

# *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

## *Bulletin for March 19th, 2023*



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*The Way of the Cross – After Friday Mass during Lent*  
*St. Francis of Assisi 11:30am, Our Lady of the Mountains 6:30pm*

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• [1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13](#) • [Psalm 23](#) • [Ephesians 5:8-14](#) • [John 9:1-41](#) •

In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked whose sin caused the man's blindness – his own or his parents'. Jesus gives an unforeseen answer – through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees understood that the law of Moses forbade work, including healing, on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals Himself as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

Like last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through his encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be His disciple, while the Pharisees - those who should see - are the ones who remain blind.

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*“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”*  
*St. John Vianney*

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### *Lenten Mission – The Passion*

Fr. Pierre Leblond will be leading his Lenten Mission - a meditation on the Passion of the Lord:

Our Lady of the Mountains: **25<sup>th</sup> March, 6:00-7:00pm**, followed by confession.

St. Christopher's: **26<sup>th</sup> March, 12:30-1:30pm**, followed by confession.

### *Confession cleans, forgives and beautifies the soul!*

“Forgiveness is not something we can give ourselves. One asks forgiveness, one asks it of another person, and in confession, we ask forgiveness from Jesus. Forgiveness is not a result of our efforts, but is a gift. It is a gift of the Holy Spirit Who showers us with mercy and grace that pours forth unceasingly from the open heart of Christ crucified and risen.”

*Pope Francis*

# Mass Times

## Sunday Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Saturday	5:00 pm	Rosary at 4:30 pm
Our Lady of the Mountains	Sunday	9:00 am	Rosary at 8:30 am
St Christopher's, Mt. Currie	Sunday	11:30 am	

## Daily Mass

Our Lady of the Mountains	Monday to Friday	6:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am
St Francis of Assisi Pemberton	Wednesday and Friday	11:00 am

## Rosary before Mass on Saturday and Sunday: for those who have left the Church

### Way of the Cross

Our Lady of the Mountains	Friday	6:30-7:30 pm
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### A Quick Journey through the Bible Study- followed by pot luck

St Christopher's, Mt. Currie	Sundays	12:30 pm
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## MASS LECTORS



**Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> March** Ralph  
**Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> Mar** Dorell

## Sacrament of Reconciliation – Contact Fr. Andrew L'Heureux: Cell: 1-778-257-4203

### Fr. Andrew's Podcast suggestions

- **Abiding Together:** Part 4 of a six-part Lenten series on the book "Be Transformed" by Dr. Bob Schuchts. <https://www.abidingtogetherpodcast.com/podcastarchive/s12e11-lenten-study-part-4-holy-orders-and-marriage>
- **Restore the Glory Podcast:** Renee Lemire, a podcast listener explains how Dr. Bob's book, "Be Restored" guided her personal healing retreat: <https://www.restoretheglorypodcast.com/episodes/59>
- **Interior Integration for Catholics:** Dr. Peter discusses the silent killer that makes vulnerability seem so dangerous: Shame. <https://www.soulsandhearts.com/iic-archive> Choose Episode 38.

### Laetare Sunday

Traditionally, this Fourth Sunday of Lent marks a joyful relief amidst the seriousness and somberness of the many weeks of preparation for Easter. Hence, today is called Laetare Sunday, a name that comes from the Entrance Antiphon for this Mass. Rose-coloured vestments may be worn and the altar may be decorated with flowers.

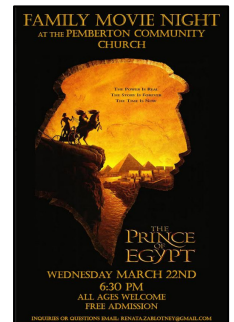
However, the Gloria is still omitted today.

### Christian Family Movie Night, Pemberton, Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Pemberton Community Church is holding a Christian family movie night on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

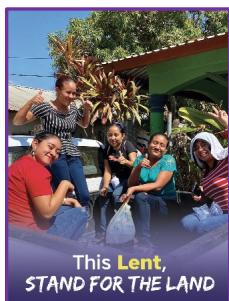
**The Prince of Egypt** starts at 6:30pm.  
FREE admission.

All ages welcome.



### Volunteer Opportunity – Con Brio Music Festival

This is the 24th year for the Con Brio Music Festival and the organisers are looking for volunteers for **Friday, April 21st and Saturday, April 22nd**. The volunteers guide the ensembles around the village to warm-ups, performances and workshops in several venues. Local volunteers are vital in making this festival the success it is. Volunteers may also attend performances and other events. If you would like to help out or for more information, please contact, by **March 20<sup>th</sup>**, Alison Hunter: [whistlerharp@gmail.com](mailto:whistlerharp@gmail.com)



### Development & Peace – Caritas Canada Standing for the Land in Honduras

Honduras's diverse ecosystems, fertile lands and rich natural resources attract many profiteering enterprises that overexploit the land to no benefit for local communities.

Development and Peace — Caritas Canada supports *Equipo de Reflexión, Investigación y Comunicación* (ERIC), an organization that helps communities in their struggle for land and territory and investigates human rights abuses. This Lent, meet our solidarity visitor **Elvin Hernández**, a human rights investigator at ERIC. Learn more at [devp.org/lent](http://devp.org/lent)

### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 9:30am-3:00pm  
In important or urgent matters, call:  
Fr. Andrew, cell: 1-778-257-4203

### Calendar

20<sup>th</sup> Mar – St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
25<sup>th</sup> Mar – The Annunciation of the Lord  
26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Share Lent CCODP - Second Collection