

LENT 2026

CRUX

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2026

- Begin your weekly meeting in prayer.

Lord, you revealed to St. Celedonius your true identity so that he could spread the good news of Christ. Help guide us to step out of the darkness to follow you. Reveal to us your true identity so that we may be more like St. Celedonius, who saw you through his blindness. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

- After reading this week's Gospel and watching the free video with Fr.

Columba, take some time to discuss and reflect on the following questions:

- Why do you think the blind man "sees more truly" who Jesus is?
- Why do you think the Pharisees have a hard time determining who Jesus is? The blind man is able to see that Jesus is the Savior, but the Pharisees struggle with seeing this. Do you find yourself relating more to the Pharisees or the blind man in your prayer life?
- If someone were to describe you, how would they? What would they say about you? What gifts would they think you have?
- How do these things relate to your true identity in God? Are they in alignment or not?
- How might God be calling us to use our gifts? How would these gifts help us see God more clearly like the blind man?

As we enter into next week, we encourage you to pray through the gifts that you receive from the Lord.

READINGS

- 1 Samuel 16: 1b,6-7,10-13a
- Ephesians 5: 8 - 14
- John 9: 1 -41

*OPTIONS TO VIEW
FR. COLUMBA'S VIDEO*



- Scan the above QR code to watch on a mobile device
- Use the TV in your small group room to watch the video on the Ascension APP
- Have your small group leader read the Day 12 reflection from their *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations* book aloud

John 9: 1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.” So they said to him, “How were your eyes opened?” He replied, “The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went there and washed and was able to see.” And they said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I don’t know.” They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.” Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?” His parents answered and said, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, “He is of age; question him.” So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner.” He replied, “If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see.” So they said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?” They ridiculed him and said, “You are that man’s disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from.” The man answered and said to them, “This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything.” They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not also blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, ‘We see,’ so your sin remains.

St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer



Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,



Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

I arise today
Through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRIDAY FISH FRY DINNERS

In Lent, bring the family
Fridays from 5 – 7 PM
in the School Cafeteria

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent
in the Chapel
6:30 PM (English)
7:15 PM (Spanish)

Mercy Morning - March 21st

Join us for a community outreach event with our valued partners! Families of all ages can take part in hands-on service projects while learning how our partners make a difference. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/MercyMorning26#/> to reserve a spot for your family!

Sunset Stations of the Cross

March 27th @ 7:30 pm

We invite you to an outdoor Stations of the Cross, on the Mary Mag track, written and led by the youth of our parish community.



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