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Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

— Psalm 23:1

Our Lady of Fatima  
Pleaded that we pray the Holy Rosary before Sunday Mass and privately from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm daily.

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**Rectory Office Hours:**

**Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Parish Office: 814-942-0371**

**Our Lady of Fatima Mass Schedule**  
**Sunday: 10:30 AM - Holy Days: 6:00 PM**  
**Rosary: 10:05 AM - Rosary: 5:40 PM**

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Administrator**  
**Rev. Msgr. Stanley B. Carson**

**Parish Secretary**  
**Carol Z. Smith**

**Eucharist for the home bound - weekly:**  
**Patty Flanagan 942-0371 for arrangements.**

**Our Lady of Fatima Church is open**  
**Monday through Friday: 9AM - 5PM**  
**for visits before the Blessed Sacrament.**

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**at Our Lady of Fatima.**

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**the Cathedral. 944-4603**

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**Reconciliation @ Cathedral: 7:00 PM Wednesday**  
**12:30 PM Saturday**

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**Confirmation**

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**Marriage Prep**  
**Christian Initiation**

**Hospital Visitation: Call the Cathedral: 944-4603**

**Cathedral Eucharist:**

**Sunday: 5:00 PM (Vigil) Holy Days: 5:30 PM (Vigil) Weekdays: 6:45 AM**  
**8:00 AM 8:00 AM 12:00 Noon**  
**10:00 AM 12:00 Noon**  
**12:00 Noon 5:30 PM Saturday: 8:00 AM**  
**5:00 PM 12:00 Noon**

March 23,2020

## SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)

*In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mongrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying conquistadores—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayer books in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."*

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### LIGHT

*"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.*

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### CHARITY

*If you truly want to help the soul of your neighbor, you should approach God first with all your heart. Ask him simply to fill you with charity, the greatest of all virtues; with it you can accomplish what you desire.*

—St. Vincent Ferrer

### FILL US

*Open wide the windows of our spirits and fill us full of light; open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain Thee with all our powers of adoration.*

—Christina Rossetti

MARCH 22, 2020  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
10:30 AM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**  
*Scripture Reflections*

**OUR LADY OF FATIMA MASS INTENTIONS**

Readings: 1 Sm 16:1,6-7,10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41  
Today's Intention-Thomas W. Stoltz, Sr.  
March 29, 2020, 5th Sunday of Lent  
Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45  
Intention-Charlotte McCall, (Theresa Heasley)

“Seeing” Beyond the Miracle

The story of the healing of the blind man in the Gospel of John has been, since the fourth century, associated with preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. It is a story that participates in the richly symbolic world of the Fourth Gospel. Sight serves as a metaphor for faith in Jesus and the life of discipleship. The journey by which the blind man comes to “see” who Jesus is, is counterposed with the increasing blindness of “the Jews,” a designation that actually refers not to first-century Judaism in general but to a small subset of religious leaders opposed to Jesus. As the biblical scholar Francis Moloney has noted, in this story the religious leaders are preoccupied with *how* such a miracle could have happened, whereas the real question at issue is *who* Jesus really is. Like so many of us, “the man born blind” comes to this insight only gradually. Initially, he identifies the one who healed him simply as “the man called Jesus.” The interrogation he undergoes leads him to acknowledge Jesus as “a prophet.” But it is only by way of direct engagement with Jesus that he acknowledges him as “the Son of Man,” a title that suggests Jesus is the one who makes God known in human history.

**Cathedral Mass Intention**

**March 23, Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bp.**

Readings: Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54  
6:45 AM + Richard Anthony (Tom and Pat Forr)  
12:00 PM + Carrie Detwiler (Mom and Dad)

**March 24, Tuesday: St. Oscar Romero, Bp. & Martyr**

Readings: Ez 47:1-9,12; Jn 5:1-16  
6:45 AM + John Adams (Joe & Marcella Ianniello)  
12:00 PM + Jim Doud (Debbie Ball)

**March 25, Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord**

Readings: Is 7:10-14,8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38  
6:45 AM + Robert Wojcik (M/M Augusto Villanneva)  
12:00 PM + John Duffy (Denis & Connie Navarro)

**March 26, Thursday: Lenten Weekday**

Readings: Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47  
6:45 AM + Marti Stefanon (Lorraine Beck)  
12:00 PM + Jane Davidson (Cathy & Kerry Hallinan)

**March 27, Friday: Lenten Weekday**

Readings: Wis 2:1, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30  
6:45 AM + Agnes Shaffer (Family)  
12:00 PM + Patricia Koeck (Dan, Sue, Michael Speck)

**March 28, Saturday: Lenten Weekday**

Readings: JEr 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53  
8:00 AM + Frances Speckhart (The Krish Family)  
12:00 PM + John Moloney, Anniversary (Family)

**Vigil: FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45  
5:00 PM + Edgar L. Johnston, Anniversary, (Wife)

In this story, acquiring sight is all about recognizing the true identity of Jesus and learning to live out of that truth. This Gospel insight is complemented by the Letter to the Ephesians, which invites followers of Jesus to “live as children of light.” Our Lenten journey alongside those moving toward baptism is about learning to see Jesus as the one who gives true meaning to our lives.

