



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

Reading I: Sam 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13

Reading II: Eph 5: 8-14

Gospel: Jn 9: 1-41

Revised Roman Missal: 269

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Gospel Summary

Using saliva and earth, Jesus made a paste to heal the blind man. The healing became a true conversion for the man, but created some problems for Jesus with the Jewish leaders. Because this healing took place on the Sabbath, the Pharisees accused Jesus of breaking Jewish law. The Pharisees tried to get confirmation of this action from the blind man's parents and from the blind man himself. In the end, the authorities were unable to charge Jesus with any wrong doing and had to recognize that Jesus was gaining many disciples.

Reflection for Families

In order for parents to help their children follow the light of Christ, they too must open their eyes. As Jesus helped the blind man understand, it is not enough to see only with our eyes. We need also to see with our hearts and allow our every action to reflect this sight. Jesus healed the man of his blindness, but in the end the man recognized Jesus as the Messiah and worshiped him.

Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

Make an effort today (or sometime this week) to really see God in our lives. This may take some time and deliberation, but take a walk together and look for signs of God in the beauty of nature. Talk about ways God has helped you see with your heart, and suggest ways you can share the sight of your heart with others. You might bring some of your findings to your family's prayer space.

Discussion Starters

1. My eyes were really opened when...
2. The hardest thing for me about being blind would be...
3. The most precious thing I've seen with my heart is...

SECOND COLLECTION

As a Parish community, one of our corporal works of mercy during Lent is to have a second collection at all Masses. Each person is requested to contribute at least B\$1. Please do not give coins.

BREAKFAST SALE

Please come and support the breakfast sale every Sunday after the 9.00am Mass throughout the month.

CHRISM MASS

The priests in the Vicariate will be celebrating the Chrism Mass on Wednesday, 18th March in St. Joseph Cathedral in Miri at 7.30pm.

Everyone is encouraged to join the Chrism Mass there.

Please take note that there will be NO Mass and Holy Hour in SJC on that day.

SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH

The Solemnity of St. Joseph will be celebrated on Thursday, 19th March at 6.00pm.

VICARIATE CONFIRMATION 1ST RETREAT

There will be a Vicariate Confirmation retreat held at SJC next weekend from 20th to 22nd March for the 2026 Confirmands. Please continue to pray for them and those who will assisting in the retreat.

RELIGIOUS CLASSES

There will be NO classes during the school break. Sunday School classes resumes on Sunday, 29th March and Friday Classes on Friday, 10th April.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Meet Parish Priest SIX MONTHS before the intended date of marriage.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Baptism and Confirmation Certificate.
- ◆ Marriage Preparation Certificate if you are from another Parish.
- ◆ Civil Marriage Certificate if applicable.
- ◆ IC's copy for both candidates and witnesses.
- ◆ Photo (Passport size).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE ADMIN AT WHATSAPP 8348855

REGISTRATION FOR INFANT BAPTISM

Open for children aged 7 years old and below.

SCHEDULE: Every THIRD week of the month.

REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Child's Birth Certificate.
- ◆ Parent's Sacrament of Matrimony Certificate.
- ◆ Godparent's Confirmation Certificate

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RECONCILIATION / CONFESSION

It is available 30 minutes before Sunday Mass or you may request for an appointment through the Parish Office Admin at WhatsApp 8348855

DAILY MASS AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the season of Lent, daily Mass on Fridays will be celebrated at 5:30pm followed by the Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN APPEAL ENVELOPES

Please return the envelope with your contribution on Palm Sunday, 29th March.

MARRIAGE OR INFANT BAPTISM

Please be informed that during the season of Lent there will be NO marriages or infant baptism. The next infant baptism will be on Easter Sunday, 5th April. Parents who wish to have their child baptized, please register at the Parish office.

DATE	TIME	READINGS
<p>16 MARCH—Monday 4th week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Is 65: 17-21 Jn 4: 43-54</p>
<p>17 MARCH—Tuesday 4th week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Ez 47: 1-9, 12 Jn 5: 1-3, 5-16</p>
<p>18 MARCH—Wednesday 4th week of Lent</p>	<p>NO MASS NO Holy Hour</p>	<p>Is 49: 8-15 Jn 5: 17-30</p>
<p>19 MARCH—Thursday ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (SOLEMNITY)</p>	<p>6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>2 Sam 7: 4-5, 12-14 Rom 4: 13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1: 16, 18-21, 24</p>
<p>20 MARCH—Friday 4th week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm (Mass) Followed by the Stations of the Cross</p>	<p>Wis 2: 1, 12-22 Jn 7: 1-2, 10: 25-30</p>
<p>21 MARCH—Saturday 4th week of Lent</p>	<p>5.30pm <i>(Novena To Our Mother of Perpetual Help)</i> Followed by Daily Mass</p>	<p>Jer 11: 18-20 Jn 7: 40-52</p>
<p>22 March—Sunday FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>9.00am (Mass) 6.00pm (Mass)</p>	<p>Ez 37: 12-14 Rom 8: 8-11 Jn 11: 1-45</p>