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## Youth Ministry

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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## Open Our Eyes

The Gospel for the fourth Sunday of Lent talks about Jesus performing a miracle for a blind man, so that he was able to open his eyes and see. More than just being able to see, he could also look deeper into his experience of being healed. While others were squabbling over what Jesus did on the Sabbath day, the man has this to say: *“One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.”* And he was clear about the whole matter when he said this of Jesus: *“If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.”*

Do we see with clarity the events of our lives, and more so to see Jesus present in those events of our lives, even though we can see?

Sure, we can see the hand of Jesus in those events in our lives and why, just as the blind man eventually saw that he was born blind so that the works of God could be displayed in him. And hence his profound testimony: *“I was blind and now I see.”* That’s how he described himself after he was healed.

How do we describe ourselves?

The words following *“I am”* are important because we dictate what is coming after. If we say *“I am busy”* then we will have no time. If we say *“I am tired”* then we will have no energy. But do we know how Jesus looks at us?

When we know how Jesus looks at us, then we will know how to describe ourselves. Because we will say: *“I am a sinner, but I am saved. Because I am saved, then I am blessed. And because I am blessed, then I am thankful. And because I am thankful, then every event in my life is beautiful because I can see Jesus in all those events and in every event to come.”*

May we also see, and see more with our hearts, so that we will describe and tell others, how great and how wonderful our God is.

Fr. Aegi, SCJ

## Mass Intentions for March 21 - 28, 2020

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	+Mary & Leo Mendes, requested by B. & E. Rozario
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	+Mildred Finney, requested by B. & E. Rozario
	10:00 a.m.	+Heriberto & Oscar Lopez, requested by the family
	11:30 a.m.	Intentions of the parish community
	8:00 p.m.	+Karingen Paolose Joseph, requested by Shaji and family
Monday	7:30 a.m.	+Stani Pinto, requested by M. & T. Sequeira
Tuesday	7:30 a.m.	+ Suren Matkar, Cajetan & Josephine Alveres, requested by J. Matkar
	7:00 p.m.	+Mark Tanel, requested by the family
Wednesday	7:30 a.m.	+Martin Hommel
	7:00 p.m.	+Caterina Palumbo, requested by the family
Thursday	7:30 a.m.	+Nirmala Nira, requested by the family
	7:00 p.m.	+Teodoro Tagle, requested by Tessie & Elena
		+Lawrence Rodrigues, requested by the family
		+Philomena Brennan, requested by the Heitzner family
Friday	7:30 a.m.	+Kayumba Pierre Claver, Richard Ndayisaba, & Alexandre Nsengiyumva, requested by the family
		+Annamha Soosaipillai, requested by V. Mariathas
		Intentions of Keith Francis
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	+Pablo Enriquez Chia, requested by the family
	9:00 a.m.	Intentions of Jordan, Jaden and Joshua Rey

**All intentions of Masses will be celebrated by our priests' private daily Masses.**

## SHARELIFE 2020



### How can you “Live the Gospel” when life is so busy?

Many people help those in need by volunteering at a local organization. But if your schedule doesn't allow for it, you can still make a huge impact in your community by supporting ShareLife-funded agencies. Next Sunday is the first ShareLife collection. Over the next week, please reflect on your ability to “Live the Gospel” by making a sacrificial gift to our parish ShareLife campaign by mail or on-line.

**Next Sunday, March 29, is ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.**

## Is Jesus calling you? Would you give your life for him?



The Church is blessed with a rich diversity of vocations; all of them are born from God as He calls us to participate in his work of redemption. If you are thinking about God's call and trying to find purpose for your life, we are here to help you. Maybe He is inviting you to be a priest, a religious brother or sister, to serve the church with love and generosity. Come and talk to us! We will help you discern your vocation.

Contact: Fr. Antonio Resende Pereira, SCJ (Priests of the Sacred Heart Vocation director)



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## Parish Spiritual Statistics

Our annual report to the Archdiocese for our spiritual statistics contained the following information with comparative totals for the previous years:

Sacraments	2017	2018	2019
Baptism	127	103	96
First Communion	85	63	38
Confirmation	41	71	70
R.C.I.A. (new Catholics)	10	5	10
Marriage	10	10	12
Death	38	22	25

## Sacramental Prep News

Email: [askstmp2016@gmail.com](mailto:askstmp2016@gmail.com)

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

- Classes are CANCELLED until further notice

### CONFIRMATION

- Classes are CANCELLED until further notice

### RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

- Classes and other activities have been CANCELLED until further notice

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Parents and their young children are *invited* to join us

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## Prayers Needed for the Sick

We are praying for the sick of our parish: Anthony Cogiano, Perico Uncad, Maurice Archer, Rodney, Brian & Evelyn Rozario, Corine Acuna, Sharon Harvey, Russel Nelson and Benedicta Gonsalves. May they be supported by our prayers and pastoral ministry and by the grace of God.

## True Recovery of Sight

In the Gospel Jesus performs a two-fold miracle of healing a man of his physical blindness and his spiritual blindness. So too in all of us, it is the Lord and His grace that brings about the miracle of our interior conversion. Let us imitate the cured blind man and fall at the feet of Jesus and thank Him for the gifts and graces He has poured into our lives.

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