



Love God, Love Others, Make Disciples of Jesus Christ
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Spiritual vs. Physical Blindness

*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents,
 that he was born blind? (John 9:2)*

Any of us might have asked that question, or if not verbally, we may have thought “What did he do to deserve that?” It is a question rooted in spiritual blindness.

Jesus responds that it is “so that the works of God might be made visible through him.” He doesn’t mean that the Father caused the blindness. But that the man’s difficulty becomes an opportunity for God’s goodness to become manifest, in this case, through a miracle. Jesus is providing a different way to look at the man’s situation; a different vision. But there are some who are so spiritually blind that they can’t even accept the miracle.

This passage is 41 verses long. Seven verses are dedicated to leading up to the cure and curing the man. Then 34 verses are spent arguing about the healing: Who did that? Did he know it was the Sabbath? Was the man actually blind from birth? Is the man even a credible witness? etc.

Perhaps we can all relate to a time in our lives where we did not understand a life situation, or a person dear to us. But then we mature in our outlook and we become more understanding. In a situation like the Gospel account of the “Man Born Blind” the takeaway would be to be more



understanding and more trusting in God’s providence.

Even now, as we face this coronavirus and cannot “see” where it will all lead, we might be filled with many worries. I haven’t heard much about this aspect yet, but eventually we will be out of crisis mode and we will be looking to who is at fault for this. That might be a fair question, but I think our response should still be like Jesus: God’s works are going to be made visible through this, if we look with the eyes of faith.

Let us use our gift of spiritual, Christ-centered sight to live these days with openness to God’s Providence, and trust in his greater plan for us. We will get through this and God’s grace will lead us so that we will grow in compassion, understanding, solidarity and wisdom.

— Fr. John Kerns, Pastor

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mass at 8:30 AM Monday - Saturday

Mass at 6:30 AM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Morning Prayer at 6:30 AM Monday, Friday

Recitation of the **Rosary** after Mass on Monday - Saturday

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM,

Sunday Morning 7:30, 9:00, 11:30 AM,
 Life Teen Mass 5:00 PM

LOCATED AT

790 A Avenue
 Lake Oswego, OR 97034

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30-4:30 PM or by Appointment

ADORATION OF THE EUCHARIST

First Friday of the Month
 8:45 AM to 12:00 PM in the Church

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Call the Parish Office

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OLL's Response to COVID-19

Letter emailed to parishioners on Tuesday, March 17 and posted on ollparish.com.

March 17, 2020

Dear Parishioners:

As Catholics and citizens, we want to participate in every effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Governor Kate Brown has cancelled all events involving 10 people or more for 30 days. Archbishop Alexander Sample has made the difficult decision to cancel all public Masses in the Archdiocese of Portland through April 14, 2020 and has granted a dispensation for all the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for the same period of time.

You can read the full message on the Archdiocesan website at: <https://archdldpdx.org/>

Our response here at Our Lady of the Lake is as follows:

1. All Masses and scheduled prayer services are canceled through Tuesday, April 14. This includes all the services of Holy Week and Easter Sunday.
2. Our church will remain open from 6:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day for daily prayer and adoration.
3. Check the parish website for information regarding availability of Confession.
4. All parish events are canceled including weekday meetings, bible studies and prayer groups through April 14. Groups are encouraged to meet online, if they wish via Skype or Zoom.
5. The parish office is closed for in-person business. The office phone 503-636-7687 will be monitored during business hours of 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM. After those hours, the answering service will take messages and direct emergency calls for a priest. Appointments can be arranged via phone or video chat.
6. Our Parish School will be providing remote learning through March 31, 2020. This is in keeping with the Governor's plan. Parents will be notified of any changes to that timeline.

Please regularly check the parish website for updates and additional information.

Please pray for those most impacted by this virus, especially those who are sick, those in health care professions, those who struggle financially who will lose work hours, and those who already feel isolated. If you know someone who is elderly and/or feeling isolated, please connect with them by phone or email to let them know that you are still "with" them in spirit.

