



Saint Joseph's Parish

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THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.

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Holy Mass

Sat 5:00 pm

Sun. 9:30 am

Saik'uz 12 noon

Daily Mass

Tues-6:30 pm

Wed--Fri 9:00 am

Reconciliation

by appointment

Baptism

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Matrimony

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Light. At our most basic level of awareness, at the core of our being, we know the power of light. Physically we seek it, are energized and refreshed by it, drawn to its warmth, its nourishment, its luminous beauty. Our strong connection to light means its properties have emotional and spiritual resonance. Vision, insight and revelation can become interconnected.

Spiritually, light is associated with life itself, with transformation and hope. "Let there be light!" is the first command of the Creator God of Genesis. "I am the light of the world," declares Jesus, god's fullest self-revelation in time as he brings vision—light to darkness—to a blind man. Through Jesus' resurrection we are similarly transformed in Christ, says St. Paul to the church at Ephesus—so live "as children of the light."

Here we are, people and Church, making our annual Lenten pilgrimage. Active disciples, the body of Christ in our time and place, we seek renewal in living Jesus' mission of love. Today's readings illumine our path in their use of light imagery to define discipleship. Our invitation? Reflect the light of Christ! We are called to transformation, individually and as Church... where the light of compassion can transform relationships, alleviate the darkness of systemic injustice and reveal the holiness of all that is.

Ella Allen St. Joseph's Missal pg. 205



Holy Trinity
Church
Mission
Saik'uz

The
Season
of
Lent



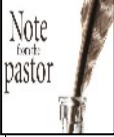
*"Rejoice, Jerusalem,
and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who
were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied
at her consoling
breast."*

Isaiah 66.10-11



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Jesus the light that gives sight. As we continue our journey through this season of Lent, we are met with the question of who is worthy in God's eyes. Based on false expectations the Israelites and the Pharisees never thought David would be chosen king or that Jesus would heal the man born blind. Worthiness may be found not in reputation or pedigree or appearance, but in one's heart. We are called to see people as God sees them and to work to free them from prisons constructed by human hands. **Homework:** Quietly find out the color of eyes God gave your spouse/children/parents.

Lent Conversion Stories (Water, Light, Life)

Man Born Blind. Our story of conversion continues today when we learn how to ask Jesus for the grace to see things as God sees things. We can be blind physically, intellectually, and morally. The man was physically blind but that did not lessen his value as a child of God able to reveal God's glory. The man encountered the intellectual blindness of the Pharisees (their belief that Jesus should not heal on the Sabbath). The man encountered the moral blindness of his parents (more afraid of being expelled from the synagogue than defending their son). Our blindness continues to keep people in prison, in chains, in detention camps. To be like Jesus and break down these prisons, let us see 'bravely'.

Mortal Sin and Venial Sin. Sin has many definitions but the root effect of sin is a broken relationship either with self, neighbor, or God. Our Catholic tradition has found it helpful to distinguish different degrees of how broken a relationship is. Mortal sin, as the name implies, refers to serious actions that break the relationship completely, or mortally kill it – greater effort for forgiveness is needed. Venial sin refers to an action that is easily forgivable or excusable, because the action does not damage the relationship completely. To spend time arguing whether a sin is mortal or venial belongs more with the story of the Pharisees; to belong with Jesus, we need to be developing in ourselves a strong dislike for all actions that cause hurt – we can do this by asking Jesus to help us to 'see bravely' how our actions effect others. **Reconciliation times:** Saturday 4:30pm, 30 minutes before mass times, and upon request. A time for a parish Lenten reconciliation service will be scheduled.

St. Joseph Feast Day (March 19): in the church calendar, St. Joseph is remembered on March 19 as St. Joseph, Husband of Mary. This year this falls on a Sunday where the Church gives precedence to Jesus; hence the Feast is transferred to the following day, March 20. Mass will be at 6:30. Simple socializing after mass.

ALPHA in the Winter: final week: What about the Church? Faith in Jesus is always a faith in the Church, the abiding presence of His Spirit. Next ALPHA in the Fall. Start inviting.

Fr. Pier Away: March 27-March 30

EVANGELIZATION STMT: **Transformed lives, transforming community**

PRAYER STMT: **Intimate encounter with God through an open heart**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Mar 19, Parish Sunday Breakfast, 10:30am**

PARISH ACTIVITIES- **Mar 20, Feast of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, 6:30pm, moved from March 19**

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- **Mar 28, CHRISM Mass, in PG**

DIOCESAN ACTIVITIES- **Mar 29, Priest Study Day, in PG**

QUIET PARISH HEROS : members of the CWL and KofC, silently serving our parish functions

Name: _____ Date: _____

JESUS HEALS A BLIND MAN FROM BIRTH

M I U T Q B T H L L T E H L G Z Q O X H M G B G
G A F Y Q S P W C O F L L O R D I B E L I E V E
F J U S C Z P S Y N A G O G U E P Y J F X W T P
B R Z T M O N B B A B M B V N P N J W V A P H E
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N P Y W D G W R I W A S B L I N D J P K C G S B
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M F A I T M L T Y R N C T Y R E V S C E M N U U
A C M V H F D B T V C K L E E D J T L W H M H O
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BELIEVE
CHRIST
FEARED THE JEWS
LORD I BELIEVE
PARENTS
SEETH
SINNER
SYNAGOGUE

BIRTH
CLAY
I WAS BLIND
MOSES
PHARISEES
SIGHT
SON OF GOD
WASHED

BLIND
EYES
LIGHT OF THE WORLD
NOW I SEE
SABBATH DAY
SILOAM
SPITTLE
WORSHIP

PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



JESUS PERFORMED MANY MIRACLES,
BUT NIM DIDN'T GET ANY OF THEM RIGHT!

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I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. *John 8.12*

Parish Prayer Requests		
Brenda Antoine,	Rose Marie MacDonald,	Madeline Scott,
Mackie Basil,	Geri Mann, Della Morin,	Madison Scott
Cooper Cursley,	Eunice Nash,	Don Summerskill,
Lisa Doucette,	Michael Nelson,	Clark Todd,
Brent Gray, Ellen Haynes,	Gerry Nickerson,	Mike Van Dusen, Mimi
Patrick Irving,	Ruby Irene Patrick,	Work and for all who are
Jennifer Lock,	Virginia Power,	in need of God's healing
	Dorothy Ranck, Ken Reid,	grace.
	Lillian Sam, Ian Scott,	

Richard and Mary Burkholder are heading to Europe on March 29th and hoping to walk the Camino Frances from Saint Jean Pied de Port in France to Santiago de Compestela in Spain. It is 784 km and we hope to complete it in 35 days.

I was wondering about having anyone who wishes to sign their name on a piece of paper, I will carry the paper and symbolically their intentions, with me every step of the way. Mary B

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