

# THE EUCHARISTIC COMMUNITY

AT EGLISE ST. JEAN BAPTISTE

*Bread Broken for a New World*

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

THE GATHER HYMNAL: #913

1SAMUEL 16:1B, 6-7, 10-13A    EPHESIANS 5:8-14    JOHN 9:1-41

MARCH 18-19, 2023

### *The Pastor's Reflections*

What a wonderful and powerful message Paul gives us today. "You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of the light." Let's keep this tucked in our minds as we reflect on the story of the man born blind.

John's account of the cure of the blind man is a story about faith, the ability to see the truth, and a meditation on the cost of discipleship. This man was literally born blind, but, like all of us, he was born spiritually blind, too. What spiritual sight he may have had probably came from his parents who raised him in their Jewish tradition. For his parents it was difficult enough to raise a blind child. But they carried an even heavier burden. It was the popular belief that a child's chronic illness was a punishment for sins committed by the parents.

In addition, when Jesus cured this man, it was a tense time. The threat had come out from the religious authorities that those who followed Jesus could be excommunicated from the synagogue. This was frightening in two ways. It meant they would be excluded from Jewish life and, this is very important to note, they would forfeit the Jewish indult that freed them from the yearly civic act of worshiping the Roman Emperor, an indult gained after much suf-

fering. Refusal to perform this act was considered treason by Rome.

As the account attests, when this man gained his sight and believed in Jesus he forfeited his ties to his Jewish community. Even his parents abandoned him for fear of repercussions from the authorities.

In this account John is warning us that faith in Jesus does not come without cost. To follow him means to be different, even counter-cultural. True, committed faith in Jesus, can exclude us from family, friends and even nation. John may be teaching us that suffering is part of discipleship. Imagine what it costs to be a Christian in China, Russia, India, Turkey, Iran, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Syria, North Korea, Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria.....

### PRAYER

"You were once darkness,  
but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light."

Lord, I believe in you.

Give me the strength and courage  
to let your light of truth shine in me  
and through me."

## MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 19

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

9:00 Frank Cassar

11:00 Michael Barnes

4:00 Mary Barnes

MONDAY, March 20

12:00 Josephine Hurley

6:00 Healing Mass For Feast of St. Joseph

TUESDAY, March 21

12:00 For the Parishioners & For All Enrolled  
In the St. Anne's Shrine

WEDNESDAY, March 22

12:00 Russell Battaglia

THURSDAY, March 23

12:00 Rosemary Gelshenen

FRIDAY, March 24

12:00 Seamus Kelly & Family

SATURDAY, March 25

12:00 Bernadette Kelly & Brandan

5:00 Nora Kelly

## WHEEL CHAIRS – CARRIAGES – STROLLERS

Our new elevator is open for your convenience. We ask you that once you are inside the church you do not block the aisles with carriages or strollers. We suggest, for everyone's safety, that you place your carriages and strollers along the wall of the church, not next to the pew. This will keep the aisle open in case of an emergency.

We invite our parishioners with wheel chairs to sit in the section of pews facing the side of the main altar (front left side of the church, across from the organ). There is lots of space up there for wheel chairs. Families with carriages and strollers may sit in that area also. There, carriages and strollers may be placed alongside the pews.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Father John

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

Church opens at 7:00 AM  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
from 8:00 AM until 11:30 AM  
Confessions from 11:30 AM  
until 11:50 AM  
**MASS at 12:00 PM**

### SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Church Opens at 11:00 AM  
Confessions from 11:30 AM  
until 11:50 AM  
**MASS at 12:00 PM**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
until 4:45 PM  
Confessions from 4:30 PM  
until 4:50 PM  
**Anticipated Sunday MASS  
at 5:00 PM**  
Church closes at 6:30 PM

### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Church Opens at 8:30 AM  
**MASS at 9:00 AM**  
**HIGH MASS at 11:00 AM**  
**EVENING PRAYER at 3:15 PM**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
From Noon until 3:45 PM  
**MASS at 4:00 PM**  
Church Closes at 5:30 PM

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**The weekend collection for last Sunday  
amounted to total: \$ 6,237.05**

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| Cash    | \$2,263.00 |
| Checks  | \$3,424.00 |
| WeShare | \$ 235.00  |
| Paypal  | \$ 315.05  |

**Thank You.**

***"Generosity is the Flower of Justice" --Nathaniel  
Hawthorne***

## LENTEN PRACTICES

During the Lenten Season we observe fasting and abstinence from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Additionally, the Fridays of Lent are kept as days of abstinence from meat and voluntary fasting.

