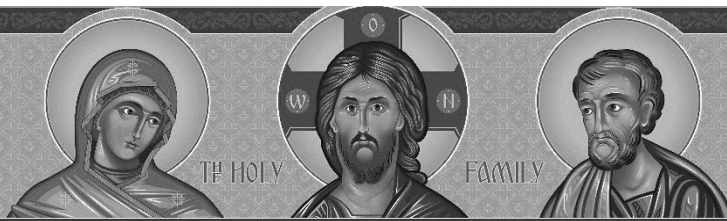


*Holy  
Family*



*Catholic  
Parish*

## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR A – 19<sup>th</sup> OF MARCH 2023

### FIRST READING : 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13;

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him: God does not see as man sees: man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 22(23);



℟. *The Lord is my Shep-herd, there is no-thing I shall want.*

### SECOND READING : Ephesians 5:8-14;

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

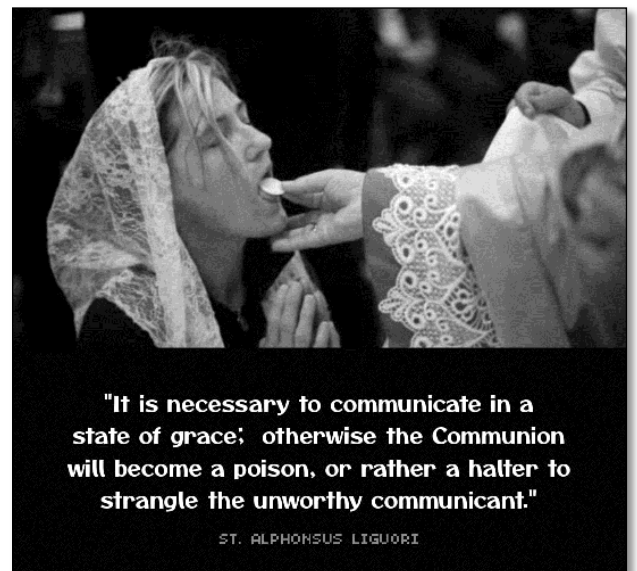
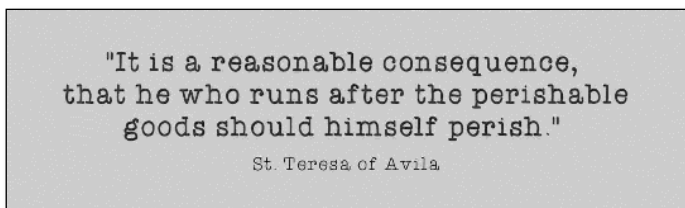
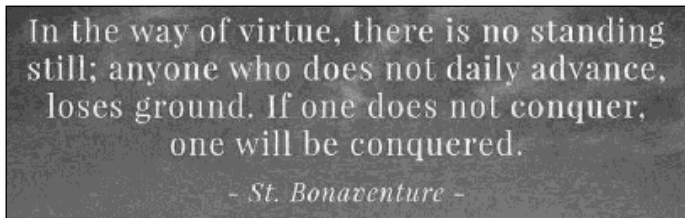
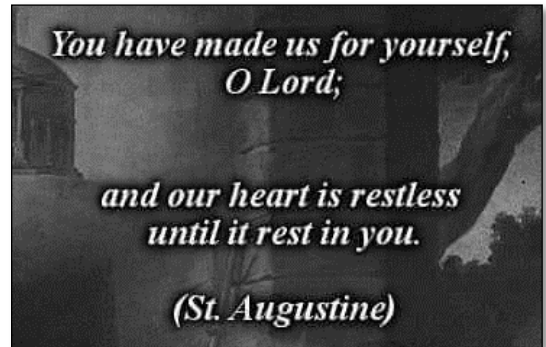
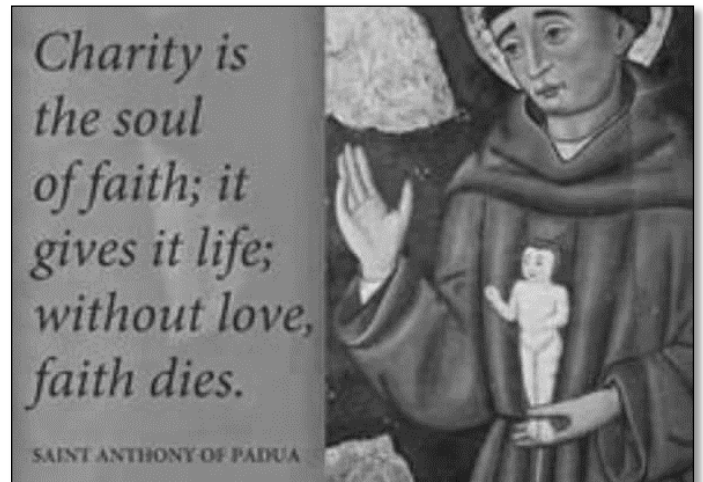
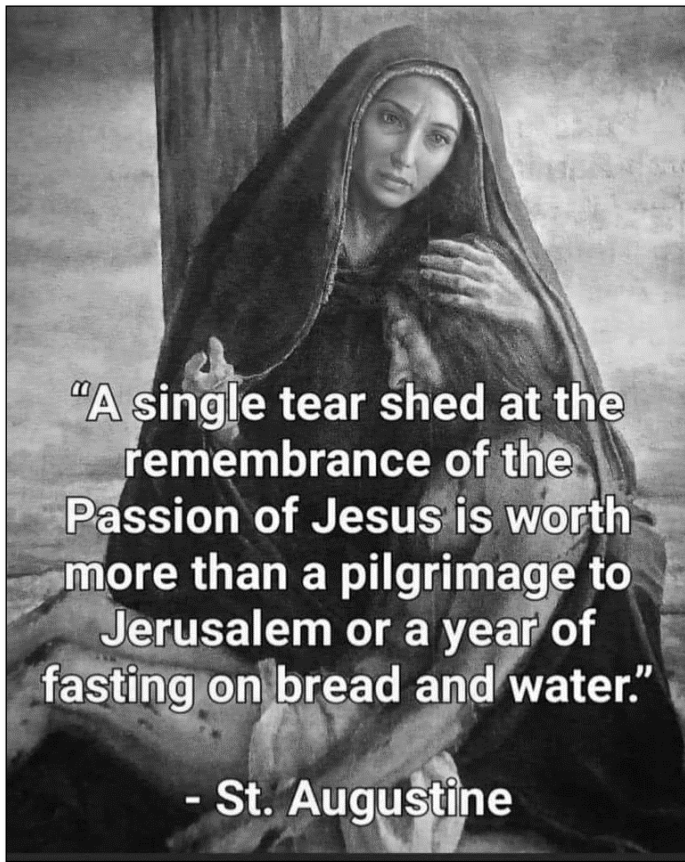
### GOSPEL : John 9:1-41;

