

Pastor to People

Holy scriptures readings for March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026 [Fourth Sunday in Lent]



**Isaiah 42: 14-21**

[Isaiah 42: 14-21 ESV - For a long time I have held my peace; I - Bible Gateway](#)

We often talk about the Lord's Mercy for His people, how He is slow to punish the Israelites for their idol worshiping. But here we see the Father take His love to another level, we see the Father fight for His people, that He turns back those who would lead His people astray. He did not have to do this, after all He warned the Israelites that they would fall into idol worshiping if they did not eradicate the Canaanites from the promise the land. But, He does so anyways, because He loves His people, and He had a promise to keep, He could not do that if doesn't keep the Israelites alive.

**Ephesians 5: 8-14**

[Ephesians 5: 8-14 ESV - for at one time you were darkness, but - Bible Gateway](#)

We see this theme of darkness into light theme continue here with Paul admonishing the Ephesians to walk in the light of Christ. This is the light won for us by Christ, the light that keeps unto eternal life. Paul reminds us to walk not in darkness, that is to not participate in sins that we try to hide from the Lord, Solomon warns us of the same thing and does John in John 3. We are to walk in the light so that our sinful deeds may be opposed and we be guided to repentance and forgiveness.

**John 9: 1-41**

[John 9: 1-41 ESV - Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind - As he - Bible Gateway](#)

As stated back in the first week of Lent, the point of Christ revealing His Divine nature to man this side of Heaven is guide people to faith, to make one believe that He is the Son of God. That is why He heals the blind man, that people may know that He is the Christ that Heals and saves. He heals our sinful condition, by providing the way of escape in the forgiveness of sins. He continues in this when we receive the Sacrament, where we see Him bodily present in the bread and the wine doing what only He as God can do, forgiving us and restoring us to our Baptismal promises of eternal life.

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