

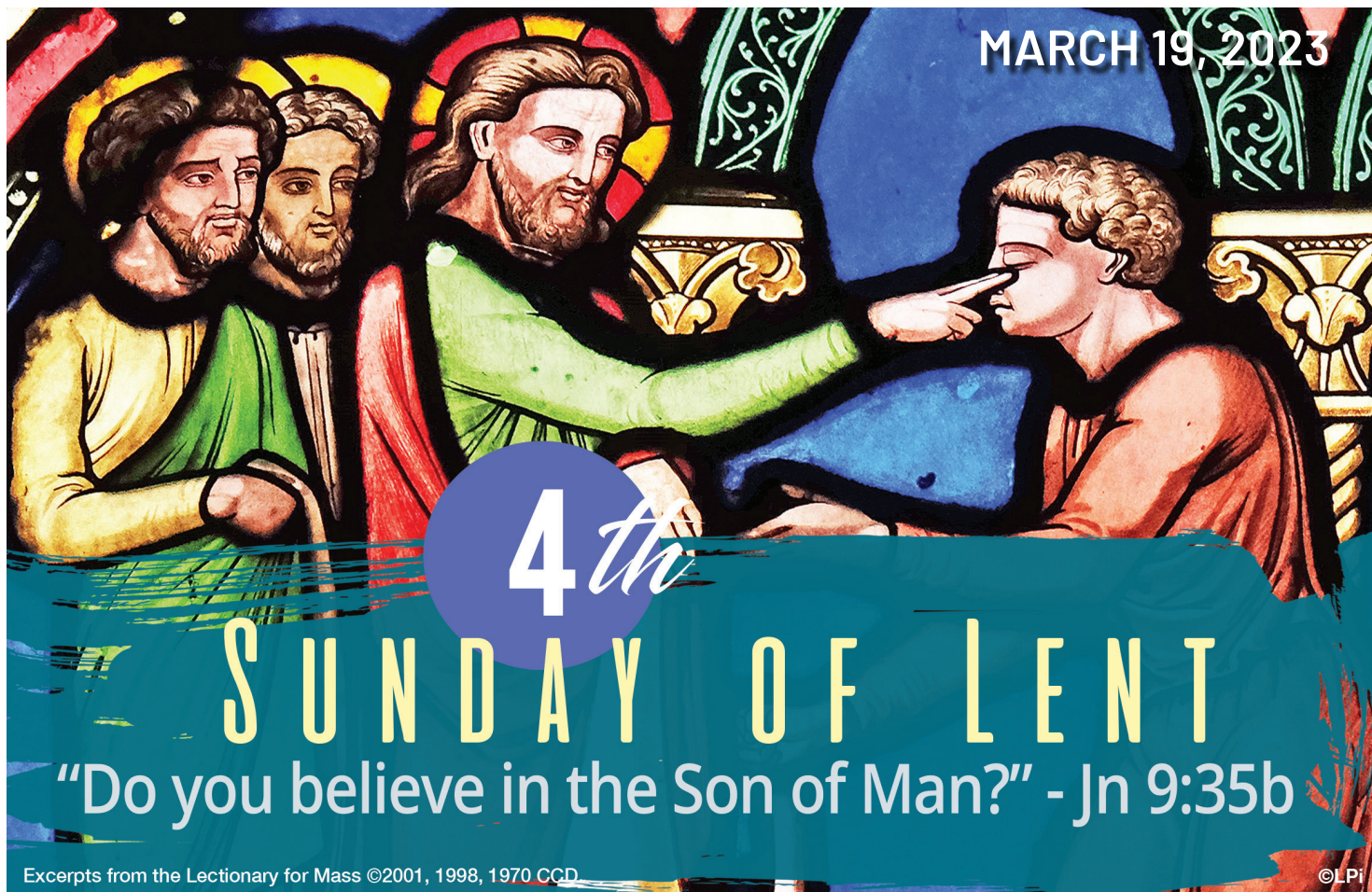


St. Mark Catholic Church

Mission Statement

St. Mark is a Catholic parish committed to fostering discipleship through the Word of God and the Sacraments. We are dedicated to providing Catholic education to our youth, to bringing a deeper relationship with Christ to our adults, and to supporting those in need through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. We encourage all parishioners to participate in the shared responsibility of worship, prayer, study and service.

