. There is simply no historical evidence of the Blessed Sacrament being present in a church for the purpose of having the faithful visit it or pray before it earlier in the church's history. People did visit, of course, but the center of their attention was the altar, symbol of Christ's sacrifice and the touchpoint between heaven and earth. Shrines and devotional altars abounded in medieval churches, but anything we might describe as a Blessed Sacrament chapel would be hard to find.

Amazingly, the Eucharist was first kept in private houses for the purpose of Holy Communion at home. As for church, the custom gradually developed of suspending a vessel shaped like a dove somewhere in the church, often over the altar. In the hovering bird, a few hosts, enough to satisfy the pastoral needs of the dying, would be secreted. The priest would lower the dove on a pulley as needed, but it wasn't a focus of devotion by visitors to



**came  
so that those who  
do not see might see**

**MASSES CELEBRATED  
DURING THE WEEK  
ARE HELD  
IN THE CHURCH**

**SATURDAY — MARCH 25**

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions  
5:00 — The People of St. Luke Parish

**SUNDAY — MARCH 26**

8:30am — The Intentions of the Celebrant  
11:00 — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**MONDAY — MARCH 27**

Mass will not be celebrated today

**TUESDAY — MARCH 28**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**WEDNESDAY — MARCH 29**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**THURSDAY — MARCH 30**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant  
7:00pm — Lenten Penance Service

**FRIDAY — MARCH 31**

8:00am — The Intentions of the Celebrant

**SATURDAY — APRIL 1**

4:15 — 4:45pm — Confessions  
5:00 — Parishioners of St. Luke Parish req. by  
Jack and Audrey Race

**SUNDAY — APRIL 2**

8:30am — Father Tom Schutter req by the Schwartz  
Family and for The People of St. Luke Parish  
11:00 — Father Tom Schutter on the anniversary of  
his death req. by Sister Barbara Rowan



Please pray for the sick in our parish especially, John and Pat Angelo, Youhana Angelo, Yencenia Bosley, Joe Cavanagh, Disabled Vets, Jim Erickson, Angel Faulkner, Dick Gieser, Emily Giovingo, Shannon Hayes, Ed Jones, Ursula Lambke, Fr. John Panakal, Nora Porter, John Rossi, and Jim Wright.

Please remember our beloved dead, especially Tony Serrano, and the men and women who have given their lives for our country.



March 19, 2017

**REG. CHURCH SUPPORT**

145 SUN. ENVELOPE CONTRIBUTIONS      = \$4,195.31  
LOOSE CONTRIBUTIONS                      = \$ 286.00

**TOTAL COLLECTION**                              = \$4,481.31  
**AVERAGE CONTRIBUTION**                      = \$ 28.93

**EXPENSES**                                              = \$2,449.85

**Initial Offering**                                      = \$ 150.00

Thank you so much for your on-going generous financial support of St. Luke Parish! Every amount contributed helps, so we respectfully ask that you continue to regularly use your church support envelopes. It is your generosity that allows us to do what we do. Please give as your financial needs allow.

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David and remained with him from that day forward (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

**Second Reading** — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord. Live as children of light (Ephesians 5:8-14).

**Gospel** — The man who was blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash. When I washed, I was able to see! (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38])

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; 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:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection and for helping **Jesus in disguise**. Your contributions will make a difference for the poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give! Just visit the website at [www.usccb.org/nationalcollections](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections), and click on the "How to Give" link on the left.

## HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.  
Go in peace.

- Rite of Penance, no. 93

- 1. PREPARATION:** Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ's commands to "love the Lord, your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mt 22:37,39)? As a help with this, "examination of conscience," you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17;Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).
- 2. GREETING:** The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.
- 3. THE SIGN OF THE CROSS:** Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (*give days, months or years*) since my last confession."
- 4. CONFESSION:** Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: "I am sorry for these and all my sins."
- 5. PENANCE:** The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.
- 6. ACT OF CONTRITION:** After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,  
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.  
In choosing to do wrong  
and failing to do good,  
I have sinned against you  
whom I should love above all things.

