

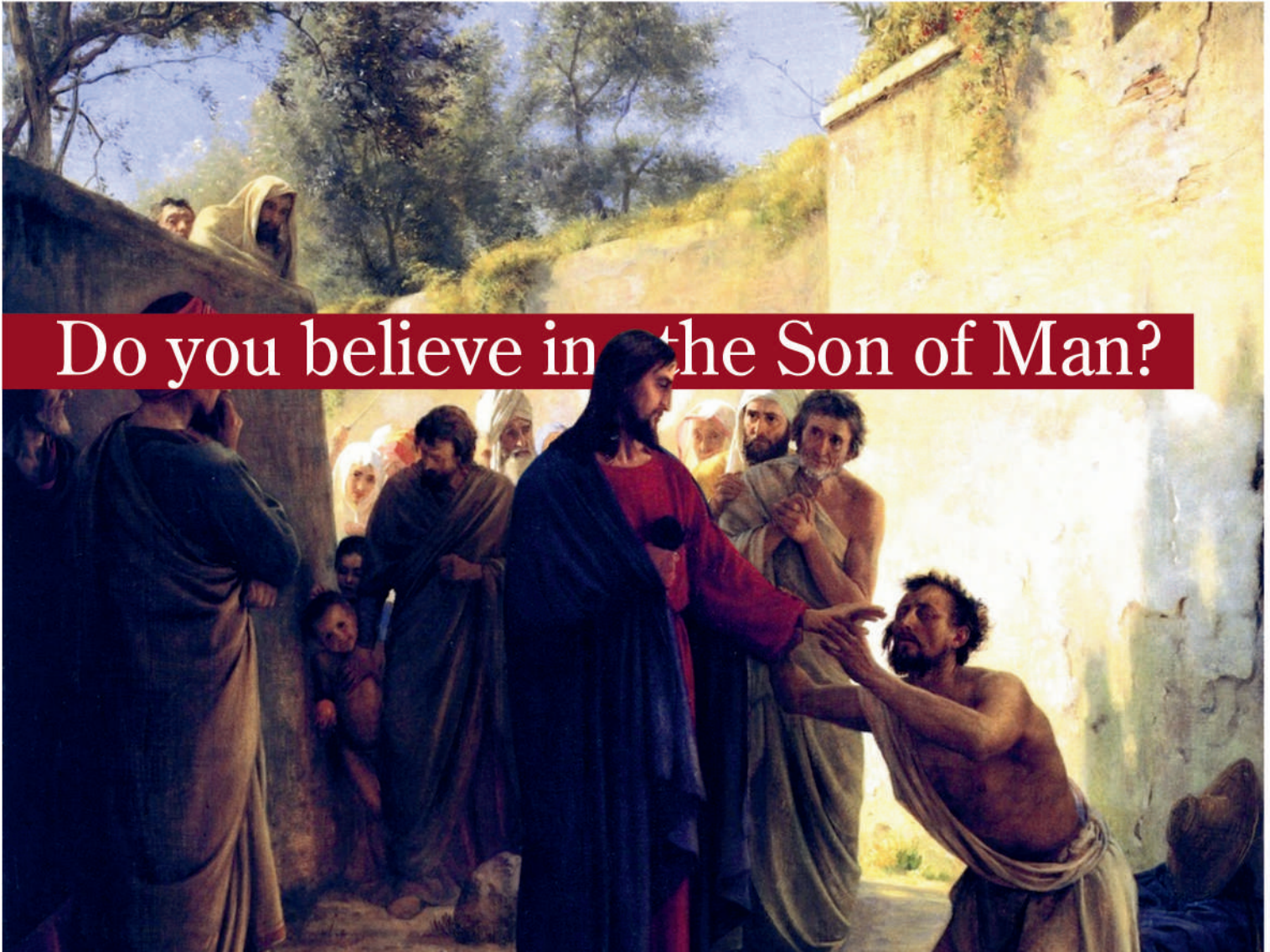


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Do you believe in the Son of Man?