I will be offering Mass privately each day for our collective prayers for all those affected by this pandemic. We are exploring the ability to livestream these Masses and will update on our website if that becomes possible. I encourage you to pray daily as individuals and as families. Consider partaking in one or all of the following options. The living Word of God has its own saving grace:

1. Watch Mass online at www.catholictv.org/watch-live
2. Watch daily Mass with Bishop Robert Barron at www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass
3. Listen to my homily for each Sunday Mass at www.ollparish.com/homily
4. Read and reflect on the Sunday readings at www.usccb.org/bible

Please be assured of my continued prayers for all of you and your families. These are unprecedented and trying times, yet the grace of God will guide us through, and we will be stronger and wiser because of it.

Your brother in Christ,



Fr. John Kerns, Pastor

Liturgy, Music, and Prayer

A Prayer in the Time of Coronavirus

God of all mercies, grant:
To our families and communities, safety and good health:
To those afflicted with COVID-19, swift healing;
To health-care providers, strength and stamina;
To our leaders, wisdom and compassion;
To our nation, unity and purpose;
To the dying, comfort;
To the dead, eternal life;
To all believers, strong faith in You;
To the Church, the gift of service;
To the whole human family, unity of heart; and
To us, your servants, the reward of knowing
that we are doing Your will
when we spend ourselves in loving service of others.

May the God of all consolation
walk with us through these difficult times.
And may God find us worthy of the call
to be a healing and reconciling presence
in a wounded world. Amen.

- Fr. Joseph M. McShane, S.J.,
President of Fordham University in New York City

Closures and Cancellations

In these uncertain times of government restrictions on large gatherings of people, event cancellations, and other closures, we are responding as quickly as possible regarding our own Mass schedule and parish activities. We will post on our parish website whenever there are additional closures or cancellations of programs or activities. Please regularly check in at www.ollparish.com for information.

If you are not already subscribed, please sign-up for our weekly and emergency emails to keep informed of parish events, changes and closures. To sign up, send an email to karak@ollparish.com with the email address you would like associated with the emails.

Finally, let's continue to pray for all who are being affected by this outbreak and especially the medical personnel responding and researching. We offer the prayer posted above as one you can cut out and pray daily at home.

Pastoral Council Nominations

Do you or someone you know have ideas for enhancing the pastoral mission of Our Lady of the Lake? Do want to help develop new leadership and increase participation of parishioners in the ministries of the parish? OLL's Pastoral Council is seeking nominations for membership for the next two-year term. The council meets monthly to assist the pastor in fostering activities which support the pastoral mission of the Parish including evangelization, ministries, and liturgy. Participation in Pastoral Council is a great way to Love God, Love Others, and Make Disciples of Jesus Christ. For more information or to submit a nomination, please contact Isaac at pastoralcouncil@ollministry.com. Nominations are due Saturday, April 4.



Offertory

We thank all those who contribute to the support of Our Lady of the Lake Church. Our fiscal year runs July 1 through June 30.

THIS YEAR: Week ending 3/15/2020

Weekly Collection: \$18,660

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,059,832

LAST YEAR:

Weekly Collection: \$26,384

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,097,927

BUDGET:

Fiscal Year to Date: \$1,096,918

Stay up to date with events at OLL

Read the Bulletin! Sign up for Weekly Parish emails by calling the office!

Visit the Website at ollparish.com!

Check us out on Social Media!