I firmly intend, with your help,  
 to do penance,  
 to sin no more,  
 and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.  
 Our Savior Jesus Christ  
 suffered and died for us.  
 In his name, my God, have mercy.  
 (Rite of Penance, no. 45)

7. **ABSOLUTION:** The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, "Amen."
8. **PRAISE:** The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good." And your response would be, "His mercy endures for ever" (Rite of Penance, no. 47).
9. **DISMISSAL:** The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, "Go in peace."

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## CASH CARD



Cash Card orders are due back next weekend. Please place them in the box in the back of church. Extra forms can be found in the back of church. Orders will be available for pick up April 8/9<sup>th</sup>. Extra cards will be on hand for purchase. Please stop by the tall table in the hallway.

April showers bring May flowers. Stock up on cash cards for gardening purchases, or maybe that new Easter outfit.



Happy Easter from CCW.



## LALIBERTAD — LENTEN COLLECTION

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Break forth into joyful songs of praise! *Psalm 98*

Make a Joyful Noise for the people of LaLibertad so the poorest of poor among their children may receive an education and the possibility of a better life. Our coins and dollars help to provide:

<b>SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>BUDGET</b>
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Angel Noel Manzanares—Seminary Preparatory 2	\$357.07
Junior Omar Manzanares—Fourth grade	\$279.77
Erika Fernanda Bu—Seventh grade	\$326.40
Jonathan Josue Reyes—First grade	\$279.77
Adela Maria Cruz—Seventh grade	\$326.40
Octavio Cruz—Sixth grade	\$279.77
Irma Gloribel Benitez—Last year of high school	\$466.29
Leny Maria Manzanares—First year of nursing school	\$508.58
Denis Jair Zeron—Elementary	\$279.77

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,102.92</b>
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In Sister Carmen's own words:

"Our current economic situation is complicated due to the difficulties in finding employment in our country. We also have the emigration phenomenon of many families. For this reason, many women are left alone to struggle each day to find what they need to sustain their children. They don't have enough to pay education expenses. Other families have very little economic resources and have come to us requesting support for their children's education. We are presenting the children to you appealing to your support, solidarity and generosity for these children and adolescents; they will be forever grateful to you and you will receive many blessings too."

## DUPAGE COUNTY FAMILY CENTER COLLECTION

St. Luke CCW would like to extend our appreciation for all the donated toys, books, arts and craft items collected on March 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>. A total of 11 bags were donated and delivered to DuPage County Family Center on March 13<sup>th</sup>. The staff was very thankful for the items donated and will be used by the children as they visit the facility with their parents.

### HELP NEEDED: PEOPLE WHO SEW

Our supply of baptismal gowns/bibs is running low. We are in need of a few people who could stitch up the edges on precut fabric. We are also looking for someone who has a sewing machine that has the ability to sew a decorative cross on the front of each. If you can help us with either of these tasks, please call Gail at 630/690-9468 or the parish office.

## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

Our parish conference of St. Vincent de Paul needs some new members and it also needs some financial help. If you feel that calling to help the less fortunate, the ill, the poor, the handicapped and the lonely in our parish, please ask about helping. Parish members call us for help, some of them have fallen away but are still in our parish, Jesus told us to help the poor, didn't He?

So please, pray about it. Even if you just want to help with the food and clothing collections, your help will be appreciated. And if you have a dollar or even change to give once in awhile, it helps with rent, electric bills, gas bills, water bills and other bills that most of us pay easily.

The boxes are in the lobby when walking and turning left, by the side door to the east and in the far back to the east.

Please call us if you are interested in joining: 847/879-1431 and just leave your name and phone number. A member will call you to answer your questions.

Thank You!