MARCH 19, 2023



4th

SUNDAY OF LENT

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35b

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PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Adam Zajac

Pastor

Deacon Dave Lundeen

Business Manager, Pastoral Associate

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Principal

Mrs. Meaghan McCarthy-Silver

Pastoral Minister

Mr. Lawrence Wallace

Director of Music Ministry

Mr. Michael Kay

Youth Minister

Mrs. Jeannette Puckett

Parish School of Religion Director (PSR)

SACRAMENTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: The RCIA is open to all those interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the Parish Office 216-226-7577.

Baptism: Available at 12:30 p.m. the fourth Sunday of the month and at Masses by arrangement. Parents must attend a Pre-Baptism class and Godparents must have a sponsor certificate.

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:00 - 3:45 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance with a priest or deacon.

Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office.

Communion Calls: If you are unable to participate in the celebration of Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the office.

New Parishioners: All are welcome to join us by calling the office or visiting the website to schedule an appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Bulletin Articles and Copied Items need to be in the Parish Office by 11:00 a.m. on Friday the week before the bulletin to print.

Liturgy Readings for the Week

Saturday,	March 18	
4:00 p.m.	Hos 6:1-6	Lk 18:9-14
	The Tinnirello Family	
Sunday,	March 19 -Fourth Sunday of Lent	
8:30 a.m.	Sm 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a	Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41
11:30 a.m.	For the Parishioners of St. Mark Parish and St. Mel Parish	
	Anto Jandric	
Monday,	March 20-St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
8:30 a.m.	Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16	Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
	Mother Mary Angelica	
Tuesday,	March 21	
8:30 a.m.	Ez 47:1-9, 12	Jn 5:1-16
	Bishop David O'Connell	
Wednesday	March 22	
	Is 49:8-15	Jn 5:17-30
Thursday,	March 23	
8:30 a.m.	Ex 32:7-14	Jn 5:31-47
	Mary Anne McIlwee	
Friday,	March 24	
8:30 a.m.	Wis 2:1a, 12-22	Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
	Eppink Living & Deceased	
Saturday,	March 25-The Annunciation of the Lord	
4:00 p.m.	Is 7:10-14; 8:10	Lk 1:26-38
	Frank Gurchensky	
Sunday,	March 26-Fifth Sunday of Lent	
8:30 a.m.	Ez 37:12-14	Rom 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45
11:30 a.m.	Dick Kiefer	
	Mironija Jandric	

Pope's Intention March: For victims of abuse. We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Luke McGraw
Memorial Candles
Weekly Intention
March 19
The Tinnirello Family

Join in praying the Rosary in Church every Sunday after the 8:30am Mass Livestreamed the 3rd Sunday of the month.



May the peace of our Lord be with
Fr. Ralph V. Coletta
and may God grant comfort to his family and friends.

Liturgical Ministers March 25 & 26

Saturday, March 25 @ 4:00pm

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Price, Deirdre Mueller, John Levis

Lector: Al Abel

Altar Servers: Gregory Estergall, Clare Hurley, Mary Kugler-Blayney

Sunday, March 26 @ 8:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Kay, Laura Skonce, Karen Cocita

Lector: Michael Grathwol, Monica Svetz

Altar Servers: Julia McNulty, Joe Svetz, Austin Tousley

Sunday, March 26 @ 11:30am

Eucharistic Ministers: Annamaria Masterson, Rosanne Kelley, Marian Lundeen

Lector: Eileen Andrews, NOT FILLED

Altar Servers: Jason Dunn Jr., Owen Goggin, Bill Sonby

Please Pray for Our Sick

William Adams

Gianna Andolina

Carol Behnke

Jack Behnke

Vale Brazis

Katy Brent

Henry Buehner

James Coyne

Margaret Fadrowski

Nicole Foerstner

Helen Forlini

Mary Frantz

Theresa Fridrich

Cecilia Frischauf

Irene Gurchensky

Gerri Joecken

David Kurth

Catherine Kutsick

Loree Leasure-Poirier

Mary Maloney

Jim McIlwee

Mary Miller

Betty Minotas

Maisie Nowlin

Sr. Josette Obodzinski

Ryan Puzzitiello Jr.