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?' 'Neither he nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered 'he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. 'As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.' Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' So they said to him, 'Then how do your eyes come to be open?' 'The man called Jesus' he answered 'made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, "Go and wash at Siloam"; so I went, and when I washed I could see.' They asked, 'Where is he?' 'I don't know' he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, 'Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?' His parents answered, 'We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.' His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, 'He is old enough; ask him.' So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, 'Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.' The man answered, 'I don't know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.' They said to him, 'What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?' He replied, 'I have told you once and you wouldn't listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?' At this they hurled abuse at him: 'You can be his disciple,' they said 'we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.' The man replied, 'Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don't know where he comes from! We know that God doesn't listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn't do a thing.' 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. Jesus said: 'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see



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"You know you've reached some level of humility when you're not loving your own will nor be pleased to fulfill your own desires."

-Saint Benedict



"The Lord's Prayer is to be said in order that we may be preserved not only from venial sin, but also from mortal sin."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

"It is certainly a great happiness for some sinners who after a bad life are converted at their death, and are saved; but these cases are very rare: ordinarily he that leads a bad life dies a bad death."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"In the contemplation of His holy life we should try to enter into the sanctuary of His heart, admire and adore the virtues and imitate them as far as we possibly can."

-St. Arnold Janssen

"Parents are guilty of sin against the duty of educating their children, if they do not instruct them in matters of faith, and in what regards their eternal salvation."

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

"Sanctity does not consist in being faithful for a day or a year but in persevering until death."

-St. Claude de la Colombiere

"The wicked fear the good, because the good are a constant reproach to their consciences."

-Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"Contemplation is a ladder to God. And when you come down the ladder, come to the aid of your neighbour in need."

-St. Anthony of Padua

Do we think that God is appeased by the mere circumstance of our appearing at church without repenting of our sins, without restoring the property or character of our neighbor, without avoiding those occasions of sin which keep us at a distance from God? Ah, let us not mock the Lord!

-St. Alphonsus Liguori

*"Be on your guard* when you begin to mortify your body by abstinence and fasting, lest you imagine yourself to be perfect and a saint; for perfection does not consist in this virtue. It is only a help; a disposition; a means though a fitting one, for the attainment of *true perfection*."

- ST. JEROME -

"THERE IS NO SIN WHICH CANNOT BE PARDONED EXCEPT THAT ONE WHICH LACKS REPENTANCE."

-ST. ISAAC OF SYRIA

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
and in the depth be praise;  
in all his words most wonderful,  
most sure in all his ways!

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame, a second  
Adam to the fight and to the rescue  
came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
which did in Adam fail, should strive  
afresh against the foe, should strive,  
and should prevail.

