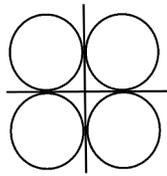


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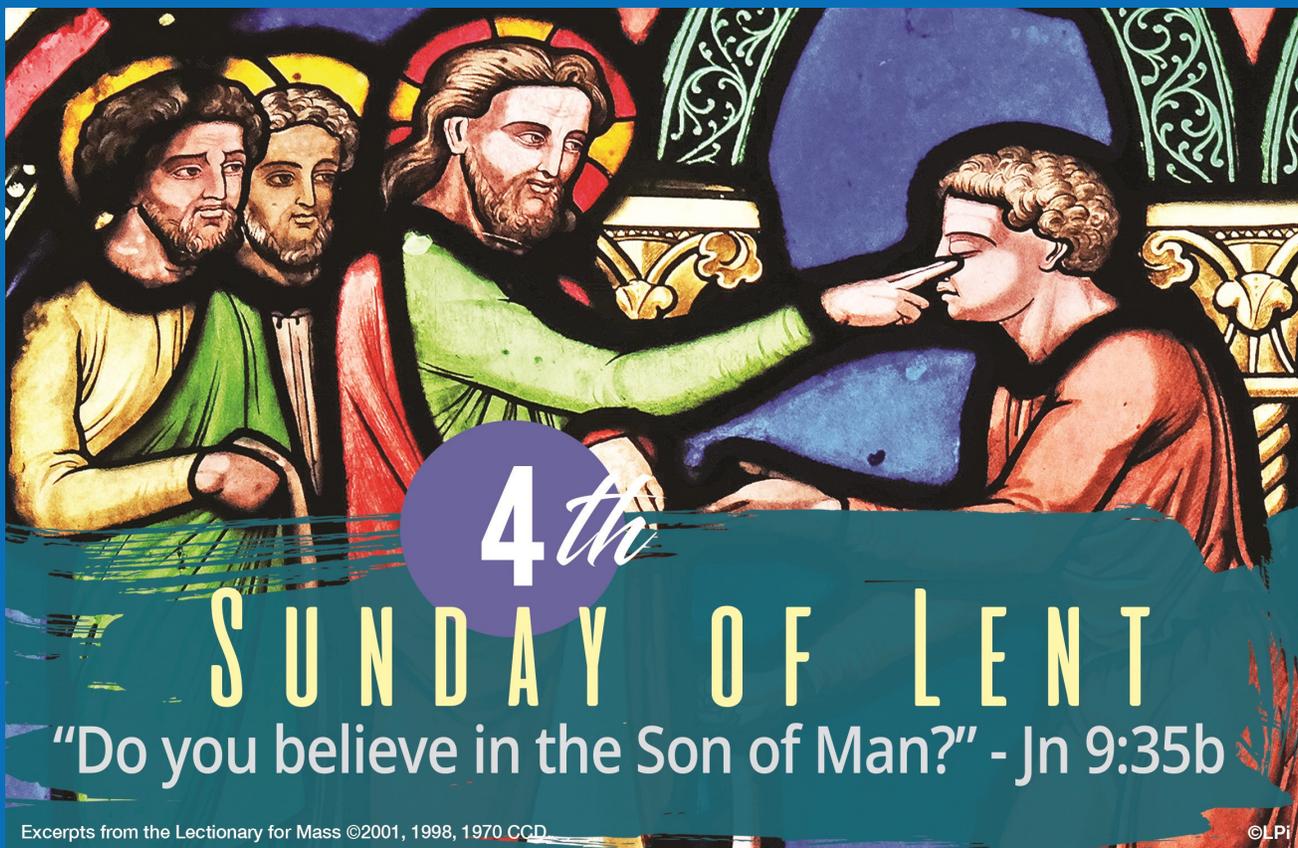


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March 15, 2026 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



Monday, March 16
Lenten Weekday
No Mass

Tuesday, March 17
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass with anointing
12:00P Rosary Group
6:00P Parish Pastoral Council mtg.

