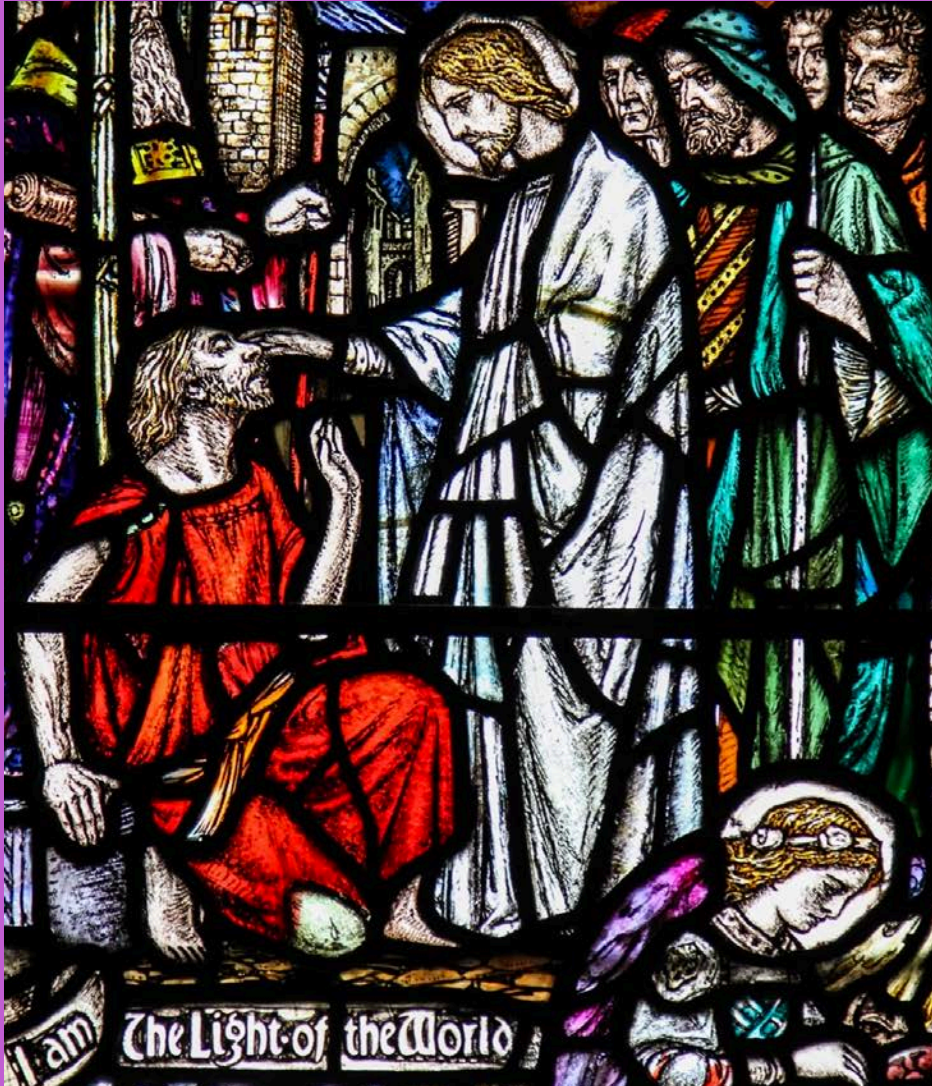


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March 15, 2026

4th Sunday
of Lent

Laetare Sunday

"While I am in the world,
I am the light
of the world."

John 9:5

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BAPTISMS

Please contact Fr. Martino for an appointment

WEDDINGS

Please contact Fr. Martino for an appointment
minimum of four months before wedding date.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday-5p.m.-Sunday- 8:30& 11a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday,4:00-4:30 p.m. or Upon Request

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

Thursday, 8:30 a.m.

Friday, 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Sunday 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

We welcome your contributions to the
bulletin. Deadline is Wednesday, by 12:00 p.m.



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday-March 29, 2026

Sat., 5:00 pm Mass, Sun., 8:30 & 11:00 am Mass

Palms distributed at all Masses

Solemn procession at the 11 o'clock Mass

Tuesday-March 31, 2026

No Mass

Chrism Mass, 11:00 am

Cathedral Basilica of St. John the Baptist, Savannah

Confession-6:00pm-8:00pm

Wednesday-April 01, 2026

Mass, 8:30 am, side Chapel

Holy Thursday-April 02, 2026

No Morning Mass.

Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00 pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until midnight -Side Chapel

Good Friday- April 03, 2026

Fish Fry-5:00 pm-Dine in Only

Passion of the Lord-Service 7:00 pm

Holy Saturday-April 04, 2026

Easter Paschal, Mass 8:00 pm

Easter Sunday-April 05, 2026

Mass of the Resurrection, 8:30 & 11:00 am

Eyesight to the Blind

God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel - as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water - the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38-39](#)).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70-71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come - Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By his death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light" - trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.

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Sunday Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Lord, open my eyes

First Reading — 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A: Samuel is sent by the Lord to anoint one of Jesse's sons as the new king of Israel, replacing Saul. The Lord reveals to him that he looks at the heart, not outward appearances, and leads him to anoint David, the youngest son, who is a shepherd.

Responsorial Psalm — Psalm 23: The Lord is a faithful and loving shepherd who provides for and protects his sheep. The Lord provides green pastures and still waters, his guidance through dark valleys, and his comforting presence.

Second Reading — Ephesians 5:8-14: Live as children of light, put aside the works of darkness and walk in the ways of righteousness. Everything that is exposed by the light becomes visible and Christ will shine on those who follow him.

Gospel — John 9:1-41: Jesus heals a man who was born blind, but the Pharisees are skeptical and investigate the miracle. They cast the man out for declaring his belief in Jesus as the Son of God.

Readings for the 4th week of Lent

Sunday	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2+4, 5-6, 11-12a+13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24 or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21+23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

JOURNEY OF FAITH



When we were kids, we'd travel to see my grandparents. As the trip progressed, we would look for certain landmarks that would tell us how close we were to arriving at their home or getting back to our own. We would carefully watch for places where relatives had worked, or where we usually stopped for ice cream or we searched for landmarks we had created. Each would be greeted with excitement and we would know just how much farther we had to go.

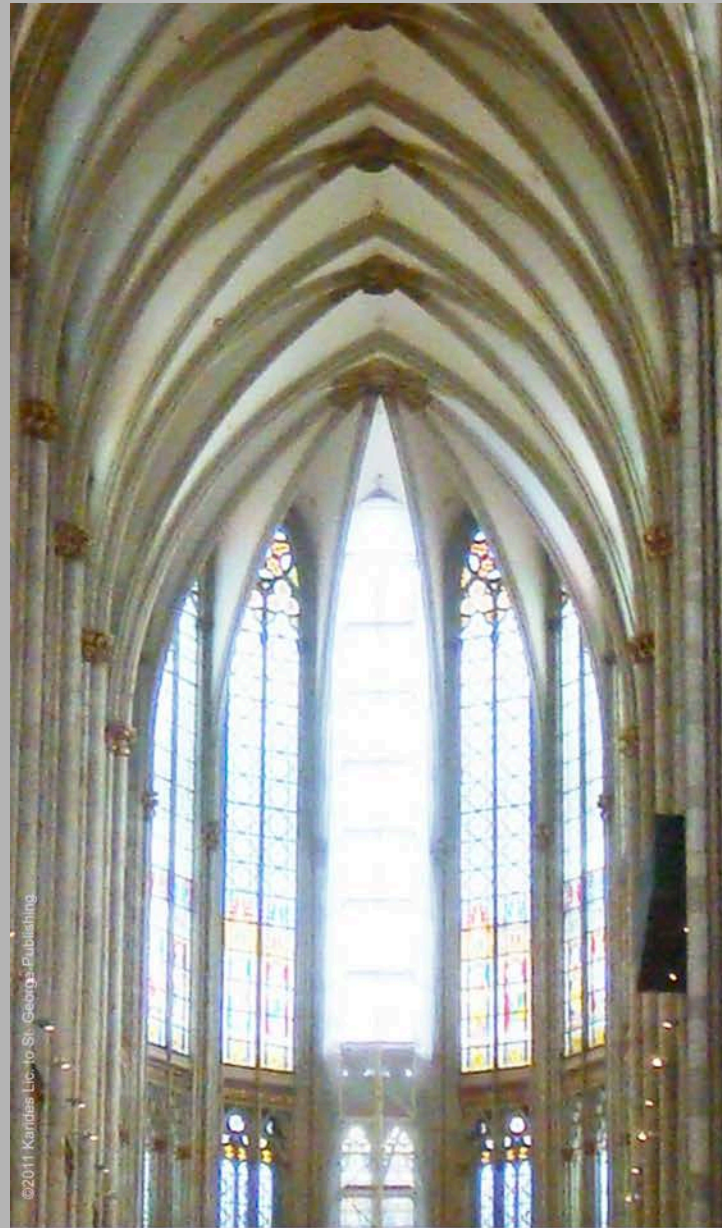
This midway point of Lent is a great place to stop and measure how far we have come. How well have we kept our Lenten practices? Have we done things as a family, like pray the rosary or attend stations or go to confession? Lent is a long journey and we should see how much more we have to go.

