

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020



DAILY GOSPEL READINGS THIS WEEK

Monday: John 4:43-54
Tuesday: John 5:1-16
Wed: Luke 1:26-38
Thurs: John 5:31-47
Fri: John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps. 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6;
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel of John 9:1-41

“I do believe, Lord.”—John 9:38

We all remember the moving words from the hymn *Amazing Grace*, “I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.” In our gospel, Jesus again reveals to us the God of life and love! The man born blind doesn’t ask for healing—yet through the compassionate heart of Jesus he is given new sight. The man begins to see anew, both physically and spiritually. He proclaims his faith in Jesus, “I do believe, Lord.” Everything changes for the man. He worships and witnesses his faith in the Lord with strength and courage, while the Pharisees remain spiritually blind. God, who always surprises us, chooses this man just as he chose young David and each of us!

In the midst of the darkness of COVID-19, God calls us to believe and witness our faith. We, too, are gifted with new sight and healing during this Lent. Our Lord uses us to bring hope and light to our families, neighbors and all who live alone and in fear. As St. Paul tells each of us, “Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

Project Update: Maintaining God’s House

Building plans submitted to Monterey County continue to be under review. Communication with the departments is occurring to ensure good communication. We hope to receive approval by this Spring. **Our Capital Campaign progresses with 102 pledges and donations totaling \$697,261.** We are grateful for all of you who are participating in the campaign.

2020 Annual Ministry Appeal (AMA)

GROWING IN FAITH ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE



The AMA to support the many very important ministries of the Diocese serve all of us—our families, our parish, as well as the entire Church throughout our Diocese! We are very thankful to those of you who have made a donation or pledge during these first weeks of the Appeal. **As of this week, individuals and families have participated with 64 donations or pledges in the amount of \$30,428. Our participation goal is 200 individuals or families and our monetary goal is \$50,000.** Please remember that whatever is donated beyond our \$10,000 parish commitment will be returned to help with the needs of our parish and building renovation project. Thank you.

Resources for Prayer for this Lenten Season

Please review the many diverse resources available online for the 4th week of Lent and special prayer opportunities during the COVID-19 Pandemic. From the U.S. Bishops is *Catholic Current*, an excellent resource. Available at:

www.catholiccurrent.org



Bishop Garcia’s Sunday Mass Streamed On Line

Please check the Diocesan Website on Sunday:

www.dioceseofmonterey.org

“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want...beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.” —Psalm 23

Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl and Calendar

Our journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent can have special meaning when we participate in the Rice Bowl Campaign. This can be done online from home with the many special Catholic Relief Services prayers, videos and other resources to renew our faith during Lent. **Visit: crs.org.**

COVID-19 Pandemic Novena

A very meaningful 9 day novena is available at:

PrayMoreNovenas.com

The following is a portion of the prayer for the first day of the Novena. Let us pray the novena together as a parish beginning this Sunday.

Father in Heaven, have mercy on us and on the whole world. We come to you today with our fears and concerns -- You know what's in our hearts. We love You, trust You, we need You. We ask You to be with us. Stay with us. Help us through these times of uncertainty and sorrow.

We know you are the Divine Physician, the healer of all. And so we ask that you bring your loving and healing presence to all those who are sick and suffering right now. Please comfort them.

Please be with the grieving families of those who have passed away.

Please have mercy on those who have died, may they be with You in heaven.

Please stand at the side of all medical professionals who are putting themselves at risk while they work to bring healing to others.

Lord, we are scared and we are sorrowful. Please heal us. Send us your peace and overwhelming presence.

(Mention your intentions here)

We ask the Fourteen Holy Helpers, those who lived during the time of the plague, to pray for us and all who are at-risk!

Jesus, we thirst for You. You chose to enter this world as a vulnerable baby. Be with the most vulnerable now. Help us to continue to return to You with our whole hearts throughout this ordeal.

Amen.

2nd Collection - Sunday, March 22:

Catholic Relief Services

You can support the special Lenten 2nd collection by donating directly online at: crs.org.

Weekly Offertory Report - 3/15/20

Offertory \$1,406; Other \$125; Total \$1,531.

