

March 19th, 2023

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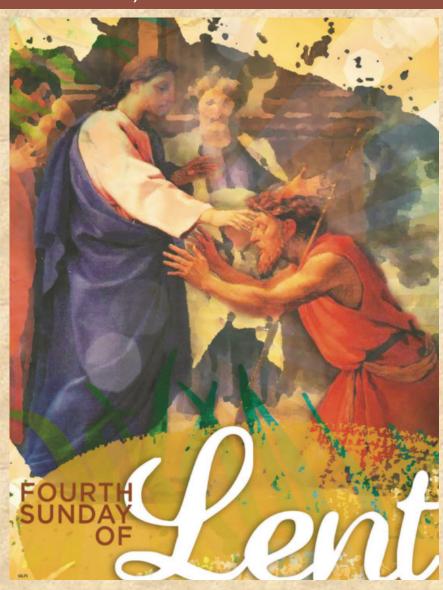
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: 9:00AM—3:00PM Wed.: 12:00PM—3:00PM

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM 1st Saturday of Month - 9:00 (with Anointing of the Sick)

Saturday (Vigil)
4:00 PM
Sunday
October—May
8 AM & 10:00 AM
June—September
9:00AM
Holy Days
Vigil 7:00 PM, 9:00 AM

Confessions1/2 hour before weekend Masses



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Adoration of the **Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays After 9:00 AM Mass - 12:00 PM

Sacraments

Baptisms

Last Saturday of the Month or by appointment

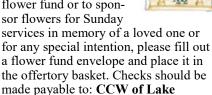
> Weddings Contact Parish Office

Anointing the Sick & Homebound

Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to admission to hospital, if possible.

Altar Flowers

To contribute to the flower fund or to sponsor flowers for Sunday



Placid.

Holy Water

The holy water dispenser is located in the vestibule of the church.

Votive Candles

Votive candles are located in the church and in the chapel.

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Readings for the week of March 19th

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1. 6-9. 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21. 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/ Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a,8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17,

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Please Pray for:

Ted Phalen

Velma Nagel

Walter Nagel

Bob Zhawred

Nicky Drury

Paul Macchione

John Morrison



Early bulletin deadlines:

Palm Sunday: before 3/23 Easter Sunday: before 3/30

Weekly Mass Intentions

Monday, March 20th, 9:00 AM

†Gerardo Hernandorena, by Vilma Ros

Tuesday, March 21st, 9:00 AM

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Wednesday, March 22nd, 9:00AM

†Gerardo Hernandorena, by Vilma Ros

Thursday, March 23rd, 9:00 AM

†The Condon Family, by Evonne Rodriguez Sierra

Friday, March 24th, 9:00 AM

†Albert Canarozi, by Marge Macchione

Saturday, March 25th, 4:00 PM (Vigil)

†Ronald Pekar, by Norman & Lorraine Pekar

Sunday, March 26th, 8:00AM

†Joey DiNoia, by Adele Moye

10:00AM

†Mary E. Kelley, by William Brainard



My Dear People,

Today, the story of the man born blind is like the story of the Samaritan Woman. There is a connection! The Lord came for the sinners--to bring them salvation and to bring them to the light. When one is without the Lord, then that individual nized Jesus as being the Messiah. is in darkness. Only the Lord can bring light to the people. For example, the Gospel tells us that the people who were living in heathen Galilee, (the Galilee of the Gentiles,) were people who

lived in darkness, but then they saw a great light. The light was, of course, Jesus.

The man born blind is not a parable. It is a real situation, and the leaders in Jerusalem couldn't believe this man born blind was able to see. It could not be possible. So, they drill him with questions. Their hearts, however, remain closed to God. even the ones who are teachers in the community. They have no sense of humility. They

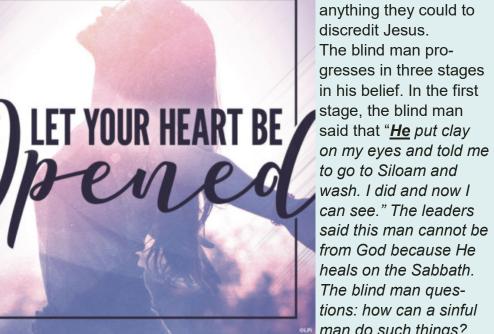
think they know the Law of Moses and the Sacred Scriptures. And no one is going to tell them or challenge them about the sacred Scriptures! Their interrogation of the blind man was basically a process to debunk Jesus and His ministry, and why He came on earth. They were blind, too, and were not open to a miracle even though it was presented before them.

