



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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Mass Schedule at St. Anthony's

Mar 14	6:15 pm	Edith De Fontes+
Mar 15	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony
Mar 17	8:30 am	
Mar 18	8:30 am	
Mar 19	8:30 am	
Mar 20	8:30 am	
Mar 20	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross
Mar 21	6:15 pm	Souls in Purgatory & Manuel Moura+
Mar 22	11:30 am	Parishioners of St. Anthony

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to serve as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, collection counters, etc. If you can assist kindly let a member of the Parish Council know or call Pat Rodrigues at 524-1026.

St Vincent de Paul Poor Box Donations

Please use: BDA # 2000 6060 4767 11100 or
US # 8400 7847 30010

Cash donation - please use the SVDP envelopes and place in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses.

Any amount goes a long way to support those in need.

Lector's Workbooks

Lector's workbooks for the new liturgical year 2026 are available in the Sacristy.

Holy Rosary

Please note that the Holy Rosary is recited every Wednesday morning at St Patrick's Church at 10:00 am. Please join.

Bulletin – March 14 and March 15, 2026

Weekly Collections at St. Anthony's

Feb 28/Mar 1 \$ 902.00

Mar 7/Mar 8 \$ 1,153.00

Maintenance Collection \$ 287.00

**Online payments can be made directly into the Bank account of St. Anthony's – Butterfield Bank –
BD \$ Current A/c – 20006060061567100 and
US \$ Current A/c - 20006840061567100.**

Please make sure to indicate what the donation is for in the memo field when making the payment online – i.e., General collection; Maintenance; Mission Sunday, etc. Multiple payments can be made for those times when you are away or on vacation. Please note that we are charged \$20 for US checks drawn on a US Bank. Kindly **do not** place Canadian or British currency or any old Bermuda currency in the collection baskets.

Maintenance Collection – First weekend of each month

St. Anthony's Ministry Schedules

March 14 and March 15, 2026

Counting: Annette Boyle & Denis Thornhill

Lector: 6:15 pm Alice Astwood-Smith
11:30 am Mekana De Sa

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15 pm Levy Rodrigues
11:30 am Louise Vizien & Annabelle Saunders
Joe Fagundo

Collection: 6:15 pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Pat Rodrigues
11:30 am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15 pm Jackie Tailford
11:30 am Denis Thornhill

March 21 and March 22, 2026

Counting: Annette Boyle and Steven Todd

Lector: 6:15 pm Annette Boyle
11:30 am Sylvester Augustine

Eucharistic Ministers:

6:15 pm Pat Rodrigues
11:30 am Annabelle Saunders & J. Looby

Collection: 6:15pm Alice Astwood-Smith, Annette Boyle
11:30 am Sylvester Augustine

Hospitality Ministers:

6:15pm Jackie Tailford
11:30am Pat Rodrigues

Bishop's Corner

Dear Fellow-Catholics,

The Vatican's children's hospital, Bambino Gesù, is considered the leading paediatric 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 paediatrics. 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 paediatric centre 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

Diocesan Lenten Almsgiving – Special Collection

There will be a special collection for The Family Centre on the weekend of the 21st/22nd of March, 2026 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.

Important Message

Please be advised that on the 4th Sunday of Lent, 15th March 2026, there will be a special Lenten Retreat Day for our Portuguese community. We will host Fr. Vando Marques Gomes who is the Parish Priest of St. Helen's Parish in "Little Portugal" in Toronto. Fr. Vando will preside the 10:00am Mass and then will be available for confessions from 3:30pm to 5:30pm at St. Theresa's.

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 Saturdays 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!!!

Prayer for the Faithful by Saint Patrick

May the Strength of God guide us.
May the Power of God preserve us.
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.
May the Hand of God protect us.
May the Way of God direct us.
May the Shield of God defend us.
May the Angels of God guard us
Against the snares of the evil one.
May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us,
Christ be over all!
May Thy Grace, Lord,
Always be ours,
This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen.

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