



Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

EPHESIANS 5:8B-9

Born Free

MIGUEL DULICK

Today's gospel, the healing of the man born blind, is a terrific story that includes many details. Notice that Jesus, who has his own agenda, "so that the works of God might be made visible through him," does not even wait for the man to ask to be healed. But the man is a willing subject, allowing mud and saliva to be smeared on his eyes, agreeing to go to Siloam and wash. And, he's a quick learner. At first, all he knows is "the man called Jesus" healed him. Soon, however, he's calling Jesus "a prophet." Then, as a "division" ("schism" in the original) opens among the authorities and even in his own family, he defends Jesus' divine calling when the Pharisees mock Jesus as a "sinner." Finally, expelled from the synagogue, the man finds Jesus waiting for him with the ultimate revelation: he sees before him the Son of Man, "and he worshiped him."

Now, maybe we weren't born blind, but I venture to say a lot of us are short-sighted. Do I "see the works of God"? Starting from "the man called Jesus," do I keep going forward in faith, defending Jesus when he is mocked by people, to a deeper, fuller reality than even my own family may not understand? All the way to adoration, worship, a total handing over of my whole self to the Son of Man? Or, as Thomas would later say, when his own eyes were opened, "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). ●



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Reflect

This week, I will pray for my eyes to be opened to something important for me to see.



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DATES TIMES INTENTIONS

Sat.	March 14th	6:30pm	+	Maria Orcelina De Lima
Sun.	March 15th (Portuguese)	8:30am		St. Theresa's Parish Family
		10:00am	+	Jose Fernando Pimentel, Antonio Pimentel, Angelina Botelho, Senhor Padre Julio, João da Costa, João da Silva, Alzira da Costa
		11:30am 6:00pm	+	Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Arminda Garrafa & Victor Moniz Couples for Christ & Family Ministries, In Thanksgiving
Mon.	March 16th	7:30am	+	Stuart Wilson Sr.
		12:10pm	+	Oskar Paul Lewnowski II
Tues.	March 17th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Special Intentions of Marie-Sophie Brackstone Hannah Thomas
Wed.	March 18th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Manuel Bizarrio, Jose Oliveira, Maria de Lourdes, & Maria Encarnação Martins
Thurs.	March 19th	7:30am 12:10pm		Special Intentions for Husbands and Fathers in Bermuda
Fri.	March 20th	7:30am 12:10pm	+	Abigail MaryAna Scarth
Sat.	March 21st	6:30pm		Mary Lou DeSilva, Birthday Wishes
Sun.	March 22nd (Portuguese)	8:30am	+	Antonio & Ernestina Rebello
		10:00am		
		11:30am 6:00pm	+	Nelfred Furbert, Anniversary of Death St. Theresa's Parish Family

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTRY : March 21st & 22nd, 2026

Time:	6:30pm	8:30am	11:30am	6:00pm
Proclaimer:	A. Machado	M. Wambeke	L. LeFevre M. T. Ayensa	CFC Kids
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6060 4827 32100,

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FILIPINO MASS SCHEDULE:

St. Theresa's Cathedral

7pm 1st Friday of the month

St. Anthony's Church

11am 1st Saturday of the month

St. Patrick's Church

7pm 2nd Friday of the month

St. Joseph's Church

11am 3rd Saturday of the month

Stella Maris Church

7pm Last Wednesday of the month



PASSIONIST HOUR:

Come and join Fr. Dandy and the Passionist congregation, on the **last Friday of the month at 6pm**, here at St. Theresa's Cathedral.

Spend some time to get to know them, and their spirituality.

They look forward to seeing you!



ADORATION: Saturday Adoration in the Chapel of St. Theresa's Cathedral: **9:00am** – Holy Mass in Portuguese followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration – **10:15am** - Benediction

LECTIO DIVINA: Mondays at **7:30pm** via Zoom. Please contact Franz Wohlmuth on, fgwohlmuth@logic.bm to join. Meetings are led by Bishop Wes.

LOST & FOUND:

Have you, or do you know of someone who has lost a children's book, glasses, umbrella, various children's toys, etc.?

If so, please stop by the Sacristy after mass, and have a look in our Lost and Found basket.



FOCUS: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

The lengthy exchange in today's Gospel between the formerly blind man and the Pharisees serves as a reminder that we are all born blind and are given our sight at baptism, when we are first able to see through the eyes of faith. As our Lenten journey continues, let us pray that God will continue to open our eyes to his truth.

Steward's Sharing of Treasure

	Date	Actual
Collection:	Mar. 7th & 8th	\$4,066.00
Electronic offering:	Mar. 7th & 8th	\$2,945.00
2026 Collection to Date:	Week 11	\$56,718.52

Thank you for your support!



ST. THERESA'S CHAPEL
March 15th—21st, 2026
Donation Given for Two 7 day Candles
And Two Roses
Intentions of Grace Lovecchio

BAPTISMS:



We welcome **Ethan Atticus Ng**, child of David & Natalie Ng, who received the Sacrament of Baptism, last **Sunday, March 8th, 2026**.

We also welcome **Liliana Marie Cabral**, child of Ryan & Edsa Cabral, who will receive the Sacrament of Baptism, this **Sunday, March 15th, 2026**.