Facebook @OLLCatholicChurch &

Instagram @OLLCatholicChurch

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 22, 2020

7:30 AM For the Parishioners
9:00 AM +Pius Chow
11:30 AM +Carol Cavanagh
5:00 PM +Mary Sommerset

Monday, March 23, 2020

6:30 AM Prayer Service
8:30 AM +Hazel Major

Tuesday, March 24, 2020

6:30 AM Int. Eloise Mark
8:30 AM Special Intention

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

6:30 AM Int. Pat Johnson
8:30 AM Int. Blake Hartel

Thursday, March 26, 2020

6:30 AM Special Intention
8:30 AM Int. Joan Lauren

Friday, March 27, 2020

6:30 AM Prayer Service
8:30 AM +Margaret Zueger

Saturday, March 28, 2020

8:30 AM +Ann Thornton
5:00 PM +Charles Tyler

Sunday, March 29, 2020

7:30 AM +Ted Karwin
9:00 AM For the Parishioners
11:30 AM +Josie and Ken Olinghouse
5:00 PM +Richard Luymon

To view upcoming Intentions or to request an Intention online, visit www.ollparish.com/intentions

Life Kids Beginners

Every Sunday • 8:45–11:30 AM

Nursery for 9 Months – 3 Years Old

Parish Hall Transept

Life Kids

**Seeking volunteers to help with teacher activities,
especially in preschool and kindergarten.**

Sundays 10:20 to 11:15 AM

Preschool—5th Grade

Where children are inspired with prayer, song,
and faith-filled learning

www.ollparish.com/life-kids

For more information about Children's
Ministry, contact Mary at [maryb@
ollparish.com](mailto:maryb@ollparish.com) or call the parish office.



EDGE Middle School Ministry, Confirmation, and Life Teen events are currently NOT MEETING due to restrictions from the Coronavirus COVID-19 Outbreak.

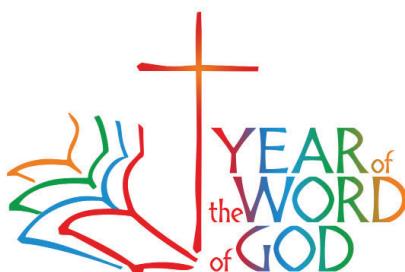
Parents will be emailed directly with information, resources and resumed schedules.

Parents: if you are not receiving emails through Flock Note, send an email youthministry@ollparish.com to sign-up. If you have questions about Youth Ministry programs at OLL, contact Paul, the interim youth director, at youthministry@ollparish.com.

YEAR OF THE WORD OF GOD

This year we are encouraging you to read the Bible. Reading Plans available in the Narthex, at the Welcome Desk in the Parish Office, or at the Parish Office. If you have any questions, feel free to stop by the Parish Office or Welcome Desk and we'd be happy to help as well as offer encouragement!

Remember, don't worry about getting behind or starting at a later date. You can go at your own pace or begin where we are. Follow along with our journey of **Reading through the Bible** this year on social media, the weekly emails, and online at [ollparish.com/
read-the-bible](http://ollparish.com/read-the-bible).



This Week's Readings

Sunday, March 22 • Day : Leviticus 8-9 (Ordination of Aaron and his sons), Psalm 59, and Acts 2:1-21 (Pentecost). Visit us on Social Media to share what you are learning!

Bible Reading Encouragement

Last week, our New Testament readings included Matthew 26-28, Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. As we are in Lent, how are these readings helping you connect to Jesus? How are you individually meditating on Jesus' sacrifice? Visit us on Instagram or Facebook to share your thoughts or ask your questions about these stories!

Socks for Souls Lenten Drive



The Parish Health Ministry, in collaboration with Mercy Teams, is reaching out to you this Lent asking socks. Why socks? Socks are the #1 most requested and needed items in homeless shelters.

We would like to fulfill that need this Lent for the homeless in our community. Without socks the homeless are at a higher risk for disease and exposure to the cold.

Socks Boxes are located in the **Church Narthex**, **Parish Hall entrance**, and **Parish Center School lobby**. Please bring new socks only. White crew socks are preferred for men, women and children. This Lent, we invite you to consider offering socks for alms. Help us warm the soles of the souls in need.

