

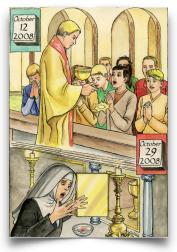
Fourth Sunday of Lent

In today's Gospel, Jesus, unasked, cures a man born blind - to a way of "seeing" that is not only physical. Because of his blindness, the man is compelled to be a beggar, to live on the margins of the community. Jesus does this a sign of the love he wants to give to all of us.

The blind man becomes the subject of a dispute among the religious authorities. They

insist that it is dangerous to follow Jesus. They throw him out of the meeting place. **The blind man once again** finds himself **marginalized by society** because he was given the eyes of faith and the full adherence of conversion.

Where am I in this scene: one of the religious leaders, or the blind man?



Eucharistic Miracles

In the Eucharistic Miracle of Sokółka, Poland October 23, 2008 a consecrated Host fell out of the hands of a priest while distributing Holy Communion. He picked it up and placed it a vessel filled with water and placed in a safe in the sacristy.

A week later, after opening the safe one could **clearly see a red stain on the Host** that had fallen, and

appeared to be a **bloodstain**. It was removed from the

water and placed inside the tabernacle.

In January 2009, the Host was taken and examined at the University of Medicine of Białystok. They issued a declaration which states: "The sample set for evaluation looks like myocardial (heart) tissue.

Mission Statement

We at Holy Family-Holy Rosary parish with the guidance of the Holy Spirit are committed to nurture the spiritual growth of our members, to welcome strangers, to be good stewards of God-given gifts, to provide a safe environment for our youth, to treat everyone with dignity and respect, to provide for the needy and to foster a Christ-centered community.

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 9: 4:30 p.m.: Juan and Juanita Cervantes+ Sunday, March 10: 8:30 a.m.: Elizabeth Murray+ 10:30 a.m.: Tuesday, March 12: 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 13: 8:30 a.m.: Fr. Burns+ 4:30 p.m.: Thursday, March 14: 8:30 a.m.: Lawrence and Hazel Martini+ Friday, March 15: 8:30 a.m.: Collection March 3, 2024

Sunday: (No collection due to the blizzard)

Lenten Schedule

Masses

Mass in Loyalton on Wednesdays During Lent is at 4:30

> Palm Sunday, March 24 8:30 a.m. - Portola 10:30 a.m. - Loyalton

Holy Thursday, March 28 7:00 p.m. - Portola

<u>Good Friday, March 29</u> Service 12:00 p.m. and Stations of the Cross - Loyalton

Holy Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. - Portola

Easter Sunday, March 31 8:30 a.m. - Portola 10:30 a.m. - Loyalton

Stations of the Cross followed by Soup Dinners

<u>Wednesdays</u> 5:00 p.m. - Loyalton

<u>Fridays</u> 5:30 p.m. - Portola

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Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Dear Jesus, I become discouraged when I look at the many times I have failed in the past. Grant me the hope that I need to face the future with confidence, knowing that you can do all things. - Gary Zimak

Third Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

Holy Family Church

108 Taylor Ave. Portola, CA 96122

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m. Sunday 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. **Spanish Mass:** 3rd. Saturday 7:00 p.m. **Adoration:** Friday 7:30 a.m.

Confession: Saturday 4:00 p.m. or by appointment

Holy Rosary Mission Church

614 4th. St. Loyalton, CA 96118 **Masses:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 5:30 p.m. **Adoration:** Wednesday 4:30 p.m. **Confession:** After Mass or by appointment

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Bulletin Submissions

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Website

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Check the new parish website! It is being updated regularly, and you will find **mass times, bulletins, special feast days**, and all information about Holy Family and Holy Rosary. www.holyfamilyportola.org **Send submissions to:** granitebaymom@icloud.com

Catholic Studies Portola

<u>March 21</u> - Pray like a Catholic: How to enrich your spiritual life

Bring a snack or beverage to share.



James Cavanagh, facilitator 916-701-1543, call or text

The Great Faith of the Blind Man of the Gospel

What an example of firm faith that blind man gives us! His is a living, operative faith.

Do you behave like this **when God** commands, when so often you can't see, when your soul is worried and the light is gone?

What power could the water possibly contain that when the blind man's eyes were moistened with it they were cured?

Surely some mysterious eye-salve, or a precious medicine made up in the laboratory of some wise alchemist, would have been more efficacious?

But the man believed; he acted upon the command of God, and he returned with eyes full of light. - St. J. Escriva



Spanish Mass

March 16, is the third Saturday of the month and Mass will be at 7:00p.m.



Laetare Sunday

Today's theme comes from the entrance antiphon reflecting **Isaiah 66:10-11:** "Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

Laetare is the first word - meaning *"rejoice"* - in Latin text. On Laetare Sunday the Church expresses *hope and joy*

in the midst of our Lenten fasts and penances. The color changes to pink, or rose indicating a glimpse of the joy that awaits us at Easter, just before we enter into the somber days of Passion-tide.

On Laetare Sunday, *flowers are permitted* on the altar. At one time, marriages *were only allowed on this day during Lent*. There also was a medieval tradition of visiting one's "mother church" (*the church where one was baptized*) on this day.

Donation of Easter Lilies Must be ordered by March 24th. To be delivered to the church on March 30th.

Local options:



Addies Floral Cottage - 832-9933 Magnolia Mums - 354-5510



Community Supper

When: Wednesday, March 27th. Time: 6:00 p.m. Where: Father Burns Hall Host: Holy Family Church



Faith Formation

Portola

Thursday, March 21 6:00 to 8:00pm Father Burns Hall

Loyalton:

Alternate Tuesdays 6:00 to 8:00pm Social Hall