Don't cheat yourselves out of Lent. It is not just about giving something up or making it to Mass more often. It's about strengthening the bonds of love with God and with each other. It's about teaching, through example, the importance of prayer and virtue. It's about putting family first in our prayers and kind deeds. Lent is a great journey. Get everyone together and enjoy the trip!

~James Gaffney © Pilot Bulletins

The only reason for Jesus to mix clay with the spittle and smear it on the eyes of the blind man was to remind you that he who restored the man to health by anointing his eyes with clay is the very one who fashioned the first human out of clay, and that this clay that is our flesh, can receive the eternal life through the sacrament of baptism.

Ambrose of Milan, Fourth century



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"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind." John 9:39

Sunday of Lent

Pray for the Sick

Bryant Abney, Owen Austin, Tony Branham, Denise Burdick, Mona Burnham, Tommy Buttimer, Marilee Calhoun, Andy & Kathy Chester, Wayne Chester, Chrystal Christensen, Denise Curtis, Joan Dagan, Michael Dennis, Emmory Kate Ely, Annabelle Grace, Dorothy Green, Angela Grovenstein, David & Henry Matzdorf, Loretta Matzdorf, Mr. Edger, Paul Fechiney, Caitlin Forte, Ann Furmeister, Dan Garza, Catherine Grace, Rebecca Guaraldo, Mr. Harold, Camila Haynes, Hank Heller, Rebekka Hess, , Mary Hughes, Gloria Hunter, Charles & Desaya Jiles, Jean & Norman Johnson, Pat Jordan, Miss KK, Wendy Karpowicz, Bill Kelley, Nick Knight, Janice Kosek, Sandra Kowalski, Jean Lafond, Yvan Lafond, Sherrie Liebl, Chris Lewis, Rosa Lewis, Dawn Maes, Jason Martin, Rick & Khalil McGill, Richard Meeks, Miguel Mejias, Lorraine Nessar, Rick Nettles, Chuck & Sherrie Nettles, Mildred O'Connor, Gloria O'Sako, Ron O'Sako, Ken Otto, Adriane Owen, Curtis Parker, Jimmy Parker, Mary Lou Paulsen, Mary Pitts, Eileen Proveaux, Margaret Reighley, Brock Ross, Linda Rzonka, Miss Sharon, Mr. Sam, Susanne Sears, LoAnn Sheffield, Joanne Skorich, Angel Smith, Tim Strickland, TJ Strickland, Sofia, Virginia Spano, Sylvia, Josie Taylor, Ron and Linda Tilden, Helen Tolles, Jan Torneo, Cindy Trenary, Christa Ward, Tom Wells, Jeanne Whiteside, Judy Winegardener, Kaleigh Wilson, John Zink

Pray for our Troops

CW5 Scott Durrer, MSGT Brian Lafond, A1C Aubriana Butchko, PVT Hayden Dickerson, SR Christopher Meinert, SSGT Patrick Gleaton, PFC William Bland, PFC, Dalen Baldwin, ENS Sean Garrett, LTJG Riley Garrett, PFC Katelyn Hartman, PFC Enzo Dennis, PO3 Caitlin Snow, SA, Ryan Sticha

Mass Intentions

Sun-03/15 +Mirian Cortes
Tues-03/17 +Craig & Rhonda Lanier
Wed- 03/18 ♥Janice Kosek
Thurs-03/19 ♥Denise Curtis
Fri-03/20 +Marty Haloda
Sat-03/21 +Brent Fisher

Ministry Schedule

Mar. 21

5:00 p.m.

AS CCW
EM CCW
L CCW
U CCW

Mar. 22

8:30 a.m.

