



Holy Virgin of Guadalupe, Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.

We fly to you today as your beloved children.
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son, as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,
and gain for our nation and world,
and for all our families and loved ones,
the protection of your holy angels,
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.

In this time of trial and testing,
teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind.

Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,
health of the sick and cause of our joy.

Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,
keep us in the embrace of your arms,
help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



“Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” (Lk 18:38)

Let us all Stay Safe; Clean & Healthy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“For He will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.” (Ps 91:11).

It is with sadness, but more importantly with the gift of hope and faith, that I share this news with you. Based on new guidance from the Archdiocese of New York regarding the great need to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), **Palm Sunday and Holy Week Services** are cancelled in our Parish.

Let us all be united in prayer!



PRAY FOR THE SICK

J. Gottesmann, W. Rieger, K. Eschenberg, J. Feeley, R. Knack, Ron Rhodes JR, Dan Buddenhagen, Brenda Long, Mary Ann, Eileem Ohman, Madeleine Wootan, Olga Viruet, Barbara Donatelli, Anita Robertson, Linda Roche, Gloria Grunn, Marcia Bauer and all sick and needy.

To submit a name please call the Rectory



With Prayers & Blessings
Fr. John Kennady MMI
Dn. John Lytle

LITURGY OF WORD

The **first reading**, first Book of Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, contains, at best, oblique references to the other two readings. The anointing of David as king may be a reference to the anointing in the responsorial psalm both of which may refer to Christ the good shepherd. The figure of David may also be a prefiguration of the anointing to Messiahship of Jesus for his mission.

The **second reading** from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:8-14 is particularly significant because throughout the season of Lent the community has been urged to cast aside deeds of darkness and walk in the brilliance of the light of Christ. In this reading, for the first time during Lent, the darkness-light theme which will be so predominant at Easter is enunciated. The believer must leave the deeds of darkness and live according to the justice and truth of God through the light of Christ.

The **Gospel** reading, John 9:1-41, dominates the liturgy by the length of the reading and its significance. The Lord indicated the unique place in which man can meet God's gaze and enter into a relationship with Him - in his heart. mGod doesn't give up but comes to meet every one of us in the two fold way described in today's Gospel. Firstly, *'he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes'* (Jn 9:6). God made man, who is a creature. He united Himself to 'our earth' so that man would never need to flee Him, but could come to recognize Him through a meeting with His Holy Humanity. St John wrote in the Prologue to his Gospel, *'The Word became flesh, he lived among us'* (Jn 1:14).

In the second place from the Gospel account we read, *'He said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent - (Jn 9:7a).* Christ, sent by the Father, takes onto Himself all our sins, which are ultimately the consequences of our blindness, as far as allowing Himself to be stripped, crowned with thorns, nailed to the cross, rejected by His own people and abandoned by His closest friends. Christ's unprecedented love can't but definitively overcome, with time, every fear in the face of our limitations because there isn't anything that can stop Him from loving us.