And that the highest gift of grace should  
flesh and blood refine: God's presence  
and his very self, and essence all divine.

O generous love! that he who smote in  
man for man the foe, the double agony  
in Man for man should undergo.

And in the garden secretly, and on the  
cross on high, should teach his brethren,  
and inspire to suffer and to die.

**OFFERTORY HYMN:**

*Praise the Lord, for he is loving;  
\*sing in honor of his name, for he is name,  
for he is gracious. He has accomplished  
whatever he resolved to do  
in heaven and on earth.*

Praise the name of the Lord; \*  
Praise him, servants of the Lord,  
Who stand in the house of the Lord,  
In the courts of the house of our God.

For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself,  
and Israel as his treasured possession.  
The Lord does whatever he wills,  
In heaven, and on earth,  
In the seas, and in all the depths.

He summons clouds from  
the ends of the earth,  
Makes lightning produce the rain;  
From his treasures he sends forth the  
wind.

Lord, your name stands forever,  
Your renown, Lord, from age to age.  
For the Lord does justice for his people  
And takes pity on his servants.

**COMMUNION HYMN: Attende Domine**

*Look down, O Lord, and have mercy, for  
we have sinned against thee.*

*To thee, high King, Redeemer of all,  
Weeping we lift our eyes; hear, Christ,  
the prayers of thy servants.*

*Right hand of the Father, cornerstone,  
path of salvation and gate of heaven,  
cleanse the stains of our sins.*

*O God, we pray thy majesty, lend thy holy  
ears to our sighs, mercifully forgive our  
offenses.*

*To thee we confess committed sin, with  
contrite heart we unveil hidden faults;*

*May thy mercy, redeemer, forgive.*

*Seized though innocent, led away  
unresisting, condemned by false witness in  
place of the guilty, Christ keep those whom  
thou hast redeemed.*

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing:  
Praise him, praise him,  
praise him, praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor  
to our fathers in the distress;  
praise him still the same forever,  
slow to chide and swift to bless:  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him, Praise him,  
Praise him, praise,  
Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him, praise him,  
Praise him, praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.



Look after them the way  
they looked after you.  
There are certain people in life who shape who you are.  
Special people who were always there to give you advice,  
support, comfort and love. When the time comes to bid  
them farewell, make sure you farewell them properly.  
Talk to us, we'll help you do just that.  
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**Pledge Envelopes 2023** – the new  
envelopes will be available to collect  
from next **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and the  
annual receipts will be available from  
**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Please make a note of  
the dates.

**24 Hour Adoration** – Please note: there  
will be **No Adoration** on the 31<sup>st</sup> March  
to 1<sup>st</sup> April or 7<sup>th</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> April  
because we have the Altar Server  
Practises – 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 11am and 8<sup>th</sup>  
April 10am.

**Stations of the Cross**  
Every Friday during Lent  
7pm

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Yr A)**

*Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45;*

**LITURGY ROSTER**

**Readers:** J. Brodie, M. D'Souza  
**Prayers of the Faithful:** C. Tagiilima  
**Offertory:** D'Lima Family  
**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia

**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Stowers – Subermani Family

**SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER**

Thotawattage/ Tagiilima Families

**ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**

**19 Mar:** Roland Greenslade, Peter Cross

**20 Mar:** Rowland Gale

**21 Mar:** Lorre Mihaljevich, William  
Newman

**22 Mar:** George Watts, Jakov Trbuhovich,  
John Scott, Dale Timmins

**23 Mar:** Doris Molloy, Denis Richardson

**24 Mar:** Horace Harvey

**PARISH FINANCES**

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|---------------------|------------|
| Parish              | \$2,280.13 |
| Priests             | \$1,140.07 |
| Total Cash and AP's | \$3,420.20 |

**HOLY WEEK TIMETABLE**

~ **PASSION SUNDAY** ~

**2<sup>nd</sup> April**

*The Commemoration of the Lord's  
Entrance into Jerusalem*

8:00am Latin Mass

**10:00am** English Mass

~ **HOLY THURSDAY** ~

**6<sup>th</sup> April**

*The Mass of the Last Supper* – 7:00pm  
Adoration till 12am (Midnight) in Church

~ **GOOD FRIDAY** ~

**7<sup>th</sup> April**

*The Passion of Christ  
Veneration of the Holy Cross*

**Stations of the Cross** – **10:00am**

**Veneration of the Holy Cross** – 3:00pm

~ **HOLY SATURDAY** ~

**8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Vigil of Light** – **7:00pm**

Please bring:

*a bell to ring during the Gloria*

**Please note: we are providing candles  
this year.**

~ **EASTER SUNDAY** ~

**9<sup>th</sup> April**

**The Resurrection of the Lord**

8:00am Latin Mass

**10:00am** English Mass

~ **Easter Week (Monday – Saturday)** ~  
**All Masses at 9am**