Bill Retzer

Sr. Mary Ann Spangler

Mary Stark

Nora Sudetic

Lena Sunyak

George Surovec

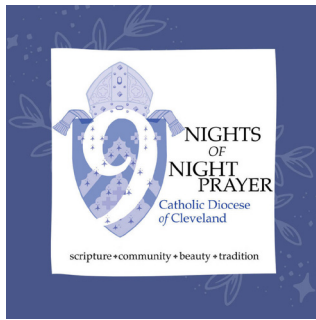
Herb Tippie

Joe Wantz

Charlotte Whiting

Lillian Zahara

Joseph Zavatchen Jr.



This is an opportunity to pray Night Prayer, the short, ancient prayer of the Catholic Church in nine beautiful churches of our diocese. Every night, all nine of these churches will be open for those who come to church often, those who have never been, and everyone in between. Come join us! Experience the **peace** and **serenity** of Night Prayer. Doors open at 8pm (St. Mel Parish)
Night Prayer starts at 8:15pm
9 Nights of Night Prayer

March 17- March 25, 2023

All are invited and welcome!

After the last night we will be hosting a free ice cream social in the hall.

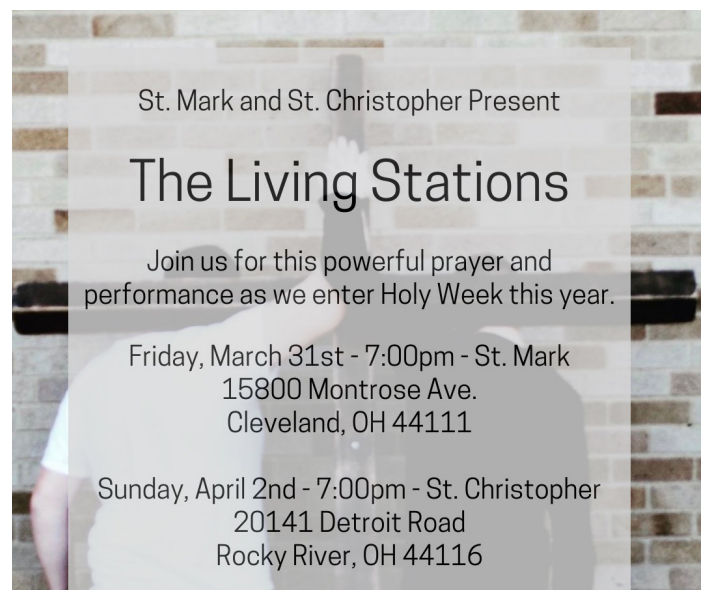
Every night @ all 9 churches (81 opportunities!)
Our Lady Help of Christians - 8240 Buffham Rd, Lodi
Mary Queen of the Apostles - 6455 Engle Rd., Brook Park
La Sagrada Familia - 7719 Detroit Ave., Cleveland
St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima - 6800 Lexington Ave., Cleveland
St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception - 2640 Stoney Ridge Rd., Avon
St. Mel - 14436 Triskett Rd., Cleveland
St. Noel - 35200 Chardon Rd., Willoughby Hills
St. Patrick - 16550 Rock Creek Rd., Thompson
St. Paul - 433 Mission Dr., Akron



MARCH 7, 21, AND 28
6:30 IN THE ST. MARK SOCIAL HALL

Our speaker for March 21 will be parishioner and certified Master Catechist R.V. Threadgill. He will lead us in a talk about praying through Scripture.