WEEKEND MASS

Sat: 4:30 PM

Sun: 8:00, 9:30,

11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASS

Mon - Fri: 6:30 & 8:05 AM

Thu: 6:00 PM

Sat: 8:05 AM

RECONCILIATION

Mon, Tues, Fri: 7 - 8 AM

Wed: 6-7 PM

Thu: 5 PM

Sat: 3-4 PM

PASTOR

Fr. Jaime Zarse

SACRAMENTAL ASST.

Fr. Dan Morris

ASSOCIATE PASTOR


Fr. Joseph Asante

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS

 Mother's Circle will once again lead the Stations of the Cross "Mother's Walk" on Friday, March 20 at 7pm. This is a beautiful reflection through Mary's eyes. Sign-up to help read.

<https://bit.ly/4IELVXr>




OCIA SPONSORS

 We have candidates currently wanting to enter OCIA process and are in need of a parish sponsor! Please prayerfully discern walking with them. Contact Char Mies @ charlene.mies@shoj.org to sign up or to ask questions.




40 DAYS FOR LIFE

 Join 40 Days for life Spring campaign through March 29. More details can be found at <https://bit.ly/3MNPY4P>




PIZZA & PARENTING

 Couples with kids of all ages are welcome to join us on April 13, 20, 27, and May 4th at 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms for Pizza and Parenting. We'll share a meal, connect with other families, and explore approaches to raising children in today's world through a new topic each night. Cost is \$50 with dinner and \$10 without. Students will receive a FREE Dress Day when parents sign up!




S.A.S.H POTLUCK

 Our Seniors At Sacred Heart Group (55+) wants to get together for a Lenten Potluck. Join us on Friday, March 13th in the Meeting Rooms at 5:30 for a potluck dinner followed by Stations of the Cross in the church.

<https://bit.ly/3ONDXP6>



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

 Step into the land of the Bible, where every stone and street tells the story of our salvation. Join Fr. Zarse and Dr. Mike Scherschligt on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from May 1 - 11, 2026.

<https://bit.ly/3MYba0a>

WILLS & TRUSTS WORKSHOP



Come learn more about wills and trusts at Catholic Foundation's workshop on March 25 at 6:00 PM in the Meeting Rooms. Come learn how you can leave a legacy behind!

<https://bit.ly/4b2OfUo>



LENT PENANCE SERVICE

Join us on March 26 for our parish wide Lent Penance Service at Sacred Heart at 7 pm! Prepare your heart for Easter through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be no 5 PM Confessions or 6 PM Mass.

CONFESSION UPDATE

March 28th confessions will be dedicated to the OCIA candidates who will come into the Church this Easter. Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Lent Penance Service on the 26th. Please keep them in your prayers!

PALM SUNDAY MASSES

Palm Sunday Mass times will be 7:30 am, 9:30 am and 11:30 am.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

There will be no confessions April 2 - 5

- Holy Thursday, April 2: 7 pm Mass only
- Good Friday, April 3: 7 pm Mass only
- Easter Vigil, April 4: 8 pm Mass only
- Easter Sunday, April 5: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am Masses

QUO VADIS 2026



Quo Vadis is an evening of faith, fellowship, and celebration, including a cocktail reception, plated dinner, prayerful reflection and testimony, culminating in a keynote address from Archbishop Shawn McKnight! Proceeds will support the growth of our endowment. We have individual, table and VIP ticket options. Register by April 12th.

<https://givebutter.com/qmfy1w>



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Registration for Vacation Bible School is open! Our week-long Parish Summer Catechetical Program for preschoolers - 4th grade assists in catechizing children about the love of Christ. Register today!



WAR ON MEDIOCRITY

Can your job make you a saint?
What if the work you do every day—
your job, chores at home, volunteering
—wasn't just a way to get by, but a
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In his latest podcast, Fr. Zarse talks
about these questions and dives into
the dignity of work, what the Church
says, what the saints have said, and
how you can be sanctified by working.