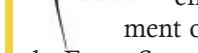


**Stations of the Cross
Soup Supper
Speaker**

**POSTPONED or
CANCELED**

Easter Environment Offerings

In this sacred season of giving, we encourage you to consider an offering in any dollar amount in remembrance of loved ones. These gifts will be used to enhance the environment of the Church during the Easter Season. Baskets containing envelopes are in the Narthex, upstairs in the church near the elevator entrance, and in the Parish Hall. Please fill out the information requested in a readable manner. Your offerings may be made "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for." Envelope may be placed in the collection basket or bring to the Parish Office. The cut-off date is Sunday, April 5. Thank you for helping us to create a festive and holy place this joyous Easter season.



40 Cans for Lent



Knights of Columbus Food Drive for St. Vincent de Paul



When you are out shopping for food for yourself or for your family, please consider adding a few items for the Knights 40 Cans for Lent Food Drive. Food banks in some areas have closed temporarily. When schools close, families with children receiving subsidized meals during the day will have a more difficult time meeting their nutritional needs without the support of food donations via local churches. Every item you donate will be distributed to a family or individual experiencing hunger in our area, either here with our SVdP food pantry or at other local parishes. Your support for the food drive is much needed and greatly appreciated!

Most needed items are **canned chili, canned vegetables, hearty soups, canned fruit, canned tuna, canned chicken, peanut butter & jelly (in plastic containers)**.



Bulletin entries must be submitted two Fridays prior to publication date.

Send submissions via email to karab@ollparish.com. Entries may be edited for purposes of clarity and space. For information contact Kara.

Please notify the office of any family changes such as address, phone number or email, as well as family additions. Contact Georgeann at 503-636-7687 or office@ollparish.com.

Refugee Resettlement Requests Donations

The Refugee Ministry is looking for the following items to be donated for Refugee families in need: **kitchen knives, pots and pans (new or lightly used), coffee tables, end tables, and rugs (must be clean)**. These donated items would be most helpful and appreciated. Contact Rod at rodneysacconaghi@gmail.com, with any questions.

Please Note: Presently we do not need bedding/sheets, but if donated, they must be new (sheets) and in excellent clean condition (Blankets/comforters).

Mercy in Our City: Visit the Imprisoned

It is ironic that this week, when we were highlighting the Corporal Act of Mercy, Visit the Imprisoned, that all 14 Correctional facilities in Oregon have banned all visits to decrease the spread of COVID 19. Prison visits are so important to those incarcerated, especially to the people on death row, where they are in solitary confinement for 23 hours a day.

I visit a death row inmate regularly, Jeff Williams, who has been on death row at Oregon State Penitentiary for 30 years. I have been doing this for seven years. It wasn't such a stretch for me because my sister had a pen pal on death row at San Quentin for 20 years. I attended a death penalty event in 2013 with our new Pastor, Fr. John Kerns. Archbishop Sample was the keynote speaker. After listening to faith leaders speak from many denominations, I knew at that very moment that I needed to get involved with ending the death penalty. Archbishop Sample said, "The death penalty is a blight on the State of Oregon, and it must be abolished."

To make the issue of abolition personal, I signed up to become a death row correspondent. In 2013, I was assigned to Jeff, and learned that because of medical conditions, he was unable to write. Our correspondence would need to be by phone or in person. After researching the protocols, I accepted a phone call from him and eventually visited him. The first visit to death row is surreal. I went alone, drove up to the first of three guard towers, and the first one had a sign with a rusty speaker that said, "State your business." I could barely talk, but I eventually



Fr. Pat Conroy, Chaplain at the Capitol, meets with Lynn Strand to discuss the death penalty.

wended my way around to the back of the prison where death row is located. I passed through a security check, similar to an airport and was escorted through four locked solid steel doors.

I expected to see Jeff waiting in a 'visiting' cage, but he wasn't there. Inmates and visitors are separated by a thick wire meshed glass window and talk on a black telephone. The execution chamber is literally 10 feet behind me, in full view of the inmate. After a few minutes I saw him in a handcuffed to a wheelchair on oxygen. He apologized profusely for making me wait, and having to see him in handcuffs. And if that wasn't enough, he was very sorry that I saw him in a wheelchair as he had tried to walk the last few steps but couldn't. He was trying to spare me discomfort. It was truly touching.