Richard R. Gaillardetz

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**Abstinence and Fasting**

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are the days of abstinence and fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence means that people 14 years of age and older are not to eat meat at all on the designated days. Fasting means eating only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating between meals. People who have reached their 18th birthday and up to their 59th birthday are obligated to fast. Additional forms of abstinence and fasting may also be undertaken voluntarily on a personal basis. (Have you thought of fixing a few meals for your elderly neighbors or going to the grocery store for them, or calling them on the phone daily just to ask if everything is okay?)**

*Jesus, Son of the Living Father,  
Have Mercy on Me a Sinner.*

*Please pray for all of our parishioners, especially for those who have illnesses great and small and our seniors who are lonely and need comfort and care.*

### Cancelations-Cathedral

Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayer with Benediction, Communal Penance Service scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, and fundraising events are cancelled.

### This Week's Schedule-Cathedral

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there are no devotional, liturgical, or pastoral events this week except for the availability of the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:00 P.M. and on Saturday, March 28, at 12:30 P.M. at the Cathedral.

### Postponements

The Rite of Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, the reception of First Holy Communion, and the Celebration of Confirmation are being postponed until the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Sister Clementine O'Friel is celebrating her 100th Birthday on March 23, 2020. We thank all who signed a Birthday Card in Church. I think she will be thrilled to here from the "old neighborhood" folks. The cards were sent out last Tuesday so they arrive for her big day! Our ARISE team thanks all of you for your caring and thoughtfulness in this project. The seniors project is cancelled till after Easter.

Weekly Collection - March 15, 2020 = \$956.00 Future collections may be mailed to the rectory, 2010 12th Ave., put in locked candle boxes inside Church or in the mail slot at the rectory. We still need your weekly donations to operate the OLOF Church. Donations will be picked up daily from all sources

Birthdays: 3/15, Rachael Hosgood; 3/18, Jillian Brannan; 3/18, Zach Noonan; 3/19, Lisa Levine; 3/20, Ryan Baranik; 3/22, Chase Keagy;

Anniversaries: 3/23, Tom and Marianne Hofer

### Next Week's Collection

The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC) is next weekend. This collection provides food to feed the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here and abroad. Please give generously to the CRSC and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

Charismatic Prayer Group  
2020 Winter/Spring Schedule

Location: Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament  
Monday, April 13th - 7PM  
Monday, May 18th - 7PM

Prayer Ministry to follow all meetings

The Cathedral Charismatic Prayer Group and The  
Bishop Guilfoyle Alive in the Spirit Student Group  
Location: Bishop Guilfoyle Sunday, April 5th - 6PM

### Financial Considerations

In order to deal with the projected shortfall in contributions, pastors, and administrators, with the assistance of their finance council may need to consider the most essential tasks required in their parishes at present and which employees are necessary for these tasks. There may be a need for temporary or permanent layoffs. The diocesan director of human resources would be involved in those types of decisions.

### Contributions

Even during a pandemic, the financial support of parishioners is very important to a parish. However, due to their own financial challenges during a time like this, families might not be able to sustain their current level of giving. As a parish we will need to curtail spending and make adjustments.

### Our Lady of Fatima Schedule for the week.

All activities have been cancelled including Mass. The April co-op sale will continue because we are only 8 days from the completion of the sale. Most sales are done with workers on the job working side by side and family members you may see daily.

Sellers of multiple tickets you may continue to sell or you may turn in your already sold tickets and your Unsold tickets. No questions asked. Entirely up to you.

### Pastoral Visits/Communion Calls

Clergy are to obey the protocols of health care facilities. Pastoral Visits and Communion Calls should be made only when there is a danger of death.

### Holy Week and the Triduum

It seems unlikely that public liturgies will be permitted until after Easter. The cathedral and OLOF will be open daily for a longer period of time during Holy Week. Blessed palm will be made available to take home. Individual bottles of Holy Water will be available. The cathedral and OLOF will be less florally decorated.

### Stewardship Reflections

The curing of the Blind Man gave hope to the community that they were deserving of God's love no matter what their circumstance. Reflect on the words of Pope Francis this week, "To protect creation, to protect every man and every woman, to look upon them with tenderness and love, is to open up a horizon of hope; it is to let a shaft of light break through the heavy clouds; it is to bring warmth of hope!" (Pope Francis, March 19, 2013). May I be the light in the darkness of this world by generously sharing my time, my talents, and all my resources, in the name of Jesus.

### Seasoned Catholic Singles Group

Looking for Seasoned Catholic Singles- We are looking to see if there is an interest in starting a social group for those Catholic singles in our area (single, divorced, separated, widowed) who are more advanced in their life journey, but would like to spend time with other mature single adults who share their faith. Activities could include: watching movies together, dining out, dining in, sporting events like bowling, service projects or worship events. If you have an interest, please contact the Family Life Office at 814-695-5579 to help organize a group in your area.



*O Mary, Health of the Sick,*  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you.  
You know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide,  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows,  
leading us through the cross  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

—Pope Francis, March 2020 (adapted)



**OUR LADY URGES US TO PRAY THE  
HOLY  
ROSARY  
FOR  
PEACE AND OFFER  
SACRIFICES BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!**



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