

March 22, 2020

## Fourth Sunday of



***Sunday Mass is live streamed on Facebook at 9:00 a.m. in English and 11:00 a.m. in Spanish, and can be viewed from our website [stpiousquincy.com](http://stpiousquincy.com).***

**LIGHT OF HOPE FUND:** The Diocese of Yakima is teaming up with Catholic Charities Serving Central Washington to help those in our diocese who are most affected by the Coronavirus Pandemic by creating the **Light of Hope Fund**. 100% of the donations to the fund will go to individuals and families impacted by this pandemic. The primary mode of distribution will be through parishes to meet the needs in your community of those suffering from the effects of the Coronavirus. Donations to the fund will be matched with up to \$25,000 with funds from the Diocese of Yakima's portion of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection. Please encourage those looking for a way to help their neighbors to contribute to the **Light of Hope Fund**. Donations may be made online by selecting **Light of Hope Fund** at <https://bit.ly/3bhvJ98> or by mailing donations to **Light of Hope Fund**, Catholic Charities, 5301-E Tieton Drive, Suite C, Yakima, WA 98908. Catholic Charities is on the frontline of helping with behavioral health/counseling, assistance to the elderly, food bank and emergency services, and essential needs for children and families.

**LOOKING FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS?** The Central Washington Catholic Foundation offers three scholarships for college students. Deadline for submissions is April 1st. Apply Online at [www.cwatholicfoundation.org](http://www.cwatholicfoundation.org)

**APPLICATIONS FOR ST. PIUS X SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE FROM OUR WEBSITE** Applicants must be practicing Catholics who attend Mass on a regular basis. Applications are due back May 1, 2020. Mail them to the St. Pius X Church, P.O. Box 308, Quincy, WA 98848.

**MEDJUGORJE/ITALY PILGRIMAGE:** 6 Nights in Medjugorje – 1 Night where Padre Pio is, visit Cave of St. Michael's House of Loreto, Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano and 4 nights in Rome. For more information, check the flyer in the narthex or call Fr. Richard Sedlacek at 509-539-0037.

Walk  
in the  
Light  
of the  
Lord  
see John 5:17-21

**Registration is OPEN for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Catholic Youth Camp! (TENTATIVELY)** June 20 – 26, 2020 at Lazy F Camp in Ellensburg, for students entering 5th grade - 2020 high school grads. We have **re-branded** and have a **new name and website!** Central Washington Catholic Youth Camp is now **Cor Christi Camp**. We will fill up fast, so register ASAP. This year's theme: Ocean of Mercy! **Questions?** Contact Director Michael Drollman at (509) 699-1235. **See you at camp!**

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**CANCELLED:** Diocesan Confirmation Retreat at Le Sage High School on March 20-22, 2020

**CANCELLED:** Pedagogy Day at Blessed Sacrament Parish, Grandview March 28, 2020.

**CANCELLED:** Palm Sunday Retreat at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Parish on April 3-5, 2020.

**CHRISM MASS:** Annual Chrism Mass when the Holy Oils are blessed & consecrated for our Diocese by our Bishop will be celebrated Tuesday, March 31st at 7:00 p.m. @ St. Paul Cathedral.

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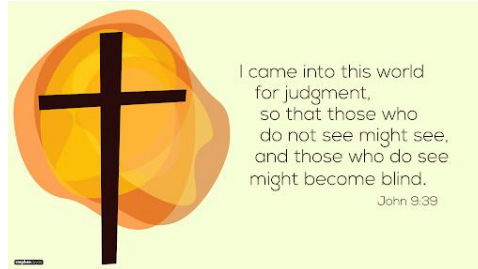
Readings:

[1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13](#)

[Psalm 23:1-6](#)

[Ephesians 5:8-14](#)

[John 9:1-41](#)



**REFLECTION FROM SCOTT HAHN:** God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel—as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind.

The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin" he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ.

As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see [Genesis 2:7](#)), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see [John 9:11](#)). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see [John 9:4](#); [12:44](#)). He is the new source of life-giving water—the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see [John 4:10](#); [7:38-39](#)).

This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see [Exodus 3:1](#); [Psalm 78:70-71](#)), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come—Jesus (see [John 10:11](#)).

The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church.

In the restful waters of Baptism He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing.

With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord."

"The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light"—trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father.