Stations of the Cross
March 24th - 12noon at St. Mel
March 31st - 12noon at St. Mel
March 31st - 7:00pm - Living Stations at St. Mark



St. Mark and St. Christopher Present

The Living Stations

Join us for this powerful prayer and performance as we enter Holy Week this year.

Friday, March 31st - 7:00pm - St. Mark
15800 Montrose Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44111

Sunday, April 2nd - 7:00pm - St. Christopher
20141 Detroit Road
Rocky River, OH 44116

Are you friendly and welcoming (or would like to be)?

Do you love Jesus and want to share that with others?

Do you want to connect with fellow parishioners and the wider community?

If so, join the St. Mark Evangelization Committee! The only qualifications you need are a love of God and the desire to share that love with others; everything else will come!

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 22
6:30pm
Community Center



St. Christopher Parish
invites you to
Lent Mission 2023

**The Whole of Him in
the Whole of Us: Eucharist
THE Holy Communion**



Bishop
Michael
Woost



Bishop Michael Woost will guide us into a deeper appreciation of the Eucharist given as Holy Communion so that we may live in holy communion with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and with one another as the Body of Christ, the Church.

March 26, 27 & 28 at 7 p.m. in the Church
20141 Detoit Road, RockyRiver

Catholic Renewal Ministries and Our Lady of Angels Prayer Group will host a Life in the Spirit Seminar at Our Lady of Angels Parish in Cleveland on April 21st & 22nd (7pm to 9:30pm on Friday and 9am to 4pm on Saturday). The seminar will be in the Primary Building behind Linus Hall. The \$25 registration fee includes materials and lunch. For more information and to register, please contact Tom Jansen at 440-539-0318 or visit www.crmweb.org for PayPal registration. Your registration must be postmarked, or completed online, by April 14th to meet our caterer deadline.

St. Joseph Altar
which will be celebrate the weekend of
March 18 & 19

- Write petitions on papers found in a basket by the St. Joseph statue
- Be sure to take a fava bean, medal and prayer card

We will be collecting items for St. Edward High School Labre Ministry. The Labre ministry allows students, faculty & staff, alumni, and friends of St. Edward to directly serve the immediate needs of the poor every Thursday through the entire year. The ministry immersion, named after St. Benedict Joseph Labre, the patron saint of the homeless, allows students to see and experience the struggles of our homeless friends on the streets. This ministry is powerful as our students help prepare the meal, meet, and serve our poor brothers and sisters by coming to them (i.e. under bridges, in vacant lots, woods, etc.).

Students hand-deliver food, clothing, hygiene kits, etc. to those we visit each week. This helps to instill in our students that every human being has dignity and that we should be preferential in charity to the poorest among us.

Any perishable items are appreciated especially canned soups.



REQUEST FOR 2022 CONTRIBUTION REPORT

Please send a request via email to twinans@stmarkcleveland.com or fill out this form and return it to the Parish Office.

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email report to: _____

Pick up at Parish Office _____ Mail to above address _____

THE WEEK AHEAD IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, March 18		
9:30 am	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
	<i>Second Collection for Outreach St. Joseph Altar</i>	
Sunday, March 19		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
9:30 am	Young Families	SH
11:30 am	Mass w/St. Baldrick's (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00 pm	K-2 Basketball	G
3:00 pm	Mark's Madness Set-up	G/CC
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH
6:00 pm	Mark's Madness	G/CC
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Monday, March 20		
8:30 am	Mass	
11:45 am	School	CH
1:30 pm	Gr. 2	CH
2:45 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsals	
6:00 pm	Track Practice	G
6:30 pm	PSR Class Gr. 1-8	CR
6:30 pm	Living Stations Practice	CH
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Tuesday, March 21		
8:30 am	Mass w/School	
6:00 pm	Track Practice	G
6:30 pm	Lenten Soup Supper	SH
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Wednesday, March 22		
6:30 pm	Math/Science Night	SCH/G/SH
6:30 pm	Evangelization Mtg.	CC
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Thursday, March 23		
8:30 am	Mass	
1:50 pm	Gr. 2	CH
3:00 pm	St. Baldrick Set-up	G
7:00 pm	Troop #293	SH
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Friday, March 24		
8:00 am	St. Baldrick's	G
8:30 am	Mass	
12:00 pm	Stations of the Cross at St. Mel	CH
2:00 pm	School Stations of the Cross	CH
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Saturday, March 25		
10:00 am	Pack #268 Pinewood Derby Set-up	SH
3:00 pm	Confessions	
4:00 pm	Mass	
8:15 pm	Night Prayer at St. Mel	CH
Sunday, March 26		
8:30 am	Mass	
9:30 am	Rosary	CH
11:30 am	Mass (LS)	
11:30 am	Sunday Preschool	CR
1:00 pm	Pack #268 Pinewood Derby	SH
4:00 pm	Living Stations Prac.	CH

