



For everyone who had planned to offer Masses for loved ones during this time of no Masses, please call the office to reschedule.

781 963-1327 Mon-Fri 11:30am -2:00pm

*But please don't call yet*—wait until we know that the virus danger has passed and we will definitely be back gathering to worship our Lord together in the Sacrifice of the Mass.

His Eminence Cardinal Sean is urging us to take care of each other, and to daily pray the Rosary.

Prayer is such an important time in our lives to help us through each moment.

Cardinal Sean also said this:

”Please remember that your parish communities depend on the offertory collection and will need your support going forward to carry on their crucial work.”

## Parish Support

Thank you to the parishioners who mailed or dropped off their weekly support envelopes!

### UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

3/22 Energy Needs  
3/29 Parish Outreach

### COLLABORATIVE LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

## **NO MASSES ARE BEING HELD THIS WEEK**

#### **Saint Bernadette Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm

Sunday Masses: 7:30 am, 9:00 am (Vietnamese), 11:00 am

Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 9:00 am

Tuesdays at 7:30 pm (Vietnamese)

#### **Saint Mary Parish**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 11:30am

Daily Mass: Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday at 9:00am

A Message from Fr. Phil

My brothers and Sisters in the Lord;

In recent days we have all become concerned and worry about many things including the future. These are unprecedented times. I hope we are listening to our leaders; medical, political and spiritual. The restrictions on how many people can be together or the suggestions for who needs to be very vigilant are out of concern for us. God has put them into our lives to help us through these trying times.

We have some of the best medical advice in the world around us.

Now is not the time to lose hope, but it is a time for proper vigilance and following the advice of those who are in the know. Please maintain hope and trust in the Lord. I hope life will return to normal soon. I long for the day when I can celebrate Mass with you again. In the meantime, please be assured of a remembrance in my thoughts, prayers and private Masses.

Boston's own Catholic TV studio in Waltham has a website where you can watch daily and Sunday Masses:

[watchthemass.com](http://watchthemass.com)

## Pastor's Message

### Reflections for The Fourth Sunday in Lent

On this fourth Sunday of Lent in 2020 there seems to be a frightening amount of pain, darkness and sadness in the world. We are now more than halfway through Lent. This worldwide pandemic is challenging many people's sense of hope. Some people are taking advantage of the people who are feeling vulnerable. Are we looking for the good that God will bring out of this world wide crisis? Where do we find our hope? Do we believe that Jesus is the light of the world and do we believe that Jesus is the one who leads us from darkness to light? We are called to see beyond appearance. Through Baptism we can learn to see everything in the light of Christ. The story of the man born blind was a favorite one at Baptisms in the life of the early Church. At that time Christians might call the sacrament of Baptism the illumination or enlightenment. We are called to live the light of Christ. We receive the gift of faith at Baptism. At that time the candidate for Baptism might echo the blind man's confession of faith and recite the Creed. Jesus even healed on the Sabbath. The more we learn about Jesus the more spectacular and glorious He becomes. Lent is a time to seek a clearer and more focused vision of Jesus, just like the blind man grew into with the help of Jesus. God gives this to those who wish to see and understand Jesus. In today's Gospel people had a wrong vision of the man's blindness. Blindness is not a result of sin. Suffering is a mystery that cannot be completely understood. When Jesus cured this man it brought glory to God.

The gospel today is a lesson on growth in faith. Please observe the steps on this man's journey to faith in Jesus. Seeing does not always lead to belief in Jesus, but in the case of this man it did. The eyes are not the only part of the body that needs to be able to see.

Moving from darkness to light is moving from no commitment to God to following Jesus Christ. Please notice in miracle stories the powerful effect that Jesus has on people and the joyful experience that people begin to live.

If we follow Christ we can become a light to others. Please observe also the behavior of the Pharisees and how they were not able to enter into this joyful experience because of their spiritual blindness.

Perhaps each of us can listen to such stories in Sacred Scripture, connect them with our lives and rejoice when we observe or hear of healings in the lives of others or ourselves. One of the practical ways we can move to see better is the Sacrament of Reconciliation asking God to help us see things from a spiritual perspective.

All of us are in need of deeper awareness in our lives which would include the way we treat others and even God's creation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation invites us to a grateful and loving response which includes God and others. God's creation is part of the way we treat others.

May we always be willing to share with others what our faith means to us.

**All Religious Education classes have been  
cancelled for now....  
until further notice from the Archdiocese**

The Randolph Food Pantry has waived the usual process for registering people requesting food. For now, if you are in need of food, just go to the Food Pantry during hours of operation and show a Randolph ID.

Location: 1 Turner Lane (behind the Fire Station)  
Hours: Mondays 12:30-2:30pm and 6-7:30pm