I continue to visit and take phone calls weekly. We talk about the everyday things like sporting events, the weather, his family and childhood memories. I mailed him a bible and have given him hope and in return, I have grown in my faith tremendously. Fr. John visits and takes communion to the female inmate on death row in Wilsonville. Sister Helen Prejean, author of the book *Dead Man Walking*, said it best when she stated, "we are all better than the worst thing we have ever done." As Catholics, it is written in the Catechism, "that in the light of the Gospel, the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability dignity of the person."

Please feel free to contact me if you are interested learning more about corresponding with a death row inmate, or anything related to the death penalty. 503.706.6068 info@OADP.org

— Lynn Strand, Parishioner and Death Penalty Abolitionist

Mike Farrell, actor and activist, with Lynn Strand.

Loving Others through Outreach

Mercy Teams

Family Lenten Service Opportunities March & April

With an abundance of caution, we hope to continue serving the needs of our brothers and sisters in Christ. After consultation with several parish medical professionals, we have added several layers of protection to our protocol for Mercy Teams gatherings and outreach. Please email mercyteams@ollministry.com with any question, suggestions or concerns.

Oregon Food Bank: Thursday, March 26 and April 30, 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A great family Service Opportunity for kids over age 6.

Street Ministry to the Homeless – Saturday, March 28, April 25, and May 23. A popular outreach with parish young families. Share your love with those struggling with chronic homelessness. You can assist with just preparation or join us on the street to minister to the homeless.

St. Andrew Nativity School Family Service Opportunity Saturday, May 30, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. We will assist with indoor Library cleaning, organization and special projects for our youth as well as outdoor yardwork.



Respect Life

This Wednesday, March 25, is the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord and marks the 25th anniversary of the papal encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* written by Pope St. John Paul II. The document unequivocally proclaims the value of every human life from conception to natural death. To honor *Evangelium Vitae*, the US Catholic bishops have launched a nationwide effort called Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service to assist pregnant moms and families in need. The Respect Life Committee invites you to join us in this effort, and we will be providing more information in the bulletin each week.



Upcoming Events in the Archdiocese

2/26-4/5 40 Days for Life Campaign: It's not too late to join others for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Lovejoy Surgicenter, 933 NW 25th Avenue in Portland. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, go to 40daysforlife/Portland or to go with other OLL parishioners, call Sally at 503-793-8307.

"[The Gospel of Life] is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!" (The Gospel of Life 5)



ONLINE GIVING IN 3 EASY STEPS

If you are already using online giving skip step 1 and 2. (If you forgot your user ID or password click the forgot button and a new password will be emailed to you.)

STEP 1 - REGISTER

- From www.ollparish.com
- Click "Giving" in top right navigation bar
- Click on "Give Now:"
- Click on CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT.
- Fill in the information boxes that contain a red asterisk. Make sure to write down your User ID and Password.
- Submit. You will receive an email to confirm your information.

STEP 2 – SET UP METHOD

- Now log into your account, click on MY PAYMENT METHOD.
- You will need to ADD NEW BANK ACCOUNT (if using your checking account) OR ADD NEW CREDIT CARD (if using your credit card).
- Provide all the information requested. Then click SUBMIT.

STEP 3 – SET UP DONATION

OPTIONS: You can choose multiple funds (RE, Maintenance, SVdP)

- Return to MANAGE MY ACCOUNT and choose GIVE A NEW GIFT.
- Choose OFFERTORY (fund), then select gift type RECURRING.
- Select payment and frequency and start date.
- Select the account (check or credit card), then enter amount and frequency.
- Click NEXT (bottom of page)
- In the CONFIRM MY GIFTS window, review the details to insure everything is correct.

Click SUBMIT.