Last week, we read of how the people of the town of Shechem went to the well where Jesus encountered the Samaritan woman. They said: "We do not have to rely on the testimony any more of the Samaritan woman, we have seen for ourselves, and we believe!" They were so convinced they asked Jesus to stay with them. These were people who were not even

Jews; who were considered half breed! Perhaps some were from the previous ten lost tribes of Israel, and some were Gentile people who happened to live there. Regardless, they accepted Jesus! They had an open heart, and they recog-

Meanwhile the leaders of the community in Jerusalem, the ones who are supposed to instruct the people in regard to the truths of God, were the ones who, through their lack of humility,

> closed their hearts to God. They would do anything they could to discredit Jesus. The blind man progresses in three stages in his belief. In the first stage, the blind man said that "He put clay to go to Siloam and wash. I did and now I can see." The leaders from God because He heals on the Sabbath. The blind man questions: how can a sinful man do such things?



They asked him again. He said, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I know is that I was blind and now I can see." They ridiculed the man and asked him to repeat again how he was healed. The man answered, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where He is from, yet He opened my eyes." In other words, you do not know about Jesus and any of His qualities.

The second profession of his faith is when he said, "If this man were not from God, He would not be able to do anything," (i.e. the miracle). Conclusion: this man is from God; only someone from God can do such miracles. His faith and image of Jesus ascends to a higher level. They threw him out! They did not want to be lectured by this man.

When Jesus found out what had happened to the man, <u>Jesus sought him out and asked of him something greater</u>. "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" When he was told that Jesus was this person, he replied, "I do believe," and worshipped Him. That was the third level of his belief. This individual progressed from saying 1. He is a prophet! to 2. If he were not from God, He could have not done such healing to 3. I do believe in the Son of Man and worshipping Him. Jesus sought him out because he had been Jesus's witness in front of the panel of Pharisees and leaders who had expelled Him. He had been a witness of Christ without knowing who He was. Jesus thought this man was ready and worthy to have the revelation that Jesus was the "Son of Man," another term for the Son of God."

May this Lenten season be a time of grace and enlightenment for each of us, and may we be a witness to Jesus in our daily lives. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Vincent Clemente

Parish Advisory Board Candidates

You, the parish, will be asked to help choose 4 candidates to serve on our Parish Advisory Board. Check the last two weeks of bulletins for information on the other candidates. Previous bulletins are available online at www.stjameschurchlp.org. Stay tuned for how to place your votes!

Eleanor Vaughn and husband Rich have been with us at St. James since 2017.



They reside in Tropical Harbor, and Rich boasts that Eleanor knows every homeowner in the park. Eleanor is a member of the CCW and volunteers often helping out with funeral receptions and CCW functions. Retired from a career as a paralegal, Eleanor joined Rich in past parishes in Phoenix, AZ as a Eucharistic minister and a volunteer Council member in parishes in Pennsylvania.

Michael Brannen and his wife have been members of St. James since 2016. Following retirement from a 35-year career in broadcasting and

television production, he was a founding board member and past-president of Mediatrix SC, a non-profit Catholic radio station in South Carolina. Michael is active in the Saint James Knights of Columbus here in Lake Placid. He is a past Grand Knight and served as Faithful Navigator (Beaufort, S.C.). He assists Glenda in her role as Respect Life Chair Woman, works with CCW Trash to Treasures fundraisers, attends Bible Study and helps with many of the church socials (in the kitchen washing dishes). Since his conversion, Michael has learned to appreciate the richness, beauty, and sanctity of the Eucharist in the Mass.

Nadine Baab and her husband hail from South Carolina and have been here at Saint James for the past seven



years. South Carolina's loss is our gain as Nadine has continued to stay busy as a member of the CCW. Relying on her skills of 51 years as a Supervisor of nursing, Nadine keeps the CCW running honestly and efficiently as she maintains her job of three years as Parliamentarian. Her immediate goals are to help parishioners of Saint James as they grow spiritually and to assist in the organization and implementation of ideas and events that include all members of Saint James Parish.



CCW Members gathered in green at their recent meeting celebrating St. Patty's Day. Come join us for our next meeting in April. The theme is: Celebrating Easter with Colors Pink and Purple. We hope to see you there!



Parish Advisory Board Candidates (continued)

Betty Hardy has been bustling around Lake Placid since 1967 and has permanently lived here for 17 years. Currently employed with Ridge Florist, her beautiful flower



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arrangements and centerpieces have been created to brighten up the altar or receptions in the Social Hall. Betty stays active on Sundays helping the young in Faith Formation prepare for First Communion and on Wednesday with the Youth as they prepare for Confirmation. Betty also stays busy sewing linens for the altar, and you can find her ushering at one of the Masses on the weekend. Betty served as President of CCW a few years back and was a Secretary for two years. She has served as a child Advocate and Volunteer in the ER for Highlands County Youth. In addition, she has been a member of the Homeowner's Board for Placid Lakes and served 15 years as their Secretary.

Rose Wojcik has been at Saint James Catholic Church for the past thirteen years. You will recognize Rose as one of the Cantors

at weekend Masses where she has been a regular for 7-8 years. Still employed at Lake Placid Re-hab Center in Sebring, Rose daily offers her talents and skills in nursing. Since receiving her BS in nursing in 1987 from the University of Detroit-Mercy, Rose went on later to earn a Masters in Health Services Administration. For the past 35 years, she has at different times been a Hospital Manager and Director of Surgical services. Since the 3rd grade and as a student of St. Joseph Catholic School in Trenton, Michigan, Rose has been a member of a Choir, or singing group. Today she helps the Knights of Columbus with their projects and dinners for the poor and needy.

Many believe that Jesus was a mere man, a great teacher, crucified by the authorities for His radical views. Others believe that He was a kind of angel — a supernatural being created by God and sent into the world to teach us the way. But who does the Bible say Jesus is? Next Saturday, March 25, is the celebration of the day that Mary said **yes**. Following all

Masses next weekend, the Knights of Columbus will distribute a free pamphlet showing that the New Testament is filled with references to the divinity of Jesus Christ. Please accept a copy and share it with your family or friends

and let the Knights know if you find these pamphlets worthwhile.



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El Señor nos llena de luz por medio de la curación del ciego de nacimiento y nos ayuda con su milagro a estar bien preparados para llegar a la Pascua. Dentro de poco estaremos celebrando el Domingo de Ramos, para luego entrar a la Semana Santa. La fe viva se manifiesta en nuestro corazón y la entrega generosa que durante la Cuaresma hemos vivido por medio del ayuno, la oración y la caridad, se agranda para celebrar las fiestas de la Pascua.

El Papa Francisco recordó

que este IV Domingo de Cuaresma es conocido como "el domingo Laetare, es decir, Alégrate". Por esa razón, la liturgia eucarística inicia con la invitación a la alegría. "Alégrate, Jerusalén, y todos ustedes los que la aman, reúnanse. Regocíjense con ella todos los que participaban de su duelo y quedarán saciados con la abundancia de sus consuelos" (Ver Isaías 66,10-11). Además, agregó: "Este mensaje gozoso es el corazón de la fe cristiana: el amor de Dios ha encontrado la cima en el don del Hijo a una humanidad débil y pecadora. Quien camina en la luz, quien se acerca a la luz, no puede hacer nada más que obras buenas. Es lo que estamos llamados a hacer con mayor empeño durante la Cuaresma: acoger la luz en nuestra conciencia, para abrir nuestros corazones al amor infinito de Dios, a su misericordia llena de ternura y bondad, a su perdón...". Él afirmó que Dios siempre nos perdona, solo pide abrir el corazón y toda la persona a ese perdón infinito

de Dios Padre, ©LPi



Horario de Misas Domingo: 10:00am Jueves v Viernes: 7:00PM Primer viernes del mes- Misa a las 7:00pm y la exposición del Santísimo Sacramento desde las 5:00pm hasta las 7:00pm

Confesiones: 9:30am domingo Bautismos: 4o sábado del mes a las

4:00 pm

Platicas del bautismo: 3o viernes del mes a las 7:30pm después de la Misa Quinceañeras: hablar con el sacerdote







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CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Sunday 10:00 am Mass and Class Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

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COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN (CCW), LAKE PLACID

1st Thursday of the Month 10:00am Maxine Henderson/517-944-0990 PO Box 1955, Lake Placid FL 33862

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP

2nd Friday of the month 3:00 pm, Social Hall

Mary Webb/863-273-4495

EMMAUS (MEN)

3rd Sunday of the Month

2:00 pm

Bob Muir/863-441-4754

EMMAUS (WOMEN)

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YOUTH / CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Wednesday 6:00 pm/Social Hall Connie Rollins/863-465-4361

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MARCH 19th— Sunday.

Faith Formation, 11AM-Noon, Hall. Men's Emmaus, 2PM, Social Hall.

MARCH 20th— Monday. RCIA, attend Parish Mission.

MARCH 21st— Tuesday.

Child. of Our Lady, 10AM, Social Hall.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

MARCH 22nd— Wednesday. Bible Study, 10AM, Social Hall. Confirmation Class, 6PM, Social Hall.

MARCH 23rd— Thursday.

Legion of Mary, 1PM, Social Hall. Bible Study, 7PM, Social Hall.

MARCH 24th— Friday.

Video Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper hosted by Women's & Men's Emmaus, 5:30PM, Social Hall. Free! All Welcome!

MARCH 25th— Saturday. RCIA Retreat.

MARCH 26th— Sunday. Faith Formation, 11AM-Noon, Hall.



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