



Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's
15th Of March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A
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Mass Readings for The 15 th Of March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A	
1 st Reading	1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6
2 nd Reading	Ephesians 5:8-14
Verse Before the Gospel	John 8:12
Gospel	John 9:1-41 or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

1st Reading - 1 Samuel 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A

1B The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons."
 6 As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."

7 But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart."

10 In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these."

11 Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here."

12 Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There - anoint him, for this is the one!"

13 Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalms 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6.

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me;

3A he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

3B He guides me in right paths for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

5 You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

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6 Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

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2nd Reading – Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

8 You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light,
9 for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.
10 Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.
11 Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them,
12 for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret;
13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,
14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

Verse Before The Gospel – John 8:12

12 I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Gospel – John 9:1-41

1 As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.
2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"
3 Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.
4 We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.
5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."
6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes,
7 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.
8 His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"
9 Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am."
10 So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

11 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."
12 And they said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I don't know."
13 They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.
14 Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.
15 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."
16 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.
17 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."
18 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.
19 They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"
20 His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind.
21 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."
22 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.
23 For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."
24 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."
25 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."
26 So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"
27 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?"
28 They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses!
29 We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."

30 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.

31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him.

32 It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind.

33 If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

34 They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

35 When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

36 He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

37 Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

38 He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

39 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."

40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

41 Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains.

Or John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Saint(s) Of The Day

- Saint Clement Mary Hofbauer
- Blessed Jan Adalbert Balicki
- Blessed Artemide Zatti
- Saint Louise de Marillac
- Blessed Anthony of Milan
- Blessed Francis of Fermo
- Blessed Monaldus of Ancona
- Pope Saint Zachary
- Blessed William Hart
- Saint Aristobulus of Britannia
- Blessed Pío Conde y Conde
- Saint Menignus of Parium

Saint Leocritia of Cordoba

St Leocritia of Cordoba was also known as Lucretia, Leocrizia, or Lucrezia. She was born in Cordoba, Spain to wealthy Moorish parents. When she converted to Christianity, her family drove her out and St Eulogius of Cordoba gave her shelter. She later joined the religious life and consequently she was arrested, scourged and beheaded on The 9th Of March 859 AD and died as a martyr in Cordoba, Spain.

Blessed Walter of Quesnoy

Blessed Walter of Quesnoy was a Premonstratensian canon in Vicogne, France born in the late 12th century. He became an abbot in 1212. During his 17-year abbacy, he was known for re-invigorating the spiritual lives of his brothers, re-building and expanding the monastery, and collecting the relics of saints. He died on The 6th September 1229 of natural causes and his body was interred in the abbey.

Saint Nicander of Alexandria

St. Nicander of Alexandria was an Egyptian-born physician known for his charitable work, particularly for ministering to and treating individuals imprisoned for their religious beliefs. He was also known for providing Christian burials to those who died as martyrs during the persecutions under Diocletian. Sadly, he was imprisoned, tortured, and ultimately martyred for his faith and good deeds. In the 4th century, he was beheaded in Alexandria, Egypt.

Blessed Arnold of Siena

Blessed Arnold of Siena, also known as Arnaldo, was a scholar of law who studied in Toulouse, France. He later became an Augustinian hermit and took his vows on July 11, 1494. Known for his strict adherence to the rules of his order, he passed away from natural causes on May 20, 1507. While he was never officially beatified, popular devotion to him began shortly after his death.

Blessed Ludovico de la Pena

Blessed Ludovico de la Pena was a Mercedarian monk who resided at the convent of Santa Eulalia in Seville, Spain. He was known for performing miracles, including restoring sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf, and even raising the dead to life. According to tradition, he died during a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Blessed Peter Pasquale

Blessed Peter Pasquale was a member of the Mercedarian order, and he received his habit from St. Peter Nolasco. He served as the first abbot of the San Martino monastery located in Perpignan, France, and was known for his ability to perform miracles.

Saint Mancius of Evora

St. Mancius of Evora, who was a Christian slave, was born in Rome, Italy during the 5th century. He was purchased by Jewish traders in Rome and brought to Evora, Portugal where he was later martyred by his new owners. He died in Evora, Portugal during the 5th century.

Saint Eusebio

Eusebio II, also known as Eusebius II of Vercelli, served as the bishop of Vercelli, Italy starting from the year 501 AD. He passed away in the year 520 AD.

Saint Speciosus

St. Speciosus, who was originally a wealthy landowner in Campania, Italy, and his brother Gregory decided to become monks and received their religious habit from St. Benedict at Monte Cassino. Speciosus later lived as a monk in Terracina. He died in Capua, Italy in 555 AD of natural causes.

Saint Bodian of Hanvec

St. Bodian of Hanvec was born in the 6th century in Wales. He was also known as Bodianus of Hanvec or Bozian of Hanvec. No other information about him is known.

Saint Sisebuto

St. Sisebuto was also known as Sisebut. He was a monk and an abbot of the Spanish monastery of Cardena. In 1086, he died of natural causes near Burgos, Castile, Spain.

Saint Eoghan of Concullen

St. Eoghan of Concullen was born in the County Tipperary, Ireland, and was the son of Saran of Concullen. He was a monk.

Three Daughters of Eltin

The three daughters of Eltin were listed in several Irish martyrologues, but no details about them are known.

Saint Vicenta of Coria

St. Vicenta of Coria was a nun and a martyr. She died in 424 AD in Coria, Hispania Lusitana (in modern Portugal).

Saint Matrona of Capua

St. Matrona of Capua was a nun in Capua, Italy.

Catholic Sunday Mass Readings Homily - 15th Of March 2026, Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year A

March 15 2026 Catholic Sunday Readings Homily Theme: Jesus Heals a Man Blind From Birth - John 9:1-41

Sick Of the Parish:



Please pray for all the Sick in our three Parishes "My Payers and Good Wishes to All."

Mass Times For the weekend:

Saturday Night Mass Times	
Saint Josephs	5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times	
Saint Joseph's	9:30am
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Saint Patrick's Ryhope	9:30 am

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