Sunday Collections

Sunday Envelopes	\$ 3,777.00
Faith Direct Sunday	\$ 5,566.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Shave Your Mane

Help Support our 9th Annual St. Baldrick's Event Friday, March 24th - St. Mark School

Join our St. Mark community as we work together to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Students and their families are invited to Shave Your Mane by shaving their heads or donating a ponytail at the St. Baldrick's Head Shaving Event! You can register to shave your head or donate your ponytail, sponsor a shavee, donate to our team, or participate in any of our additional fundraising opportunities:

- Thursday, March 23rd - Celebrity Bartending Night at PJ McIntyre's 6-10pm
- Friday, March 24th - Our Shave Your Mane Event in the St. Mark Gym 8:30-11:30am

Donations also accepted to the team via the registration link below.

www.stbaldricks.org/events/StMark2023

VIRTUS COMPLIANCY — IMPORTANT

The USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) will be doing on-site audits at parishes in the Diocese of Cleveland. It is imperative that prior to working with children - coaches, scout leaders and helpers, St. Mark Staff, catechists & teachers (PSR and DAY school), parent volunteers, etc. - are Virtus compliant. This means that one must be:

- Virtus trained (see below)
- **Current with reading all on-line bulletins**
- Read and sign **Policy for Protecting Children Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- Read and sign **Standards of Conduct Revised 2016 (turn into Parish Office)**
- **New Volunteers must complete a Background Check through Virtus.org.** In the Virtus website click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.
- **Current Volunteers with a current BCI Fingerprint/Background check must renew after 5 years through Virtus.org** click on the "Toolbox" tab, click on the Selection.com tab and begin the process. Must have a credit card to complete.
- Complete a **St. Mark Volunteer Application (turn into Parish Office)**

All of the above-mentioned requirements are mandatory. (You can check your compliancy by going to "Virtus.org", signing in, and clicking on the green 'Training' tab.) If you are not sure of your compliancy, call Cheryl Birchfield at the Parish Office (216-226-7577) and your compliancy will be verified. If one is not Virtus compliant, **YOU MAY NOT WORK/VOLUNTEER WITH CHILDREN.**

To see available Virtus training sessions please go to Virtusonline.org click on First Time Registrant, Begin Registration Process also available is List of Sessions, select the Cleveland Diocese. You **MUST** register to attend a session.

PRINCIPAL NEWS

Most recently, our 8th Grade read *A Long Walk to Water* by Linda Sue Park. This is a short novel which blends the true story of Salva Dut, who was part of the Dinka tribe and a Sudanese Lost Boy, and the fictional story of Nya, a young village girl who was part of the Nuer tribe. The author used her book to support Salva Dut's organization, Water for South Sudan.

Salva Dut had been separated from his family during a civil war in what is now South Sudan. He walked for weeks, hoping that one day he would find his family again. Salva also struggled to find food and water to survive along with avoiding rebels, lions and other threats. Salva led one thousand five hundred fellow Lost Boys to a refugee camp near the Gilo River. Seven years later, he arrived in America and later, he finds his father who tells him that most of his family survived. Salva started a volunteer group to build wells in South Sudan called "Water for South Sudan". He helps others in need of clean water in South Sudan. As a school we had chosen this book along with two other age-appropriate books to complement our school's Catholic Identity State Accreditation Goal, "Students will grow in understanding and practice of the Catholic Social Justice Teaching of Call to Family, Community, and Participation." (As a side note, we have every school family setting aside some planned family time for a "Family Game Night" this week. Students selected the games to play and snacks they wanted, and the parents chose the date. One basic rule for all: NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY BE OUT DURING THIS TIME, INCLUDING CELL PHONES!) We are anxious to see how this turns out!