Welcome to the Church Family Ethan & Liliana!

FUNERALS:



We offer our deepest sympathy to the family of the late **Maria Orcelina De Lima** whose funerals was held at the Cathedral on **Tuesday, March 10th, 2026**.

May she rest in peace with the angels!

12:10 MASS & STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please be advised that during the season of Lent, the **12:10pm Mass** at St. Theresa's will be celebrated from **Monday to Friday**.

The **Stations of the Cross** will be held at the Cathedral for **Fridays** during Lent at **11:40am & 6pm (English)** and **Sundays 4pm (Portuguese)**.



DIOCESAN LENTEN ALMSGIVING –

Special Collection

There will be a special collection for The Family Centre on the weekend of **March 21st & 22nd**, as part of our Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving.

Please see the Bishop's Corner for more details.

Envelopes will be available for this collection, but if you wish to donate online you may do so to our diocesan account with Butterfield Bank; Account Name: ORCC Special Account, Account Number: 20006060021098100, include "FAMILY CENTRE" in the memo line.



THE BISHOP'S CORNER



Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Vatican's children's hospital, Bambino Gesù, is considered the leading pediatric hospital in Europe and the 6th best in the world, according to the US magazine Newsweek's 2026 World's Best Hospitals ranking. Created in collaboration with the data gathering company, Statista, the ranking highlights leading hospitals around the world in 12 medical fields, including pediatrics. The 2026 edition evaluated 2,500 hospitals in 32 countries.

The ranking is compiled with information gathered from a comprehensive international survey of healthcare professionals, independent data on the quality of care and patient safety, and indicators derived from their assessments and reported clinical outcomes.

"This recognition stems from the daily teamwork of the entire hospital community: doctors, nurses, healthcare professionals, technical and administrative staff, researchers, volunteers, and religious personnel who, together, take care of children and their families," said Tiziano Onesti, President of the Bambino Gesù Hospital, in a press release published by the establishment. He emphasized "It is the quiet dedication of these women and men - in the wards, laboratories, offices, reception, and support services that makes highly specialized care possible, combined with attention to the human and relational aspects of treatment."

Additionally, the press release underlines how Bambino Gesù is today the leading pediatric center in Europe in terms of the number of affiliations with European reference networks for rare diseases (affiliated with 20 out of 24 networks). It records almost 3 million outpatient services, 100,000 visits to the emergency room, and over 33,000 surgical procedures every year.

It is good to know that the institutional Church is also able to do good work. 😊

Have a joyful "pink" Sunday of Lent and a blessed week!

Bishop Wes

TO ALL OUR LECTORS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Please come to our **Liturgical Commissioning (all EMs & Lectors)** on **Sunday, March 22nd** during the **11:30 am mass**.



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

Can you help volunteer?

Our Gift Shop needs at least one volunteer that can assist for 2 hours per week on Saturday's from 12-2PM, or as a fill-in for any absences.

If you can assist, please contact the Gift Shop at 292-0416 or drop by in person.

Many thanks in advance!!!



ST. THERESA'S GIFT SHOP:

The Giftshop now has just received a new shipment of Easter cards, now available for purchase.

As well as many other gifts or home ideas - all at a great price!

Do stop by and support our Gift Shop!



Dear Padre,

I am left-handed. Why doesn't the church allow the sign of the cross to be made left-handed?

A Catholic who is unable to make the sign of the cross with the right hand is certainly permitted to do so with the left. There is no rule against it. When Pope Saint John Paul II injured his right arm, he used his left hand to impart his blessing.

The sign of the cross is a sacramental, one of the symbols that identifies you as a Roman Catholic. Just like all such symbolic gestures, there is an expected uniformity. To use a secular example, at a University of Texas football game, fans of the Longhorns give the “hook-‘em horns” sign. You wouldn't give the “thumbs-up” sign instead. It would be confusing.

It's true that at one time, the left hand was associated with evil. Jesus sends the goats to sit at his left and the sheep to his right. (See Matthew 25:33.) And, throughout the Scriptures, we read that Jesus sits at the right hand of God. (See Mark 16:19.) The word “sinister” is from the Latin *sinister*, meaning “left.”

Left-handedness is no longer associated with evil. If you wish to make the sign of the cross with your left hand, you may. But do consider why you are doing it. Most left-handed people have no trouble using their right hand for many simple tasks. If your purpose is a bit rebellious, maybe realize that signifying unity with your brothers and sisters in Christ is more important. ●



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MARCO IACOBUCCI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, let us trustfully bring our ailments before Jesus, and also those of our loved ones; let us bring the pain of those who feel lost and without a way out. Let us cry out for them too, and we will be certain that the Lord will hear us.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, JUNE 11, 2025

Monday

MARCH 16

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday

MARCH 17

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday

MARCH 18

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday

MARCH 19

St. Joseph, Spouse

of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a,

12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18,

22

Mt 1:16, 18–21,

24a or Lk 2:41–

51a

Friday

MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10,

25–30

Saturday

MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday

MARCH 22

Fifth Sunday

of Lent

Ez 37:12–14

Rom 8:8–11

Jn 11:1–45 or

11:3–7, 17, 20–27,

33b–45