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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

7:00 p.m. **Spanish** (piano & cantor)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. **English** (organ & cantor)

9:30 a.m. **Spanish** (piano & choir/cantor)

11:30 a.m. **English** (organ & choir/cantor)

1:30 p.m. **Vietnamese** (keyboard & choir)

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| Weekdays | 8:30 a.m. Spanish (Mon-Fri.) | 12:10 p.m. English (Mon-Fri) |
| | 7:45 a.m. Vietnamese (Thu & Sat) | |

CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION

All those who are called to follow Jesus in the Catholic faith along with Catholics already baptized (adults, youth & children) who desire to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation can make contact with the coordinator of this area for information about the various programs available. Registration for these programs are announced in the bulletin during various times of the year. Also appointments can be made in the parish office at anytime.

Parents wishing to baptize their children (ages 1-5) are invited to make an appointment in the parish office to speak with a staff member in order to make arrangements for participating in the Baptismal Program.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

Saturday 4:00-5:00 p.m. and at the parish office by appointment.

MARRIAGE

Couples planning to be married should call for an appointment six months in advance of the wedding.

VISITS TO THE SICK

In emergency, call the parish office at any hour. Please inform the office of sick or homebound who desire the sacraments.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to all parishioners.

We encourage all parishioners to register at our parish office. We invite new parishioners to make an appointment to meet a member of the parish staff.

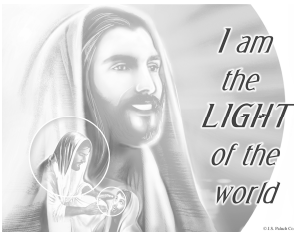
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1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. open (5 p.m. - 6 p.m. closed) 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. open
SATURDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LIGHT



“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light” (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have “fallen asleep” along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today’s Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim “Christ our Light” as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin

that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As the prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David (1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — You who were once darkness are now light in the Lord (Ephesians 5:8-14).

Gospel — The man who had been blind from birth proclaimed: The one called Jesus made clay with his saliva, anointed my eyes with it, and told me to wash (John 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]).

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HUMILITY AND ACTION

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart.” In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.

How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the “fruitless works of darkness”, to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God’s guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God’s wisdom and mercy to all.

HEALING FOR COMMUNITY

It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus’ words end Chapter 9 in today’s passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God’s power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man’s personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus’ flock. All of Jesus’ powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

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| DATE | 8:00 AM | 11:30 AM |
|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mar 22 | David Le Genevive Persaud | Josephine Nguyen Andre Johnson |
| Mar 29 | Juan Dones Elisia Dones | Pereta Rodriguez Josephine Nguyen |
| Apr 5 | Genevive Persaud David Le | Daisy Soler Melissa Rivera-Jovel |

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER'S SCHEDULE

| DATE | 8: 00 AM | 11:30 AM |
|--------|------------------------------|---|
| Mar 22 | Rosa Susana Yvonne Ebea | Ed Nolan Marilyn Martin |
| Mar 29 | Elisia Dones Juan Dones | Fitzroy Williams Dhariana De La Cruz |
| Apr 5 | Bethsabe Vera Rosa Susana | Gregory Ender Pereta Rodriguez |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 23, 2020

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

MARCH 23, 2020

Monday
8:30am Hotoniel Cruz, padre & Felix Cruz (L)
 Victoriano Jose Lago (D)
12:10pm
Tuesday
8:30am Juan Bautista Hernandez (D); Marisol Ramirez & Hotoniel Cruz, hijo (L)
12:10pm
Wednesday
8:30am Luis Manuel Ramirez & Ana Altagracia de Marcano (L); Tomasina Guzan (D)
12:10pm
Thursday
7:45am Phero & Maria (D)
8:30am
12:10pm Yanira Cosme (D)
Friday
8:30am
12:10pm
Saturday
7:45am Terexa & Ana (D)
 David Garcia (D)
7:00pm
Sunday
8:00am People of SNT
9:30am Ana Dolores Rivero (D); Sunilda Duran (D)
 Albertine Louise Seale, Elizabeth Victoria Seale, Clifford Denzil Seale (D)
11:30am
1:30pm Giuse Quy (D)

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WHY IS IT?



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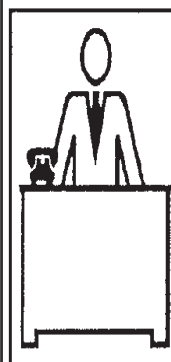


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