



St. Gaspar del Bufalo Catholic Church

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“We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments.”

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR A

MARCH 19, 2023

Laudate

“Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD”



Sunday

Office Hours

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00am to 4:00pm

Confessions

20 Minutes before each Mass Saturday and Sunday

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

Saturdays 9:00am to 10:00am

except first Saturday of the Month.

You can also schedule a private one by calling the office.

Adoration

Wednesday 8:30am to 9:00am

First Tuesday of the Month

6:00pm to 7:00pm

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

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse,

"The LORD has not chosen any one of these." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your

rod and your staff that give me courage.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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READING 2: Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather

expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he

spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is, " but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see." And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him." So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One

thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

PART ONE: THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

SECTION TWO I. THE CREEDS

CHAPTER TWO I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST, THE ONLY SON OF GOD

Article 3 "HE WAS CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AND WAS BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY"

Paragraph 2. "CONCEIVED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY

Mary's virginal motherhood in God's plan

505 By his virginal conception, Jesus, the New Adam, ushers in the new birth of children adopted in the Holy Spirit through faith. "How can this be?" Participation in the divine life arises "not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God". The acceptance of this life is virginal because it is entirely

the Spirit's gift to man. the spousal character of the human vocation in relation to God is fulfilled perfectly in Mary's virginal motherhood. 506 Mary is a virgin because her virginity is the sign of her faith "unadulterated by any doubt", and of her undivided gift of herself to God's will. It is her faith that enables her to become the mother of the Saviour: "Mary is more blessed because she embraces faith in Christ than because she conceives the flesh of Christ." 507 At once virgin and mother, Mary is the symbol and the most perfect realization of the Church: "the Church indeed. . . by receiving the word of God in faith becomes herself a mother. By preaching and Baptism she brings forth sons, who are conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of God, to a new and immortal life. She herself is a virgin, who keeps in its entirety and purity the faith she pledged to her spouse."

MASS INTENTIONS		
Saturday	4:30PM	† Kathleen Costello
Sunday	7:30AM	People of the Parish
	10:00AM	† Glen Janeway
Monday	NO MASS	
Tuesday	8:00AM	† Landez Brothers
Wednesday	8:00AM	† Lina Rice
Thursday	8:00AM	† Rose Worman
Friday	8:00AM	† Suzanne Arnold

March 12, 2023 Collections	
Weekly Collection	2171.00
Children	5.00
Votives	46.25
Emergency Fund	60.00
Altar & Rosary Sodality	5.00
Fish Fry	897.00
1st Offering for env.	5.00
Roof	385.00
Sanctuary Flowers	5.00
Solemnity of Mary	5.00
Total	3584.25
<i>Thank you for your generous giving</i>	



Please join us Friday at 4:00 pm, March 24th for the last fish fry of Lent. **Thank you to the Knights of Columbus** for prepping, serving, and cleaning up. The fish is delicious! **Stations of the Cross will begin at 7:00 pm.**

March 2023 MINISTRY SCHEDULE					
Altar Cloth: Roberta O'Boyle			Altar Flowers: Karen Edwards		
Ushers and Greeters			Altar Servers		
4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4.30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Mike Edwards	Jeff Strong	John Cazier	Paige McDonald	Kaleb Strater	Matt Kelty
Karen Edwards	Dave Singleton	Pam Neu Maddie Lock 3/19	Natalie McDonald	Sam Strater	
Proclaimers: Saturday and Sunday			Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM	4:30PM	7:30AM	10:00AM
Sara Lake	Ed Keil	Matt Lock 3/19 & 3/26	Janie Schoenle	Roberta O'Boyle	Bob Distler
	Sharon Wilsey	Elena Lock 3/19	Gail Martin	Robin Aspy	Meg Distler
		Ben Schortgen 3/26	Bob Berghoff	Cathy Putman	Terry Leubke
Proclaimer Daily Masses			Collections		
March 21	Sharon Wilsey		March 21	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett
March 28	Elena Lock		March 28	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
April 4	Tim Worman		April 4	Laura Weaver	Vicki Domer
April 11	Mary Krouse		April 11	Roberta O'Boyle	Margaret Baskett
April 18	Sharon Wilsey		April 18	Mary Krouse	Nancy Goldsmith
Please call Karen 260-336-1703, if you are unable to serve. Thanks					