

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH



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MASS SCHEDULE

Vigil Mass: Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Mass: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.

Adoration: Tuesday, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Daily Mass: Tuesday - Friday - Noon

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. or by appointment.

BAPTISM - 2 WEEKS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE PREP - 6 MONTHS NOTICE

Please call the office for an appointment.





From the Pastor's Desk....

Sunday Offertory

03-08-2025.....\$4,135
 Weekly Budget.....\$3,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$1,135
 YTD
 Offertory.....\$121,777
 Budget.....\$105,000
Surplus/Deficit.....\$16,777
 Food Pantry\$100

Hi everyone,

First off, I have to admit that I made a mistake last weekend! I gave the wrong first name for our new priest here at St. Francis! His name is Fr. Jacob Zulu! I apologize for the error!

This Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, and we have another really long Gospel passage! This week, we read the story of Jesus healing the man born blind. We also celebrate the second scrutiny for those getting baptized this year. The story of the man born blind gives us another “qualification” for baptism - the need to be blind! Blindness creates all sorts of problems, even for us today. Sometimes we may not be physically blind, but we can be spiritually blind. This happens when we think we know everything. We think we might have “figured out” how God works. We might think “I’m good person, I don’t kill anyone”, and yet we cannot see how broken and in need of a savior we are. The good news is that Jesus comes to open the eyes of our heart and heal us from this blindness!

Fr. Rob



1SAMUEL 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
EPHESIANS 5:8-14
JOHN 9:1-4

Samuel does not see as God sees in the choice of David, who is anointed with oil. As Jesus cures the blind man, so too are we brought from darkness into light through the grace of baptism.

WEEKLY READINGS AND OBSERVANCES - ENGAGE PARISHIONERS IN DAILY MASS AND PRAYER

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-, 13-17, 34-38
 Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 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: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
 Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45 ©LPi

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, March 14	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Drew and Lexi Dreggors
Sunday, March 15	10:30 am Mass 1:00 pm	For the People +Tedric Evangelista
Monday, March 16	No Mass	
Tuesday, March 17	Noon Mass	+Chad Walls
Wednesday, March 18	Noon Mass 7:00 pm	Intentions of Hugh +William Wheeler
Thursday, March 19	No Mass	
Friday, March 20	Noon Mass	+Kenny Blackburn
Saturday, March 21	5:00 pm Vigil Mass	+Dr. Harry Altman
Sunday, March 22	10:30 am Mass	For the People

Readings may be found in
 the Saint Augustine
 Hymnal Number 942

Parish Calendar & Announcements

ROSARY - The first Saturday of each month at noon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Join us each Friday at 6:00 pm for Stations of the Cross. Immediately following, join us in the parish hall for some delicious fish fried up by the Knights of Columbus and enjoy fellowship with our church families.

LAY MINISTRY - 03/15/2026

Lector - Joe Collins

Lector Fill in Only - Isabella Ramsey

Gift Bearer Server - Christopher & Lindsay Elliott

Coffee & Donuts - Todd & Sandra May

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Joseph Mata

LAY MINISTRY - 03/22/2026

Lector - Mary Jo Ratliff

Lector Fill in Only - Benjamin Cline

Gift Bearer Server - Todd & Sandra May

Coffee & Donuts - Denny Rohrer

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Frank Dawahare

LAY MINISTRY - 03/29/2026

Lector - Joseph Mata

Lector Fill in Only - Mary Jo Ratliff

Gift Bearer Server - Joseph & Pia Mata

Coffee & Donuts - Zach & Jonnica Bryson

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Pia Mata

DEVOTIONS, EXPLAINED! ST.

PATRICK'S BREASTPLATE, Explained -

St. Patrick's Breastplate (sometimes called The Lorica of St. Patrick) is an ancient Irish prayer attributed to St. Patrick. The prayer first appears in the Liber Hymnorum, an 11th-century collection of Irish and Latin hymns, where it is said that Patrick sang these words when he was besieged by the anti-Christian chieftain Lóegaire.

The prayer's most famous excerpt contains an invocation that Christ be "with me, before me, behind me, beneath me, above me, on my right, on my left, when I lie down, when I sit down, in the heart of every man who thinks of me, in the mouth of every man who speaks of me, in the eye that sees me, in the ear that hears me." The prayer's complete version can be divided into eleven sections, each calling upon different elements of divine protection, binding those who recite it to the strength of the Trinity. ©LPi

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy. — Father John Muir ©LPi

FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

ANNOUNCEMENT: The 1st Communion classes will be starting soon. If you have a child who is eligible to participate in these classes, please reach out to Frank or Theresa Dawahare for more information or to register your child.

Contact Information:

- Frank Dawahare (frank.dawahare@ettky.com)

- Theresa Dawahare (@theresadawahare@upike.com)

You may contact Frank or Theresa either at church or by email.



- Susie Johnson
- Skylar Coleman and her unborn baby, Kallum
- Lakeisha Therese Tucker, 3rd stage colon cancer
- Ray Buchanan
- Cecilia Newman, Kenny Schmidt's sister
- Jimmie Goss
- Chona Curry
- Sharon Collins, cancer
- Wilson Vanzant, Lisa Scalf's stepdad
- Sister Kathy Avery
- Ransom McCoy, Lindsay May's dad
- Melba Schmidt, Kenny Schmidt's mother
- Wanda Baker
- Jeffrey Scalf, Lisa's son
- Sandy Lowe, cancer
- Ron Saros
- Helen Altman
- Fran Sykes
- +Peggy Anderson
- +Kenny Blackburn
- +Mary Anne McNamee
- +Sidney Tackett

VOTIVE CANDLES:

Suggested donation: Large votives \$3.00 and small votives \$0.50