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Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 and 11:00 am
Children's Liturgy: September - June

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 6:00 pm
Wednesday through Friday 8:30 am
Rosary/Adoration before Weekday Masses

Confessions
Sat 4 - 4:45 pm or before weekday Masses

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Sunday 12:00 pm by appointment

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Diocesan Website: www.sainted.com

Min. Schedule - Mar 21/22

Hospitality:
5:00 pm - Victor Gatt
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Sam Zuvic

Communion:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley
11:00 am - Lucia Durward

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The 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A

Lord I believe.

Lectors:
5:00 pm - Tom Lannan
9:00 am - Tim Grawey
11:00 am - Scott Durward

Video:
5:00 pm - Sandy MacIntyre
9:00 am - Dan Tonello
11:00 am - Albert DeLaat

Organist:
All Masses - Dino Sicoli

March 15, 2026 A.D. The 4th Sunday of Lent - Year A



*Lord may the request of our
people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

Tues Mar 17 6:00 pm +William & Noreen Lannan
Wed Mar 18 8:30 am +Victor Samuel
Thurs Mar 19 8:30 am +Bob Martine
Fri Mar 20 8:30 am +Annina D'Uva
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
The 5th Sunday of Lent
Sat Mar 21 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Diocesan Wide Day of Reconciliation
5:00 pm +Cesare DiCarmine
Sun Mar 22 9:00 am +Antonio Ricci
11:00 am +Joshua Zuvic

HOW BRIGHT IS YOUR LIGHT?

This Fourth Sunday of Lent present a series of striking contrasts - God's vision versus human vision, the light of Christ versus the darkness of sin, and spiritual blindness versus spiritual sight. Together, they invite us to examine how we see our lives and remind us that a stewardship way of life helps us see as God sees and reflect Christ's light to others.

Samuel, the prophet is sent to anoint a new king from among the sons of Jesse. One by one, the older, stronger brothers are presented, yet none is chosen. Instead, God selects David, the youngest and least likely by human standards. The Lord explains why: "Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart."

This passage challenges us to reconsider how we measure success and worth. The world often values status, influence, and outward achievement. God, sees how we love, serve, and use the gifts entrusted to us.

St. Paul echoes this identity: "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light." Because of Baptism, the light of Christ dwells within us. Yet in the routine struggles of daily life, we can forget who we truly are. We may settle into habits that dull that light or drift into patterns that place comfort or convenience ahead of discipleship.

The stewardship way of life offers a practical path forward. By intentionally examining how we use our time, talents, and treasure, we gain clarity about whether our lives truly reflect Christ's light. Stewardship invites us to choose

prayer over distraction, service over self-interest, generosity over hoarding, and trust over fear. In doing so, Christ's light becomes visible not only in church, but in our homes, workplaces, and communities.



Jesus declares, "I am the light of the world," and then restores sight to a man born blind. The miracle causes controversy, yet the healed man simply speaks the truth: Jesus "opened my eyes." His physical healing becomes a sign of the deeper spiritual sight Christ offers to all who believe.

Lent is an ideal time for us to ask the same grace. Where might we still be spiritually blind? Where do we fail to see God at work? Where do we overlook opportunities to serve or share our gifts?

Are we reflecting Christ's light in the way we use our time - giving priority to prayer, Mass, Confession, and attentive care for our families and neighbors?

Are we reflecting His light in the sharing of our talents - volunteering in parish life, helping those in need, and offering encouragement and compassion to those around us?

Are we reflecting His light in the sharing of our material blessings - giving generously and intentionally in gratitude to the God who has entrusted everything to us?

The journey of stewardship is really a journey of vision - learning to see our lives as gifts and to recognize that everything we have is meant to be shared for God's glory.

As we continue through Lent, let us ask Christ to open our eyes wherever our vision has grown dim. By renewing our commitment to live as grateful and generous stewards, we prepare to celebrate Easter as people who truly walk as children of the light.

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by Tom & Carmen Lannan
 by Kim Gagnon-Doucet
 by Liz & Alan Martine & family
 by the Hendriks family

by Elena DiCarmine & family
 by Teresa Ricci
 by Sam & Geraldine Zuvic

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion, helping us reflect on Christ's suffering and love.



Join us each Friday at 7:00 p.m., beginning February 20, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross. Spend an hour with Jesus on His journey to Calvary and draw closer to His Sacred Heart.

May this Lent be a season of grace for us all — renewing our faith and preparing us to proclaim with joy on Easter morning: **He is risen!**

SCRUTINIES BEGIN THIS WEEK

The Catholic Scrutinies are a series of three special, solemn rites celebrated during Mass on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent for adults preparing to be baptized (the "Elect") at the Easter Vigil. They are a core part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and serve as a final period of spiritual purification and enlightenment.

Key Aspects of the Scrutinies:

- **Purpose:** Conducted for the Elect during Lent, these rites aim to strengthen what is good and heal what is weak, purifying the heart and freeing it from the influence of evil.
- **The Rite:** Involves prayers of exorcism, intercessions, and the laying on of hands.
- **Thematic Gospels (Year A):** Paired with readings of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus.
- **Significance:** These rites invite all Catholics to reflect on their own spiritual conversion and baptismal journey.

Please keep in your prayers our Elect (the unbaptized) and our Candidates (the baptized)

Elect: Chazzly Haskell, Shawna Morra, Alea Walker, Logyn Rakovich

Candidates: Kenney Grover, Hailey Batenburg, Gillian Kerr, Melinda Manchur

DIOCESAN WIDE RECONCILIATION



On Sat, March 21, 2026, in every parish church across the diocese a priest will be available from 10 am – 1 pm to hear individual confessions. No matter how long it has been, you are welcome to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance, which assists us in spiritual discipline as we turn away from sin and open our hearts to reconciliation and healing; or you can also simply come to pray before the Lord.

COME WATCH THE CHOSEN

Join us every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm to watch and discuss episodes of the inspiring series *The Chosen*. This powerful portrayal of the life of Christ and His disciples invites us to encounter the Gospel in a fresh and meaningful way.

All are welcome to gather in the Meeting Room at St. John Bosco Parish. Come grow in faith, fellowship, and understanding of the life of Jesus. Bring a friend!

DIOCESAN SEPARATED & DIVORCED HEALING MINISTRY SUPPORT GROUP

meets every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month (except holidays)
 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, 7020 Stanley Avenue, Niagara Falls, Ontario.
PROGRAM SCHEDULE FOR WINTER/SPRING 2026
 Mar 23, 2026 The Gift of the Holy Spirit
 Apr 13, 2026 Identifying Our Losses
 Apr 27, 2026 Coping With Grief
 May 11, 2026 Navigating Change

**No meetings July & August
 Meetings resume September 14, 2026**

PRAYER TO SEE AS GOD SEES

Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
 open the eyes of our hearts this Lenten season.
 Help us to see as You see
 not by outward appearance,
 but by the truth within each soul.

Where we have walked in darkness,
 lead us into Your light.
 Where we have been blind to Your presence,
 restore our sight.

Teach us to live as children of light,
 using our time, talents, and blessings for Your glory.

Form us into grateful and generous stewards,
 so that in our homes, our work, and our communities,
 others may see Your light shining through us.

Open our eyes, Lord,
 that we may walk faithfully with You
 and rejoice as people of the light. Amen.