AS J Poppell, S Poppell, & C Morgan
EM R Oliveria & A Ganser
L S Morgan
U J Scott & J Richtman

11:00 a.m.

AS G, L, & S Wimberly,
EM R Monteleone & J Howard
L E Pazos
U M & E Shinholser

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Week of February 15, 2025

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith Formation

Sunday, March 15 - Class

Sunday, March 22 - Class

Sunday, March 29 - No class/school break

Help Needed

As Father mentioned last weekend that we need volunteers to help with mowing the church lawn to save money. We invite you to consider supporting this ministry. Volunteers will work in pairs to mow, trim, weed eat, and blow, with teams rotating throughout the months. The commitment is 2 to 3 sessions during this time, each lasting 4 to 5 hours on a Friday or Saturday. You can visit www.sb catholic.com, scroll to the bottom of the page, and fill out a ministry commitment card, or contact Tom Liebl at 912-547-3009 or thelieb1@comcast.net. A clean-up day will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2026, to prepare the landscaping for Easter. Please bring tools like rakes, gloves, wheelbarrows, trimmers, and blowers—more help means less work. See you there!

Parish Office

The parish office will close on Tuesday, March 17, in observance of St. Patrick's Day.

Ave Maria Store

The Ave Maria store is looking for volunteers to help out after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. If you're interested in working in the store for 15–30 minutes after Mass once or twice a month, please reach out to Corinne McCumber at cemnaw@gmail.com.

Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Boston Butt Sale for \$30 each. The last day to buy a ticket is March 29, and pick-up will be on April 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the church parking lot. See any Knight to purchase your ticket.

Save the Date

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a fish fry on Good Friday, April 3, starting at 5:00 pm. Sign -up sheets will be available next week in the Narthex.

Baptism Class Schedule

Father Martino has scheduled the upcoming baptism classes for May 12 and September 15. Both sessions will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the office building. Please plan your baptism date accordingly and ensure attendance at a class prior to the baptism ceremony.

Have Prayer Request?

The Discalced Carmelite Seculars of Savannah invite you to send them your prayer requests for the sick or dying or other concerns. The Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites (OCDS) is a religious association of the Roman Catholic Church composed of lay persons, and ordained diocesan priest and deacons. The intense prayer life of Seculars is intended to flow over into many apostolic endeavors, demonstrating how it is possible to seek intimate union with God even in the midst of worldly concerns. For more prayer requests or information please see SavannahOCDS.org.

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ACIES CEREMONY -Saturday, March 28, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.-Sacred Heart Parish, 1707 Bull St. Savannah, GA 31401

OFFICIATED BY: Spiritual Directors Very Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Keefe (Pastor, Sacred Heart) & Fr. Justin Ankwagh (Parochial Vicar, Blessed Sacrament).

Please Bring: Holy Rosary - The Acies is an annual renewal of Consecration of Legionaries to our Blessed Mother. The ceremony consists of individual and group consecration, the recitation of the Legion prayers and the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass. A potluck will follow at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. For more information, please contact: lm@sacredheartsavannah.org

Virtus Training

The Diocese of Savannah has moved all safe environment training for adults to online Protecting God's Children modules available through Virtus in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and Korean. Employees and volunteers can now access training at their convenience and in the privacy and comfort of their home or office. Please register at Virtusonline.org for your training date preference. Please contact the office if you have questions or concerns. We are Here to Listen and Take Action: DIOCESAN 24-HOUR CHILD ABUSE REPORTING HOTLINE: 888-357-5330. Abuse hotline for bishops only: <https://reportbishopsabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562

SUNDAY FUNDAY

QUIZ

Can you choose the correct endings?

- From the sons of Jesse, Samuel chose:
(a) the eldest (b) the youngest (c) several?
- The Lord sent Samuel to Jesse to anoint:
(a) him (b) the future king (c) all of his sons?
- There was a time when you were darkness,
but now you are:
(a) awake (b) in daylight (c) light in the Lord?
- Jesus cured a man who had been blind:
(a) from birth (b) because of his sins (c) for a long time?
- Jesus cured the blind man:
(a) one day (b) on a sabbath (c) in Nazareth?

ANSWERS

The correct answers are: 1(b); 2(b); 3(c); 4(a); 5(b)

WORDSEARCH

Can you find and circle the words listed below the wordsearch grid?

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