SVDP of St. Luke, Carol Stream

## SEMI-RETIRED? RETIRED? OPEN THE DOORS OF YOUR HEART

The **Ignatian Volunteer Corps** may be for You! Members of this Jesuit service program volunteer in poor and marginalized communities 2 days per week (Sept-June), grow deeper in their Christian faith by reflecting and praying in the Ignatian tradition, and meet monthly with other IVC members and a spiritual reflector. IVC members serve as tutors, employment counselors, food pantry volunteers, companions to the elderly, and more! Detailed information is online at [www.ivcusa.org/chicago](http://www.ivcusa.org/chicago).

To learn more and meet current volunteers, join us for an information session at **1:00pm on Thursday, April 6th at St. Daniel the Prophet, 101 West Loop Road, Wheaton.**

Please RSVP to Jacqueline Fitzgerald at 312/961-6206 or [jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org](mailto:jfitzgerald@ivcusa.org).

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

"Not as man see does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let your spouse see into your heart better by working through a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on April 7<sup>th</sup>—9<sup>th</sup>, June 9<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup> or August 11<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup>, all at Elk Grove Village, IL..

Early registration is highly recommended. For reservations/information, call Jim & Kris at 630/577-0778 or contact us through <http://wwme-chicagoland.org>.

## HEALING MASS & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**When:** Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

**Where:** St. Michael Catholic Church  
310 S. Wheaton Avenue, Wheaton, IL

**Time:** 10:00am

The Healing Mass will incorporate the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick and Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Mass.

The Mass and Sacrament is for those who:

- Have a surgery planned for a serious illness
- Living with a chronic illness or disability

- Struggling with a mental health issue
- Elderly in a weakened state of health

Hopefully reading this might suggest a person who you may offer to bring to this service.

Special prayers will be said for those Caregivers, who give so much.

## ST. FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL

Every year St. Francis High School welcomes International Students from all over the world. St. Francis is always looking for loving and caring families to host our International Students. Our International Student Program team consists of a network of people who communicate regularly to ensure the experience continues to enrich the lives of everyone in the home.

Those interested in learning more about hosting, please contact Beth (Erazmus '89) Wiborg, the Director of the International Student Program, at 630/668-5800 x1140 or [bwiborg@sfhscollegeprep.org](mailto:bwiborg@sfhscollegeprep.org) with questions.

## OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

Our Savior Lutheran Church located at 1244 W. Army Trail Rd. in Carol Stream is hosting a garage sale.

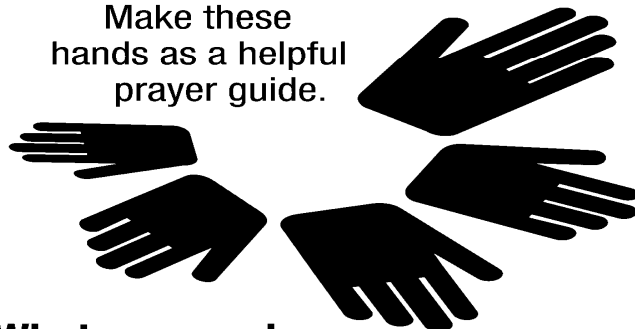
Free annual garage sale has something for everyone! Proceeds benefit PADS, youth mission trip, Outreach Community Center and more.

If you would like to get there before the crowds, you can do the 7:30am early bird entrance fee for \$20.00.

For more information call 630/830-4833.

# PRAYER HANDS

Make these hands as a helpful prayer guide.



## What you need:

- 7 pieces of construction paper (different colors)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Stapler
- Colored pens
- Stickers

## What you do:

1. Trace your hand (the same one) on each piece of paper.
2. Cut out and stack the hands. Staple together atop the pinky.
3. On the top hand (the front cover), write "Prayer Hands." Decorate with stickers.
4. On the second hand, write "Praise God." On the third, write "Ask for forgiveness." On the fourth, write "Thank God." On the fifth, write "Pray for others." On the sixth, write "Pray for me."
5. Use your book to remember what to pray for every day.