

# SAINT NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE PARISH

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## WEEKEND SCHEDULE/HORARIO DE MISAS

Saturday Eve: 5:00 P.M.  
Sunday Masses: 7:30 A.M.  
9:15 A.M. (ESPAÑOL)  
10:45 A.M.  
12:15 P.M.  
5:00 P.M.

Daily Mass - Monday to Saturday 7:45 A.M. & 12:05 P.M.

### BAPTISMS

Parents must first make an appointment in the rectory 2 months before the date and present the original birth certificate.

English: Usually the 2nd Saturday and 4th Sunday of each month at a 2:00 pm ceremony and at Sunday Mass by arrangement.

Instruction class is on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

Spanish: Usually the 3rd Sunday of each month at a 2:00 pm ceremony. Instruction class is on the Friday before at 7:00 pm.

### RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Monday through Saturday: 11:45 am- 12:00 Noon - Chapel

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:45 pm - Church. *And by appointment.*

### MARRIAGE

According to Diocesan regulations, arrangements must be made at least six months in advance in the rectory.

### CARE OF THE SICK

Communion is regularly brought to the sick by the Priests and Ministers of Communion. Please let us know if someone is confined at home because of illness or age.

### RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday: 9:00 am - 12 Noon & 1:00 - 8:00 pm

Saturday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Sunday: 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

### ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY (Pre-K to 8)

80-22 Parsons Blvd. Phone: 718-380-1900

[www.sntschoollny.org](http://www.sntschoollny.org)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER S

150-85 Goethals Ave. Phone: 718-591-6536

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Most Sundays from 1:30-4:45 pm and First Fridays.

Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 22, 2020



KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PRAY  
HARDER

Masses for the Week

Saturday, March 21  
Isagani Nazares (L)

Sunday, March 22  
Angelito Reyes  
1er Anniv. de Muerte de Lida Castillo  
1er Año de Muerte Maria Anastacia Cardena  
Lucia & Jerome Menezes  
Souls in Purgatory  
People of the Parish

Monday, March 23  
Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, March 24  
Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, March 25  
Dolores G. Armesto  
Mariano & Aurora Z. Aquino

Thursday, March 26  
Ernest & Marie Muteba  
Julio Pardo

Friday, March 27  
Esperanza L. Ilagan

Saturday, March 28  
Carlos Mendoza (Death Anniv.)  
People of the Parish

Sunday, March 29  
Angel Noel Muñiz  
Esposos Villalba-Altamirano & Victor Martinez  
Emma Bravo Franco (L)(Accion de Gracias)  
Patrick Kevin Page & Dennis Icavalo

**Next Weekend's Readings**

**Ezekiel 37:12-14** God opens the graves of the dead, and they are raised up.  
**Psalms 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8** Out of the depths God hears our cry.  
**Romans 8:8-11** Which do we value more: mortal life or everlasting life?  
**John 11:1-45** The one Jesus loves has died, but death has no power over those who believe.



*Parish Stewardship*

Week Ending: March 15, 2020

Total Regular Collection: \$ 4,839.00  
 Last year same weekend: \$ 9,587.00

Thank you for your continued support.

ACTIVITIES FOR The week



ALL ACTIVITIES ARE  
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER  
NOTICE

TODAS LAS ACTIVIDADES  
ESTAN SUSPENDIDAS HASTA  
NUEVO AVISO

“The Lord looks on the heart.” Are you being called to do the deeds of Christ as a priest or in the consecrated life, proclaiming the reign of the loving mercy of God our Father? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: [vocations@diobrook.org](mailto:vocations@diobrook.org)

RECTORY

Rev. John Francis	Pastor
Rev. Luçon Rigaud	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Thomas P. Joseph, CMI	Parochial Vicar
Rev. Benjamin Madu	In Residence
Rev. Peter A. Mahoney	Weekend Assistant
Deacon Thomas Jorge	Permanent Deacon

STAFF

Mrs. Gloria Scarola	Bookkeeper
Mr. Steven Acosta	Maintenance Manager
Mr. José L. Villanueva	Music Director
Sr. Karen Cavanagh, C.S.J.	Family Minister
Ms. Christina Rosado	Youth Minister

ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY

Mr. Robert Lowenberg	Principal
Ms. Julissa Gonzalez	Secretary
Mrs. Lorraine White	Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Sonya Vidal	Tuition Manager

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CENTER

Sr. Alice Michael, S.U.S.C.	Director of Faith Formation (DFF)
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[www.stnicholas-queens.org](http://www.stnicholas-queens.org)

## ***A Prayer Amid an Epidemic***

**By: Kerry Weber**

**Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in the midst of the global spread of coronavirus that we may experience your healing love.**

**Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain strength and health through quality medical care.**

**Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.**

**Heal us from our pride which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.**

**Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.**

**Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your Eternal Peace.**

**Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.**

**Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected. Protect those who put themselves at risk in the process.**

**Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks.**

**May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.**

**Whether we are at home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your saving peace.**

**Jesus Christ, we trust in your care and healing. Amen**

### From the Pastor's Desk...

In today's first reading, Prophet Samuel is sent by God to David whom He has chosen to be the king. The prophet anoints David by pouring a horn of oil on his head and from that day, the spirit of the Lord rushes upon David.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that we once lived in darkness, that is, before Christ illuminated and liberated us. Now, however, we should *"live as children of light" because we have Christ, the light that illumines our life. Living outside Jesus means abiding in darkness. Thus, let us strive to remain and live in Christ, the light of our salvation, not only during this Lent, but for the rest of our lives.*

The Gospel passage shows Jesus anointing a blind man by using his saliva to make clay with which He anoints the man's eyes. After the man washes, he was able to see! Jesus shows that He is willing to cure all those who need his healing touch. He restores the sight of a man born blind. And more than physical healing, Jesus can heal spiritual blindness. We have been immersed in Christ at Baptism. Let us open our hearts and minds to Jesus' healing touch revealed to us in the scriptures, the sacraments, and the love from our Christian community. May the true light of the world, Jesus, our Christ, shine in the darkness of our hearts so that we may love the light, not the darkness!

### Coronavirus Update

The Diocese of Brooklyn has issued the followings notice:

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- All public Masses are suspended (Weekdays and Weekends). At this time this includes Palm Sunday and the Holy Week Triduum services. The Easter sacraments for the RCIA candidates and catechumens as well as First Communion and Confirmation Liturgies for our children are postponed.
  - All Masses which parishioners have requested have been and will be celebrated privately by our priests on the date intended.
  - Our Church will remain open for personal prayer but groups may not gather for communal devotions.
  - Necessary calls for the **sacrament of the Sick** and Holy Communion will be made by the priests as needed. Our Priests are available by request for the **Sacrament of Penance** throughout the Lenten season. All necessary health precautions will be followed.
  - ALL Parish meetings are to be cancelled as well as any Parish events.

Our **Thursday Food pantry** remains open at this time. We will limit the numbers entering the premises at any given time

Finally we want to let our parishioners know that even-though liturgical services are cancelled and schools are closed, our parish has to pay their monthly bills. Thus we request all our parish family to mail their weekly offering envelopes to the parish. Thank you for your prayers, understanding and patience as we travel these uncharted waters together. Let us pray for healing, strength and courage. May Mary, our Mother, intercede for us!

God bless you!

Fr. John Francis

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020 GOSPEL John 9:1-41

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

[As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth]

His Disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him. We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he has said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the pool of Siloam" - which means Sent-. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "it is," but others said "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am." So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?" He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went there and washed and was able to see. He said to them, 'He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.'" So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again. "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind again and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?" His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do now know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see." So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you want to become his disciples, too?" They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this is one is from." The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see.' So your remains."

DOMINGO, MARZO 22, 2020 EVANGELIO Juan 9:1-41

### Una lectura del santo Evangelio según san Juan

En aquel tiempo, Jesús vio pasar a un ciego desde nacimiento y sus discípulos le preguntaron: "Maestro, ¿quién pecó para que este naciera ciego, el o sus padres?"

Jesús respondió: "Ni él pecó, ni tampoco sus padres. Nació así para que en él se manifestaran las obras de Dios. Es necesario que yo haga las obras de quien me envió mientras es de día, porque luego llega la noche y nadie puede trabajar. Mientras este en el mundo, yo soy la luz del mundo".