Wednesday, March 18
Lenten Weekday
8:30A Mass
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00P Choir rehearsal

Thursday, March 19
St. Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30A Mass
11:00A Together in Grief
2:00P Installation of Bishop Bonnici at Sacred Heart Cathedral
4:00-8:00P St. Paul's Panera Night
6:30P Bible Study

Friday, March 20
Lenten Weekday
Abstinence
No Mass

Saturday, March 21
Lenten Weekday
9:30A Men's Group mtg.
1:30P First Reconciliation
2:00P Confession
4:00P Mass-choir sings

Sunday, March 22
5th Sunday of Lent
8:30A SOR Child Eucharist Catechesis
9:00A Mass
10:00A SOR classes
10:00A Confirmation Prep classes yrs. 1 & 2
11:00A Mass

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Financial Snapshot

	February 2026	July-February 2026
Collections	\$27,370	\$350,576
Donations/ other revenue	\$9,466	\$45,995
Expenses	\$32,286	\$394,994
Operating surplus/deficit	\$4,551	\$1,577

Let Us Pray for Those in the Military

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
PJ Lajoie	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the
Sanctuary Lamp burns for
John Serio
from
Family*

Conversion of the Heart

Dear friends, today, we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Lent. Today is known as Laetare Sunday. This Sunday got its name from the first two words of the Latin Entrance Antiphon of today's Mass: "Laetare Jerusalem" – Rejoice O Jerusalem. This Sunday marks the halfway point of the Lenten Season, even though Thursday that just past is the actual middle day of Lent. On this Sunday, we take a pause in our Lenten routine, while embracing signs of joy which express our belief and hope in the Resurrection and to inspire us as we continue our Lenten commitments to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The colors for today's Mass is rose or pink. It is thought that at a certain time in history, popes sent golden roses to Catholic heads of states in Europe on this Sunday.

During the season of Lent, we are invited to seek the Lord in prayer by reading Sacred Scripture; we serve by giving alms; and we practice self-control through fasting. We are called not only to abstain from luxuries during Lent, but to a true inner conversion of heart as we seek to follow Christ's will more faithfully. Many know of the tradition of abstaining from meat on Fridays during Lent, but we are also called to practice self-discipline and fast in other ways throughout the season. The giving of alms is one way to share God's gifts—not only through the distribution of money, but through the sharing of our time and talents. As St. John Chrysostom reminds us: "not to enable the poor to share in our goods is to steal from them and deprive them of life. The goods we possess are not ours, but theirs." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2446). As one of the three pillars of Lenten practice, almsgiving is 'a witness to fraternal charity' and 'a work of justice pleasing to God.' (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 2462).

During the season of Lent, the gospel accounts for the Gospels for the Sundays of Lent all have a very special focus. On the First Sunday of Lent, the Gospel Reading was focused on the Temptations of Jesus by the devil. On the Second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel Reading from Matthew's gospel account was on the Transfiguration of Jesus. On the Third Sunday of Lent, the Gospel recounts Jesus' encounter with the Woman of Samaria at the well. The Gospel reading for next Sunday which is the Fifth Sunday of Lent is on the Raising of Lazarus. Today's Gospel reading recounts Jesus' encounter with the man who was born blind.

The disciples showed no interest in helping the blind man but in discussing the cause of his condition. It was widely held at the time that suffering, and especially blindness, was due to sin. Jesus' response was that neither he nor his parents sinned. Jesus saw the man as an opportunity to do the works of God. Jesus knew that healing this man on the Sabbath would bring greater opposition from the religious leaders who already wanted to silence and kill Him. Yet Christ's compassion for the man drove Him to do it anyway. According to the pericope, Jesus spat on the ground and made clay with saliva and smeared it on his eyes. Jesus told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam, which he did and came back and was able to see. Using saliva as a medicine upon the eyes was not so strange in the ancient world. Spittle, and especially the spittle of some distinguished persons, was believed to possess certain curative qualities. The emphasis here is not on the method but on Jesus's compassion. Jesus loves us and wants the best for us. Jesus does not like to see us suffer. In our suffering, Jesus invites us to come to him so that he can make us whole again. Like the man born blind in today's Gospel passage, we too need to respond in faith. The healing would not happen unless the man responded with those faith-filled, obedient actions. Jesus knows our hearts; he wants us to live a faith-filled life. In the first reading, we are told that while man sees the appearance, the Lord looks into the Heart.