To make our students even more aware of the importance of clean water, Mrs. Henley, our STREAM teacher, had the students study the impact of oil spills on our environment and the unwanted consequences. Students learned these points about how an oil spill impacts marine life:

- Oil on fur or feathers prevents animals' coats from repelling water or insulating against cold temperatures. This can lead to hypothermia or death
- Ingesting oil can be poisonous
- Adult fish experience reduced growth, changes in heart rates, and erosion in fins
- Oil can decrease chances of egg and larva survival

She explained to the students that the worst environmental disaster in U.S. history was the 2010 BP Oil disaster. Here are a few facts the students were able to share with me:

- Oil gushed into the ocean for 87 days
- 4.2 million barrels of crude oil pumped into the Gulf of Mexico affecting the coastlines of Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida
- Over 8000 animals died including birds, turtles, and mammals
- Over 30,000 people responded to help collect oil, clean the beaches, and take care of animals
- Scientists are still studying the environmental impact on marine life

The students were provided with time to replicate an oil spill and then

had to demonstrate how to clean the spill, recognizing first-hand the unwanted consequences and difficulties. One of their big takeaways was how we take for granted our clean water and often waste it. This led to discussions on how every one of us can help conserve water. This project concluded their study of the UN Global Goal 6, Sustainable Water and Sanitation for All.

If you are interested, every May, Cleveland Water celebrates Drinking Water Week, an opportunity for both water professionals and the communities they serve to recognize the vital role water plays in all our daily lives. This year's Drinking Water Week will be held from May 7-13, 2023. You can look at their website for more information.

Here are some other STREAM Lab highlights of what our children have been up to:

Grades K-2: "Engineered a Fairy Tale" by brainstorming, planning, and constructing solutions to the 3 Billy Goats' problem.

Grade 3: Used Scratch Coding to animate their names

Grade 4: Studied bridges and constructed an earthquake proof structure / bridge

Grades 5-6: Made 3D tokens and game pieces

Grades 7-8: Created pictures using our laser engraver

Great things are always occurring in our STREAM lab!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Cocita



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)

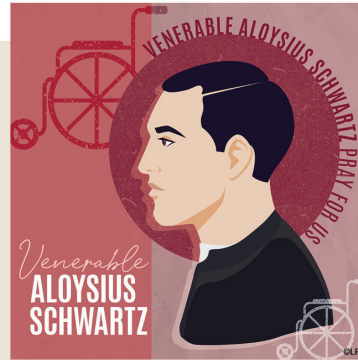
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.

Observances for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Saturday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent



Saint of the week

Venerable Aloysius Schwartz (Father Al) spent his life embracing poverty, building hospitals, and supporting orphans in war-torn Korea, the Philippines, and the Americas. His legacy lives on through the religious orders he founded — the Sisters of Mary and the Brothers of Christ.

Prayer

Prayer for Venerable Aloysius Schwartz's intercession

Almighty, ever-living God, giver of good gifts, You have filled Msgr. Al with an ardent love for You and for souls. You have inspired him to dedicate his life to relieve the suffering of the orphans, abandoned, the sick and poor, especially the youth, which he did with all humility and courage until the end of his life. May his holy life of love and service to the poor be recognized by the Church through his beatification and canonization.

For Your honor and glory, we pray that the life of Msgr. Al. be an inspiration for us in striving for perfection in the love of God and service to others. I ask You to bestow upon me, through the intercession of Fr. Al (your intention).

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, and the maternal aid of Mary, the Virgin of the Poor.

Amen.

