

# THE GOOD NEWS

PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH  
DETROIT, MICHIGAN

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
MARCH 22, 2020



## SEEING IS BELIEVING

“Do you believe in the Son of Man?” Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man “sees” as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God’s kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God’s children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

### PRAYER FOR HEALING AND CONTAINMENT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE

*O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.*

*We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.*

*At the foot of the cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.*

*You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.*

*We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee,  
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.*

*Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:*

*He who took our sufferings upon himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us,  
through the cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.*

*We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.*

*Do not despise our pleas — we who are put to the test — and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

Presentation Our Lady of Victory Church is an urban parish that strives to proclaim the Good News of Christ and the beliefs of the Roman Catholic faith, focuses on increasing our love for God through worship; serves as stewards in the community and continues the ministry of Jesus Christ through prayer and evangelization.

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Sunday, March 22  
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

Monday, March 23  
Is 65:17-21  
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 24  
Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 25  
The Annunciation of the Lord  
Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Heb 10:4-10  
Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26  
Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 27  
Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 28  
Jer 11:18-20  
Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 29  
Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

NEXT WEEK'S MASS INTENTION  
March 29, 2020

IN LOVING MEMORY  
OF  
*Sheila & James Johnson*  
Requested by Anthony Timbers  
*\*Fr. Burr will pray this intention in a private Mass*

† PRAYER LIST †

AT HOME

*Sarah & Thomas Diggs, Ruth Donaldson,  
Wesley Duggan, Emily McGhee,  
Virginia Murphy, Joyce Patton, Doris Robinson,  
Deacon Sanders, Alexander Stubbs Jr.,  
June Sutton, Janice Wilson*

OTHER

*Wayne Bradley, Mary Elizabeth Robinson*

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Parish Office at 313.255.9000

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Seeing is much more than just a function of our eyes. We can look at something with clear vision but not really see it. Often what we think we see is colored by our presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and needs. We judge things by appearance, but God looks into the heart. God's sight has a much wider range and far greater depth. Receiving things or people just based on appearance can lead us to erroneous and hurtful judgments. We think we are seeing clearly, but we are not. Allowing God to restore our sight so that we can truly see is a worthy goal for our Lenten journey. Look within and look without. What do you see? Allow God to complete the picture for you. Ask Him to give you the insight to look into someone's heart. Don't draw hasty conclusions or presume you know the truth. Be open and humble enough so that you can receive the sight that only God can give.

HELP US KEEP YOU INFORMED

Who knew that last week we wouldn't have the opportunity to celebrate Mass together? Better yet, for many Sundays to come.

It all happened so quickly, and we surely did our best to get the word out to everyone.

To help us with future mailings or emergency notices, please be sure that we have your most current contact information.

You can do this by either calling the Parish Office at 313.255.9000 or you can email me at [sisjeanine@aol.com](mailto:sisjeanine@aol.com). Please send your home and cell number, as well as an email if you have one.

Let us remember.....*in this time of uncertainty, the time is now for God's people to look to Him for our answers, our protection, and our hope.*



Take the time to visit the Trinity Vicariate website

[www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org](http://www.trinityvicariatedetroit.org)



# HELPFUL RESOURCES

## ARCHDIOCESE OF DETROIT

Live Mass Times

<https://www.aod.org/livemasses>

## UNLEASH THE GOSPEL

10 Guideposts for Christians in the time of coronavirus pandemic

<https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/suite>

## ST. MARY'S PRESS

Elementary School Resources

[https://www.smp.org/homeactivitieschild/?utm\\_source=SM&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2](https://www.smp.org/homeactivitieschild/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2)

High School & Middle School Resources

[https://www.smp.org/homeactivitiesteen/?utm\\_source=SM&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2](https://www.smp.org/homeactivitiesteen/?utm_source=SM&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=COVID-19-ALL-e2)

## DYNAMIC CATHOLIC

How to Slow Down and Focus on What Matters Most

[info@dynamiccatholic.com](mailto:info@dynamiccatholic.com)

 **Puzzle**  
Help me to find God!





 **Mission for the Week**  
Draw a cross and put it in a place where you can see it and think of Jesus every day.

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 **Growing with the GOSPEL**   
John 9:1-41 ■ 4th Sunday of Lent

**Read the Gospel and Color**



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**PRESENTATION OUR LADY OF VICTORY PARISH**

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CHURCH/CHAPEL LOCATION: 8201 W. Outer Drive Parish Website: [www.presentationourladyofvictory.org](http://www.presentationourladyofvictory.org)**COORDINATOR CONTACTS**

Sacristan: Ms. Mary Maurant

Music Minister: Mr. Brown W. Leonard

Religious Education: Mrs. Wanda Sanders

Adult Formation: Reverend Mr. Hubert Sanders

Minister of Service: Mrs. Gail Bond, Mr. Michael Heard, Mr. Bob Thomas

Ushers Ministry: Mr. Anthony Timbers

Worship: Ms. Pamela Heard

St. Vincent de Paul Society: Ms. Monika Uriel

50 &amp; Over Group: Mrs. Gail Bond/Mrs. Wesley Duggan

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, Court #189: Ms. Monika Uriel

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Gail Bond, Chairperson ~ Robert Thomas, Secretary

Stacey Dick, Jesse Goodwin, Belinda Danzy, Thomas Digggs, Monika Uriel

**FINANCE COUNCIL**

Jonathan Sanders, Chairperson, Thomas Digggs, Anthony Timbers, Michael Vincent

**ORGANIZATIONS**

Ushers, Adult Choir, 50 &amp; Over Club, F.I.T.T. Ministry,

Youth Ministry, St. Vincent DePaul, Junior Daughters, Knights &amp; Ladies of Peter Claver

**SACRAMENTS**

Reconciliation: One half hour before Sunday Mass or by appointment

Baptism: Please contact the Parish Office Marriage: Weddings must be arranged at least six months in advance

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† Ave Maria Radio - 990 am

† Catholic Connection—Teresa Tomeo  
Monday-Friday 8am-10am† Christ is the Answer-Fr. John Riccardo  
Monday-Friday 11am† Kresta in the Afternoon-Al Kresta  
Monday-Friday 4pm-6pm† EWTN Global Catholic Radio Open Line  
Monday-Friday 3pm† Catholic Answers  
Monday-Friday 6pm-8pm  
990 am / 130 Sirius XM Satellite Radio