

Parish News



FORMED News

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- Confirm Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish and click "NEXT"
- Enter your name and email address and click "Sign Up"
- FORMED will send you a confirmation email. Follow the instructions and then start watching!



MASS INTENTIONS -
Will be celebrated daily as usual in private by the priests.

OLPH Financial Report

Financial Report March 8, 2020	Ordinary Receipts- Average Weekly Cost of Running the Parish based on 2019 Budget Amount	Building Fund Weekly Target Amount	Together We Serve Weekly Target Amount Based on 2019 Commitment of \$115,000.00
Average weekly cost of running the Parish (based on 2019 budgeted amount)	\$28,999.68	\$2,884.62	\$2,211.54
Donations March 15	\$17,196.16	\$2,724.16	1,764.18
Week 12	-\$11,803.52	1\$160.46	-\$447.36



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

*A Roman Catholic Christian Community
We come together at our Lord's invitation to worship God,
celebrate the sacraments, and deepen our faith.
We strive to be thankful, generous and welcoming,
and are sent forth to help advance God's Kingdom on earth
by proclaiming the Gospel and serving others.
March 22, 2020 Fourth Sunday of Lent Cycle A*

**PARISH SCHEDULE – NO MASS
OFFICE HOURS 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM DAILY
TEMPORARY SCHEDULE (MONDAY – SUNDAY)**

RECONCILIATION AT REGULAR TIMES

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8:00 AM – 8:30 AM,

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY EVENINGS: 5:45 PM – 6:15 PM

INSTEAD OF MASS WE WILL HAVE ADORATION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT:

MONDAY – FRIDAY: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

TUESDAY & THURSDAY: 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM

SATURDAY: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM

SUNDAY: 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM, 10:30 AM – 11:30 AM,

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

DISTANCE IN EFFECT (2 Meters or 6 Ft. Apart)

PLEASE BE AWARE: No more than 50 people permitted at one time in the Sanctuary. Thank you for your cooperation

In Event of an Emergency, Contact Fr. Jim at 780-470-2730 (call or text)



*The Lord Is My Shepherd;
I Shall Not Want.*

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Fr Jim: Conclusion of Lent III Homily

The essential elements to live in the world are water and oxygen. The other essential element for us Catholic Christians is our faith. Why? My friends, faith leads us to hope. Hope does not disappoint us, hope that despite the challenges we encounter. Including illness and viruses, our faith allows us to see light and to know that we will get through it. My friends, our world, our country, our community situation is changing, it seems almost from moment to moment. With this rapid change, comes a lack of peace, anxiety, uncertainty, and perhaps, real fear. At a minimum it leads to sense of disconcertedness. That sense of what is going to happen next? My friends I know many of us are feeling this as I speak, but, thanks be to God, we have the blessing and the certainty of our faith to console us. Our faith invites, challenges and affirms us, as Jesus did with the woman of Samaria in last Sunday's Gospel. Our faith reminds and consoles us that God, our God is in charge. Our God, the giver of all that is good. Yes, things are somewhat erratic and challenging for us at this time. But in faith, we know that God walks with us.

For our part, we need to cooperate with all the many proactive safety measures, protocols and safeguards that are put in place for our benefit. When we do this my friends, our God will do the rest, I guarantee it. I know this by faith and so do you. My friends, it is very okay to be somewhat unsettled at this time, just as the Samaritan woman was unsettled and searching in her time. Because it was the same Jesus who brought her to faith and the same Jesus who walks with us day after day. The same Jesus who invites, challenges and affirms us, particularly in these somewhat chaotic days. The same Jesus who has brought us through world wars, bubonic plagues, and terrorist attacks. The same Jesus who says; "be still and know that I am near." The same Jesus who invites us to pray, Jesus I trust in you. Yes, my friends there is much going on in the world presently, but our God is in charge, and we need to hold our faith like a breast plate of armor more than ever at this moment in time. Jesus, I trust in you.

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Fourth Sunday In Lent—March 22



First Reading

1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a

Samuel is sent to anoint David as king.

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The Ephesians are told to live as children of light.

Gospel Reading

John 9:1-41 (shorter form: John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38)

Jesus heals the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man.

In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind..