

March 26, 2017

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or
9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Jesus

“There was a time when you were in darkness but now you are light in the Lord. Well, then, live as children of light. Light produces every kind of goodness, and justice and truth.... Then he told him, ‘Go wash in the pool of Siloam.’ (This name means ‘One who has been sent.’)”)

With the coming of spring, days become longer and darkness fades. St. Paul tells his readers that they are children of the light. Jesus told us we are the light of the world. We recognize our role through our good works, our efforts to make a just society, and walking with Jesus who is the way, truth and life.

How common it is for us to look for a place to charge our telephones, renew the power in our ipad, or charge our battery. Sadly people fight to plug their charger and renew their telephone, computer or game. Lent is to produce the same effect. The light can become stronger as we strive for goodness, justice and truth. Lent is meant to restore power, or grace, fully. Lent is our opportunity to be and remain connected. We are to be charged by the Lord and radiate His presence.

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

FEAST, SCRIPTURE, CITATIONS
& SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 25 *THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*

Is 7:10-14, 8-10; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38 (545)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m. Ralph Eugene O’Connell

Sunday, March 26

1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (31)

9:00 a.m. Susan Molinaro

11:30 a.m. *People Of The Parish*

6:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27

Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54 (244)

12:10 p.m. Laura Payeur

Tuesday, March 28

Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16 (245)

12:10 p.m. Francis X. Walsh Jr.

Wednesday, March 29

Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30 (246)

12:10 p.m.

Thursday, March 30

Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47 (247)

12:10 p.m.

Friday, March 31

Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 (248)

12:10 p.m. Charles Fitzpatrick

Saturday, April 1

Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53 (249)

12:10 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

SECOND COLLECTION

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

All Masses— March 25th — March 26th

Thank you for your generosity!

OUR COLLECTION

Collection for March 19, 2017

By Mass as follows:

5:30 pm: \$2,075 9:00 am: \$1,654

11:30 am: \$2,011 6:00 pm: \$2,109

Sunday Masses Total: \$7,849

Faith Street: \$798

Parish Pay: \$355

Grand Total: \$9,002

CATHOLICISM: *The Pivotal Players*

Join Fr. John Baptist and others as we explore the lasting influence of these Pivotal Players.

Monday evenings—7:00-8:30 p.m.
Parish Library

(Ring the bell marked "St. Joseph's Parish House.")

March 27: "G.K. Chesterton," *the Evangelist*, publicly, humbly, and humorously announced the paradoxes and truth of Christianity.

April 3: "Michelangelo," *the Artist*, dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

A SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Saint Joseph's,

I'm grateful to God for the wonderful Mass and parish dinner that we had last week. Thank you to those of you who made a special effort to come out for the festivities!

And if I may offer a word of gratitude on your behalf, we're all indebted to the members of the Parish Council who worked so hard to make it such a great evening. May God bless them all for their tireless efforts and may He continue to bless our parish with every good thing.

In Christ,
Father James

UPCOMING EVENT

The 6pm St. Joseph's Praise Band is leading the worship music for the Archdiocesan Young Adult Mass held at St. Patrick's Cathedral on **Wednesday, April 5th at 7:00pm**

They are premiering a new original song, and hope that you can come!

More details on their facebook page, [facebook.com/westvillagepraise](https://www.facebook.com/westvillagepraise)

THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT NYU

WHAT ARE NATURAL RIGHTS?
(Are There Any?)

Saturday, April 1, 2017 | 12:30 p.m.

Register at: <https://thomisticinstitute.org/events/what-are-natural-rights>