Mass Intentions March 21-27, 2020

Sat	4:30 pm	+Ron Giovanetti
Sun	9:00 am	+Verna and Larry
	11:15 am	+Edith Davis
	5:00 pm	+Salvador Cabrera
		+Filomeno Osornio
		+Petra Tinajera
		+Álvaro Bonilla - 4 aniversario
Wed	7:00 am	+Art Taylor, Sr.
Thur	7:00 am	Sick and Homebound of the Parish
Fri	7:00 am	Victims of the Coronavirus



Fr. Dennis is celebrating Masses daily for these intentions as well as for our parishioners and those suffering from COVID-19. Let us all pray for one another.

ANUNCIOS ESPECIALES DE LA SEMANA

“Creo, Señor.” — Juan 9:38

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13; Salmo 22; Carta de San Pablo a los Efesios 5:8-14; Evangelio de Juan 9:1-41
En el Evangelio de hoy, con la curación del ciego del nacimiento, se nos ofrece una hermosa enseñanza sobre Jesús, la Luz del mundo que disipa las tinieblas.

Misa y recursos del Obispo en la pagina del web diocesano el domingo: www.dioceseofmonterey.org

Recursos especiales de ingles y español de los obispos para la cuaresma y Pandemia COVID-19
www.catholiccurrent.org

OREMOS: Jesucristo, sanador de todo, acompáñanos en estos tiempos de incertidumbre y pena. Acompaña aquellos que han muerto por causa del virus. Que estén descansando a tu lado en tu paz eterna. Acompaña las familias de quienes están enfermos o que han muerto. En medio de sus preocupaciones y penas, líbrales de enfermedad y desesperación. Permíteles sentir tu paz. Acompaña los doctores, enfermeras, investigadores y todos los profesionales médicos que andan en búsqueda de sanar y ayudar a los afectados, y que corren riesgos en el proceso. Permíteles sentir tu protección y paz. Acompaña los líderes de todas las naciones. Dales la visión para actuar con amor, y un verdadero interés en el bienestar de la gente que deben de servir. Dales la sabiduría para poder invertir en soluciones de largo plazo que ayudarán a la preparación o prevención de futuros brotes. Permíteles conocer tu paz en esta tierra, mientras juntos trabajan para lograrlo. Ya estemos en nuestras casas o en el extranjero, rodeados de muchos o de unos pocos que sufren de esta enfermedad, Jesucristo, acompáñanos mientras soportamos y lamentamos, persistimos y nos preparamos. Sustituye nuestra ansiedad por tu paz. Jesucristo, sánanos.

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel is a warm and welcoming Catholic Community that serves the Gospel with deep faith, hope and love as a living and Spirit-filled witness to the Heart of Jesus present and alive in Carmel Valley.

Nuestra Señora del Monte Carmelo es una cálida y acogedora comunidad Católica que sirve el Evangelio con profunda fe, esperanza y amor como testigo vivo y lleno del Espíritu del Corazón de Jesús presente y vivo en el Valle del Carmel.

Pastor: Father Dennis Gallo

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:30 pm

Sunday: 9 am, 11:15 am, 5 pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Wednesday through Friday, 7 am;
First Friday of each month, 12 noon

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm and by appointment

Office Hours

Wednesday through Friday
9 am – 12 pm; 2 – 4 pm

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council: Adele Margolis, *Chair*,
Dede Woodhead, *Vice Chair*, Jeff Hawkins, *Secretary*,
Tess Arthur, Lori Jakubowski, Concepción Jara,
Alondra Klemek, Patricia Merrifield, Tom Rowland

Faith Formation:

First Communion:

Patricia Merrifield, Kim Hlasny

Confirmation:

Sam Klemek, David Warner

RCIA / Adult Faith Formation: John Condon, Brian Kelly

Hope's Pantry: Lydia Newton • Wed 10 am–12 pm

Hope's Boutique: Janice Hawkins • Wed 10 am–12 pm

Manna Ministry: Joni Zabala

Homeless Hot Meal: Lori Jakubowski

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Music Ministry:

Richard Carr (4:30 pm, 9:00 am)

George Peterson, *Piano* (11:15 am)

Lectors: Dede Woodhead

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Liturgical Environment: Gail Quinnan