Dicho esto, escupió en el suelo, hizo lodo con la saliva, se lo puso en los ojos al ciego y le dijo: "Ve a lavarte en la piscina de Siloé" (lo que significa "Enviado"). Él fue, se lavó, y volvió con vista.

Entonces los vecinos y los que lo habían visto antes pidiendo limosna, preguntaban: "¿No es éste el que se sentaba a pedir limosna?" Unos decían, "Es el mismo." Otros "No es él, sino que se parece". Pero el decía: "Yo soy." Y le preguntaban: "Entonces, ¿Cómo se abrieron los ojos?" Él les respondió: "El hombre que se llama Jesús hizo lodo, me lo puso en los ojos y me dijo: 'Ve a Siloé y lávate'. Entonces fui, me lavé y comencé a ver. Le preguntaron: "¿En dónde está él?" Les contestó: "No lo sé".

Llevaron entonces ante los fariseos al que había sido ciego. Era sábado el día en que Jesús hizo lodo y le abrió los ojos. También los fariseos le preguntaron cómo había adquirido la vista. Él les contestó: "Me puso lodo en los ojos, me lave y veo". Algunos fariseos comentaban: "Este hombre no viene de Dios, porque no guarda el sábado". Otros replicaban: "¿Cómo puede un pecador hacer semejantes prodigios?" Y había una división entre ellos. Entonces volvieron a preguntarle al ciego: "¿Qué piensas del que te abrió los ojos?" "Que es un profeta".

Pero los judíos no creyeron que aquel hombre, que había sido ciego, recobrado la vista. Llamaron, pues, a sus padres y les preguntaron: "¿Es este tu hijo, del que ustedes dicen nació ciego?"

¿Cómo es que ahora ve?" Sus padres contestaron: "Sabemos que este es nuestro hijo y que nació ciego. Cómo es que ahora veo quien le haya dado la vista, no lo sabemos. Pregúntenselo a él; ya tiene edad suficiente y responderá por sí mismo." Los padres del que había sido ciego dijeron esto por miedo a los judíos, porque éstos ya habían convenido expulsar de la sinagoga a quien reconociera a Jesús como el Mesías. Por eso sus padres dijeron: "Ya tiene edad; preguntenle a él".

Llamaron de Nuevo al hombre que había sido ciego y le dijeron: "¡Da gloria a Dios.

Nosotros sabemos que ese hombre es pecador." Contestó él: "Si es pecador, yo no lo sé. Solo sé que estaba ciego y ahora veo. Le preguntaron otra vez: "¿Qué te hizo? ¿Cómo te abrió los ojos?" Les respondió: "Ya se lo dije a ustedes y no me han dado crédito. ¿Para qué quieren oírlo de otra vez? ¿Acaso también ustedes quieren hacerse discípulos suyos?" Entonces ellos lo llenaron de insultos y le dijeron: "Discípulo de ese lo serás tú. Nosotros somos discípulos de Moisés! Nosotros sabemos que a Moisés le habló Dios. Pero ese no sabemos de dónde viene".

Replicó aquel hombre: "Es curioso que ustedes no sepan de dónde viene y, sin embargo, me han abierto los ojos. Sabemos que Dios no escucha a los pecadores, pero al que lo teme y hace su voluntad, a ese sí lo escucha. Jamás se había oído decir que alguien abriera los ojos a un ciego de nacimiento. Si este no viniera de Dios, no tendría ningún poder". Le replicaron: "Tu eres puro pecado desde que naciste, ¿cómo pretendes darnos lecciones?" Y lo echaron afuera.

Supo Jesús que lo habían echado fuera, y cuando lo encontró le dijo: "¿Crees tú en el Hijo del hombre?" Él contestó: "¿y quién es él, señor, para que yo crea en él?" Jesús le dijo, "Ya lo has visto; y el que está hablando contigo es él." Él dijo: "Creo, Señor". Y postrándose, lo adora.

Entonces le dijo Jesús: "Yo he venido a este mundo para que se defina los campos: para que los ciegos vean, y los que ven queden ciegos." Al oír esto, algunos fariseos que estaban con él le preguntaron: "Entonces, también nosotros estamos ciegos. Jesús les contestó: "Si estuvieran ciegos, no tendrían pecado; pero como dicen que ven, siguen en su pecado".