Our Lenten practices should transform our hearts to conversion and to faith. Let us remind ourselves of the promises we made on Ash Wednesday. If we have not yet been able to carry out the Lenten practices or keep our Lenten promises, we still have time to live out the Lenten obligations and practices. The practices should transform our hearts and should conform us more and more to Christ.

Anselm

Holy Week 2026

Chrism Mass

Sacred Heart Cathedral
 Tuesday, March 31
 6:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

April 2
 Mass of the Lord's Supper
 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday

April 3
 Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
 3:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday

April 4
 Blessing of Food for Easter - 11:00 a.m.
 Easter Vigil - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday

April 5
 Mass - 9:00 a.m.
 Mass - 11:00 a.m.

Operation Rice Bowl Nourishing Futures in Guatemala



In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit csrricebowl.org/week-3 to

read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

Good Sam Outreach 2026 Lenten Food Drive Week 5: March 21-27

Rochester Hope is in need of the following items:

Canned chicken, soup (especially chicken noodle) peanut butter & jelly, applesauce (cups), rice, canned & dried beans

Please place your bagged donations in the collection box in the Narthex. The Good Sam Outreach will deliver the items to the selected organization.

Easter Flowers



If you wish to donate to the Easter flower Memorials, you can simply fill out an envelope with who the memorial is in memory or honor along with who it is from so that we can include the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, March 23** to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Jodie at 671-2100 or via email jodie.hickey@dor.org.

Lenten Soup Supper

Bring the whole family and join us at our Lenten Soup Supper on Thursday, March 26th at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share! Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the parish office. Following the Soup Supper at 6:30 p.m. we invite you to join us in the worship area for prayers and reflections on Stations of the Cross.

Assistance Needed in Planning St. Paul's 60th Anniversary Celebration

We are looking for individuals to help in specific tasks for the planning of St. Paul's 60th Anniversary in 2027. If you are interested in hearing more about this, please contact either:

Kevin Olifiers: 585-472-1047
 Jack Black: 585-315-8615

Diocesan-Wide Day of Penance & Mercy

Tuesday, March 24

Confession Times at St. Paul's:

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
 Noon-2:00 p.m.
 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in progress all day

Installation of Bishop John S. Bonnici



We invite you to join us at St. Paul's to follow through live stream the installation of Bishop Bonnici on Thursday, **March 19th at 2:00 p.m.**

Ministry Schedule for March 21 & 22, 2026

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
Acolytes	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Luca Picca Volunteer Needed	Lucy Rynkiewicz Volunteer Needed
Cantors	Bonnie Serio	Elizabeth Randisi	Bob Slon
EMHC	Sue Dettman Christine Grant	Jack Black Trisha DeBacco	Cindy Ottina Volunteer Needed
Greeters	Bill Galbraith Patrice DeAngelis	Jack Black Pat Amedeo	Anne LaClair Jean Van Apeldoorn
Lectors	Scott Rutan	Marcia Kusse	Kay Vargo
Linens	Marilyn Merrigan No specific time for pick up		
Sacristans	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
Stream Team	Rod Campbell	Sue Muto	Chris Yuskiw
Ushers	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Jack Black Paul Fetter	Dallas & Joanne Miller Volunteer Needed



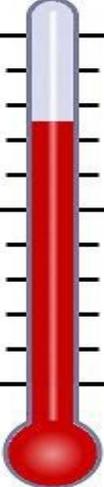
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Together in Grief

St. Paul's bereavement group, *Together in Grief*, welcomes all who have suffered a loss and are looking for group support. This group meets the third Thursday of each month to bond, heal, and discuss a variety of topics related to the loss of a loved one. Join us at our next meeting on **Thursday, March 19th** in the music room.



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