

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 15, 2026

From the Desk of the Pastor:

Have you ever played a game with a blindfold? Or, have you ever been on a trust walk, where you are blindfolded and led by another person? Playing games with a blindfold helps us appreciate the gift of sight. Sight is a double blessing in a culture in which the media manipulates visual contents, patterns, and timing. A quickly edited, fast moving commercial on television proves the point; your eyes quickly "read" the message. Through the cure of a person born blind, John's Gospel presents sight in a spiritual sense. Sometimes a person can look, but not see. Here, the blind man received not only the ability to use his eyes but the gift to see the truth.

By describing the anointing of David as the second king of Israel, the first reading, taken from the First Book of Samuel, illustrates how blind we are in our judgments and how much we need God's help. It reminds us that those whom God involves in his saving plans are not necessarily those whom the world perceives as great. In the second reading, St. Paul reminds the Ephesians of their new responsibility as children of light "to live as children of the light, producing every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth." In today's Responsorial Psalm, (Ps 23), we celebrate the care of God, our Good Shepherd, who keeps us safe in the darkness of this world. Presenting the miracle of Jesus' giving of sight to a man born blind, today's Gospel teaches us the necessity of being willing to have our eyes opened by Faith and warns us that those who assume they see the truth are often blind, while those who acknowledge their blindness are given clear vision. In this episode, the most unlikely person, namely the beggar born blind, receives the light of Faith in Jesus, while the religion-oriented, law-educated Pharisees remain spiritually blind. To live as a Christian is to see and to grow continually, gaining clearer vision about God, about ourselves and about others. Our Lenten prayers and sacrifices should help to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can look at others, see them as children of God, and love them as our own brothers and sisters, saved by the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Life messages: 1) We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness. We all have blind-spots -- in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We are often blind to the presence of the Triune God dwelling within us and fail to appreciate His presence in others. Even practicing Christians can be blind to the poverty, injustice, and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blindness. We need to ask him to remove from us the root causes of our blindness: self-centeredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits, hardness of heart, and the like. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay, "God our Father, help us see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly" day by day. 2) We need to get rid of cultural blindness. Our culture also has blind-spots. Often it is blind to things like selfless love, happiness, fidelity with true, committed sexual love in marriage, and the value of human life from birth to natural death. Our culture has become anesthetized to the violence, the sexual innuendo, and the enormous suffering in the world around us. Let us counteract this cultural blindness as, with His grace, we experience Jesus dwelling within us and within others, through personal prayer, meditative reading of the Bible, and a genuine Sacramental life.

Fr. Luke



Mass Schedule

Sunday Liturgies

Saturday
Rosary at 4:30 p.m.
Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday

Rosary at 9:25 a.m.
Mass at 10:00 a.m.
Rosary in Spanish at 12:00 noon
12:30 p.m. Mass in Spanish

Weekday Liturgies

Tuesday and Friday - Mass at 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet
at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of each Month 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. &
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
By appointment other times

Holy Day Masses

6:30 p.m. English
7:30 p.m. Spanish

Thursday Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

The Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet are prayed every Thursday at 5 p.m. in the church or by telephone conference call. Mass immediately follows. If you wish to join by telephone, call the church office for details.

Children's Stations of the Cross

During Lent the Children's Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, when Faith Formation classes are in session.

Organizations/Groups Monthly Meetings

Altar Society - 1st Tuesday at 6:00 pm
Knights of Columbus - 2nd Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Men's Group - 3rd Thursday at 6:45 p.m.
Women's Group - Last Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Location of Automated External Defibrillators (AED)

Two AEDs are on church property: one in the parish hall next to the women's restroom and the other one in the church foyer near the church entrance and bathrooms. Remember their locations, just in case you may need to retrieve one.

Join us in prayer for the needs of our families and community....

Pray for: Nadia Allmon, Jeff Briscoe, Barbara Dean, Adam Elliott, Steve Francis, Maria Gutierrez, Natalie Hayes, Rich Legler, Maria Lezama, Shirley Long, Kamicia Lunceford, Julieta Marroquin, Judy LeBlanc, Dudley McKamie, Michael Miller, Leslie Payne, Donna Rocha, Fernando Rosales, Jr., Jewel Sanchez, Danny Smith, Shirley Stenklyft, Matthew Williams, Manuel Yañez.

Mass Intentions

Sat	Mar 14	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Sun	Mar 15	10:00 a.m.	Members of Our Parish
Sun	Mar 05	12:30 p.m.	Domitila Rios+
Tue	Mar 17	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Thu	Mar 19	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+
Fri	Mar 20	12:30 p.m.	Lucile Cook+
Sat	Mar 21	5:00 p.m.	Darlene Nolan+

Parish Giving

March 8, 2026

1st Collection	\$3,446.00
2nd Collection	\$ 209.00
Third Collection	\$ 341.80
Children's Collection	\$ 28.92

2nd Collection	Mar 15	Catholic Relief Services
2nd Collection	Mar 22	Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales
3rd Collection	Mar 22	Lawn Care Maintenance