[Listen Here!](#)

-MASS INTENTIONS-

Monday, March 16

6:30 - Jeff Standish +

8:05 - Audrey Agnes Friedrichs +

Tuesday, March 17

6:30 - Ryan Whalen +

8:05 - Janet Day +

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 - Ada Keating +

8:05 - Andrew "AJ" McDonald +

Thursday, March 19

6:30 - Susan Mullane +

8:05 - Quinn Hays

6:00 - Carol Ann Grego +

Friday, March 20

6:30 - Donald Bates +

8:05 - Greg Flaherty +

Saturday, March 21

8:05 - Neil Green +

4:30 - Carol Rorick +

Sunday, March 22

8:00 - Rita Hoag +

9:30 - Dorothy Holst +

11:00 - Danny Murphy +

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Parishioner Alice Burwinkle

Parishioner Carmel Marion

Eternal rest grant onto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.



BECOMING CATHOLIC



Interested in becoming Catholic? Our new year-round OCIA process welcomes unbaptized inquirers at three different start times each year. Already baptized? You may begin right away. Scan the QR code to learn more or go to our website.

SPIRITUAL SIGHT, FAITH AND CONVERSION AT WORK

Fr. Joseph Asante Sunday Reflection

INTRODUCTION

The 4th Sunday in Lent Year A, otherwise known as Laetare Sunday, celebrates God’s light and mercy, highlighting spiritual sight, faith, and conversion, a day of joy and relief during the penitential season of Lent. It usually falls three weeks before Easter Sunday, marking a midpoint in Lent and offering a moment of spiritual encouragement and reflection on God’s mercy and grace.

THE READINGS MADE SIMPLE

In 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, God instructs Samuel to anoint David as king, emphasizing that God looks at the heart rather than outward appearances. David, the youngest and least expected son, is chosen, illustrating God’s wisdom and the value of inner goodness. The Responsorial Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want,” highlights God’s guidance, protection, and care. The Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14 emphasizes that Believers are called to live as children of light, rejecting sin and embracing righteousness. In the Gospel of John 9:1-41, Jesus heals a man born blind, demonstrating spiritual sight, faith, and conversion. The story reinforces that God’s works are revealed through grace, and faith requires openness to God’s truth.

REFLECTION

God’s command is both simple and radical: “Go forth from the land of your kinfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” In context, Abram’s identity, protection, inheritance, and survival were inseparable from his clan and territory. To leave them was to become vulnerable, exposed, and uncertain of the future. He received no detailed explanation, no visible plan, and no assurance of immediate success. He was given only a promise – that God would make of him a great nation and that through him all the families of the earth will be blessed. This moment teaches us that faith begins not with clarity but with trust. “Abram went as the LORD directed him.” No hesitation, no negotiation, no demand for proof is recorded. His obedience is concrete and immediate. Paul emphasizes that salvation is rooted not in human merit but in God’s eternal purpose and grace, given in Christ before time began and now through his appearing. This teaching is deeply consoling because it reminds us that the Christian vocation does not depend solely on our personal strength. Paul proclaims that suffering and death, though still real, are no longer ultimate. They have been transformed into passages that lead to life through Jesus Christ.

THEMES AND SPIRITUAL LESSONS

1. We must see as God Sees. God chooses David for his heart, not appearance, reminding believers to value inner goodness and spiritual insight.
2. We are called to live as children of light, letting Christ guide our actions and by rejecting sin.
3. The healing of the man born blind symbolizes the journey from ignorance to faith, encouraging us to recognize and embrace God’s truth.
4. The blind man’s healing leads to faith in Jesus, illustrating the transformative power of God’s healing and his grace at work in our life’s situation.
5. God often chooses the humble and the overlooked to fulfill His plans, as seen in David’s anointing.
6. The healed man boldly defends Jesus before the Pharisees. This must inspire us to stand firm in faith even under challenges.

LITURGICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND CONCLUSION

Laetare Sunday is also associated with the Scrutinies for catechumens preparing for baptism at Easter. The readings and rituals emphasize spiritual enlightenment, conversion, and the joy of God’s mercy. The day serves as a reminder that Lent is not only a time of penance but also of hope, light, and renewal. In summary, the 4th Sunday in Lent invite us to open our hearts to God’s light, grow in faith, and recognize the transformative power of God’s mercy and grace.



Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School

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Please Join Us! Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School Open House on March 26th, 5:30-7pm. Families are invited to meet the administration, enjoy a tour of the school, and get all of your questions answered. Light snacks will be provided.

Call the school office for more info: (913) 422-5520



Watch Fr. Zarse's video!



LOVE BOX

Love Boxes are available at the Greeters Counter and in the Parish office. Each box inspires a mom who is unexpectedly pregnant to be brave and choose life and also includes an invite to a local Embrace Grace group.

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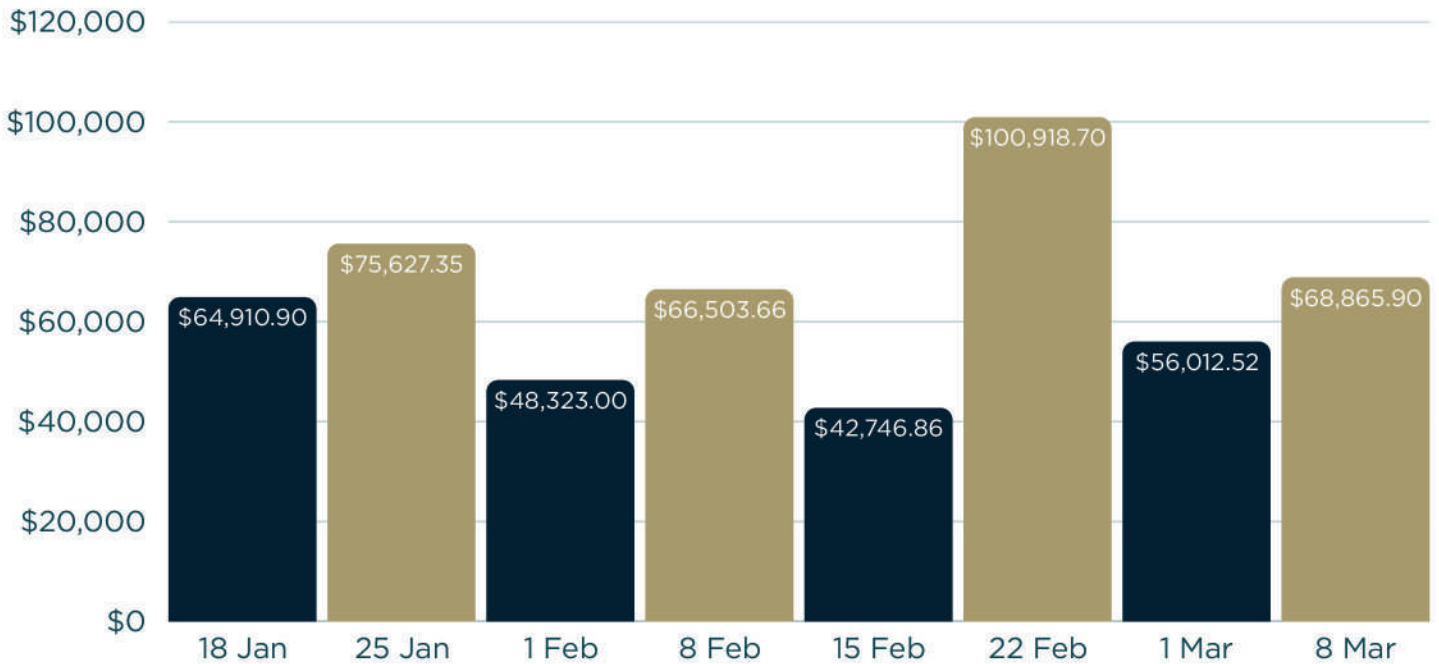
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FINANCIALS



"For you were made from dust to dust you will return." (Genesis 3:19) If you can't take it with you... where is the best place to put your money? Contact Beth Bucklin at beth.bucklin@shoj.org to make/increase your tithing gifts today, or to inquire about adding SHOJ to your will/trust/IRA, etc.

- In Quarter 1 of 2026, we need \$67,803.46 per week for our operating budget.
- We are currently at 74% of our quarterly need.
- We are averaging \$62,231.84 per week in Quarter 1 2026.



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