**REMINDER: We say the stations of the Cross every Friday after the noon Mass.**

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

Saturday 5:00 – Blessing of palms  
Sunday 9:00 – Blessing of palms  
11:00 – Blessing of palms & procession  
4:00 – Blessing of palms

HOLY THURSDAY– Church will be open the entire day for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

11:30 – 12:00 – confessions  
7:30 – Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
adoration until 11:00 PM

### GOOD FRIDAY

12:00 – Stations of the Cross  
12:00-1:00 - Confessions  
3:00 – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion  
veneration of the cross – communion  
7:30 – Tenebrae

### HOLY SATURDAY

11:30 – 1:00 – Confessions  
7:30 – The Great Vigil of Easter

### EASTER SUNDAY

9:00  
11:00 – High Mass

Please note there will be no 4:00 pm mass on Easter Sunday.

## MUSIC OF THE LITURGY

The Ordinary is Mass of Creation  
Marty Haugen  
(b. 1950)

Prelude: Chorale Prelude on “St. Columba”  
Henry Ley  
(1887-1962)

Gathering Hymn 630 Come to me Dunstan’s

Responsorial Psalm  
“The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.”

Offertory Hymn 750  
God of day and God of darkness Beach Spring

Music at Communion  
5PM, 9AM & 4PM:  
Biblical Songs, Op. 99 Antonin Dvořák  
4. Psalm 23 (*sung in German*) (1841-1904)

5PM Mithuna Sivaraman  
9AM Rachel Hippert  
4PM Francesca Caviglia

11AM Duet Henry Smart  
*The text is a paraphrase of Psalm 23* (1813-1879)

Recessional Hymn 631 The King of Love  
St. Columba

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on “St. Columba”  
Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

## The Theatre at St. Jeans

A new production  
from the York Theatre Company  
**Vanities the Musical**  
March 21 -April 22, 2023

Featuring an infectious and melodic score by David Kirshenbaum, which playfully echoes the genres of music from 1963 to 1990, Vanities - The Musical is an iconic chamber musical that celebrates the power of women and their unique bonds of friendship.

For tickets or information:  
call 212 935-5820 or  
visit [www.yorktheatre.org](http://www.yorktheatre.org)

## ST. JOSEPH'S HEALING MASS

Date: Monday, March 20, 2023  
Time: 6:30 pm-Rosary  
7:00 pm-Mass  
Place: St. Jean Baptiste Church  
76th St. and Lexington Ave

The event is sponsored by the Our Lady of Peace Prayer Group at St. Jean’s Baptiste Church.

For more information, please contact Lennix Lewis at 212.288.5082 ext 14 or Estela at 917.617.5688

## EASTER FLOWERS 2023

Joseph And Emily Boitano  
Carbone Family  
Linda Cestaro  
Elmer & Marian Daigler  
Marina Lopez  
Anthony V. Marino  
Elaine Marino  
James & Bridie McKiernan  
Sr. Catherine O'Shea, CND  
Fox & Solomon Families  
Fitzroy, Elaine, Cecil & Rosalind Thomas  
Susan Turner  
Juana Trujillo

## THE CHOSEN

If you're looking for a spiritual Lenten activity I encourage you to take a look at the first three seasons of THE CHOSEN, the story of Jesus and the early disciples. Since I first viewed it last year I've been using it for teaching and my personal prayer.

You can access it on line:

Google *Angel Studios The Chosen*.

Tap "Watch." The first episode introduces Mary Magdalene. Jesus appears at the end of the episode and the gospel story continues in the following episodes.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Experience the intimacy of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Sit in the silence of the church and listen to God's word speak to you, and you alone, as you read the scripture. The Novena to St. Peter Julian Eymard is available at our store and the parish office. You may find it helpful for your prayer and meditation.

## THANK YOU FROM ST. JEAN BAPTISTE HIGH SCHOOL



Thank you to Father Kamas and the entire Eglise St. Jean Baptiste parish community for welcoming members of the high school to participate in the Masses last weekend. Our students enjoyed speaking about our new College Prep Program; bringing up the gifts during the offertory; and meeting parishioners after Mass as they lined up to support our Theater Benefit. We sold more than 50 raffle tickets and received many donations as well. We deeply appreciate the generosity of the parishioners of St. Jean Baptiste!

## TRANSFER OF STATUES

The statue of St. Peter Julian Eymard, the founder of the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament has been successfully moved to the altar at the north side of the church. St. Anthony is now in St. Eymard's place on the south side. We are now working on transferring the relic to Fr. Eymard's altar.

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