Mass Attendance

5:00 p.m. 74
10:00 a.m. 145 and 12:30 p.m. 91

Pastoral Team

Pastor: Fr. Luke Kalarickal, M.S.F.S.
Deacons: Ruben Natera; Clarence Blalock
Acolytes: Rick Downey; Felipe Segura;
Alberto Robledo
Bookkeeper: Noelia Gonzalez
Office Assistant: Linda Rossler

Committee Chairs

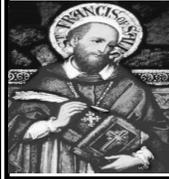
Pastoral Council Chair: Theresa Cheatham
Finance Council Chair: Lou Napolitano
Maintenance Committee Chair: Rick Downey

The administration and pastoral care of Prince of Peace Parish is entrusted to the Missionaries of St. Francis De Sales (M.S.F.S.), also known as Fransalian Missionaries, an international religious order with headquarters in Rome and the Provincial House in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information, visit www.fransaliansusa.com or www.wellspringcommunity.net.



Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Office closes for lunch between noon and 1:00 p.m.



**Gentle, loving rebuke has far
greater power to correct than
rage and passion.**

St. Francis de Sales

News and Notes

Lenten Retreats and Penance Service

Sunday, March 22, with the 12:30 p.m. Mass, Lenten retreat in Spanish

Tuesday, March 24, 6 to 8 p.m., Lenten Retreat in English

Thursday, March 26, 6:15 p.m., Penance Service with Confessions

Palm Sunday - March 29

There will be the usual Mass schedule on Palm Sunday. The people will gather in the Parish Hall before Mass for the blessing of the palms and readings, followed by the procession into the Church.

Holy Thursday - April 2

Bilingual Mass of the Lord's Supper at 6:00 p.m. There will be Adoration after Mass until 10:00 p.m. and the "Breaking of the Bread" gathering immediately after Mass.

Good Friday - April 3, 2026

Stations of the Cross at 2:15 p.m. followed by a bilingual Passion Service at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 p.m. in Spanish

Holy Saturday - April 4, 2026

Bilingual Easter Vigil Mass at 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 5, 2026

Masses 10 a.m. in English and 12:30 p.m. in Spanish

Donations Needed for Prince of Peace Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4

In about 3 weeks, our parish will have its annual Easter Egg Hunt. Help us create a fun-filled time for the children on April 4 at 11:00 a.m. by donating bags of Easter candy and plastic eggs for stuffing. Candy should be individually wrapped and small enough to fit inside the eggs. Please, do not bring hard candies, as they present a choking hazard to small children. Drop them off at the church in the helper's food basket or at the church office. Thank you.

Men's Ministry Meeting

The Men's Ministry will be on Thursday, March 19, from 6:45 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. All men of the parish are invited.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry on March 27

The Knights last Fish Fry will be on Friday, March 27, from 5-7 p.m. in the parish hall. The cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (up to age 12). Purchase your tickets from a Knight after Mass this weekend and March 21/22.

Walk-in's on March 27 are welcomed.

Spring Fest 2026 Silent Auction - Items Needed

Our Spring Festival will be held on May 2, 2026 and will include a Silent Auction in the Parish Hall from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are now asking for donations of any special items or treasures that will help make the Silent Auction a successful event for our parish. Bring your items to the church office or the Parish Hall from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. starting Thursday, March 11, then Monday-Friday until Wednesday, April 15. There will be a sheet there for your name, the item you are donating, and your telephone number. Please pick up a Silent Auction flyer located in the foyer of the church as a reminder. If you have any questions, contact Mimi Plumb 903-316-3744.

Safe Environment

Parental supervision of children keeps them safe, including when they are in church or on church grounds. If need be during Mass, escort your children to the restroom, wait for them, and return to your seat with them.

If you know or suspect that a minor or vulnerable adult is currently being abused or is in danger, immediately report it to state/local law enforcement or the TX Department of Family and Protective Services at (800) 252-5400 or txabusehotline.org. The Diocese of Tyler is committed to respecting the dignity of all persons and to helping anyone who may have been hurt or abused by a priest, deacon, religious, or anyone working in the name of the Church. Any current or past cases of abuse involving Church Personnel should be reported to civil authorities and also to the Victim Assistance Coordinator at (903) 266-2159 or vac@dioceseoftyler.org.

The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before each weekend Mass. Please be mindful of the need for silent reflection, both in the nave and in the church foyer, out of respect for the Rosary and in preparation for the Holy Mass. Everyone is advised to come and join the Rosary and receive its priceless benefits and graces.

Kids, Youth/Adult Bible Corner

Bible Answers for March 1, 2026

Kids: a. Male lamb
b. Yes

Answered by Victoria Gutierrez, David Gutierrez, and Elijah Rivera.

Adults: a. 8th day
b. 7 days

Answered by Theresa Cheatham, Andrea Gustafson, Glenda Means, Neri Gutierrez, Jason Reed, Linda Rossler, Leo Rossler, and Mimi Plumb.

Questions for March 15, 2026 (Leviticus 21-24)

Kids: a. When an ox or a lamb or a goat is born, how long it shall remain with its mother before it is offered as an oblation to the Lord?
b. What is the punishment for anyone who takes the life of any human being?

Adults: a. What is the punishment for a priest's daughter who commits fornication and dishonors her father?
b. The Passover of the lamb falls on which day of the first month?