

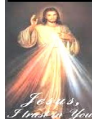
March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

John 9:1-41

Jesus said to the Pharisees, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; But now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

Socrates observed, "The only true wisdom is in knowing you know nothing." Throughout history people have been harmed or killed, and resources have been wasted, by people in power who were too ignorant to know what they did not know and people who know what they promote or impose on others is not true, but do it for reasons of prestige or profit or power. Jesus knew that the Pharisees, and the more powerful Sadducees, imposed laws and requirements on the uneducated people that they either knew, or were not certain, were not what God intended but served their own purposes. The false teaching that illness or injuries were a sign of punishment from God is an example. Jesus healed the man blind from birth to challenge that teaching and the wisdom of those who used it to control and oppress people. Do we have the wisdom to know that there is much about God and our Catholic faith that we do not know? Are we wise enough to accept that we must constantly seek truth? Jesus expects nothing less.



Misericordia Divina Divine Mercy Spanish Prayer Group Wed. 10 am call Sofia Craft at (931) 591-8042 or Gladys Douglas at (931) 225-8557 We visit families. Visit Amos las familias.

**** Please take note, parking on the grass is NOT ALLOWED**

**** Parents please take note, Children are NOT ALLOWED in the hall during mass or classrooms after CCD Classes.**

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Sat 5:00 PM
Sun 8:30 & 11:30AM

Weekday Mass Schedule:

Mon, Thur., Fri 9:00 AM
Wed. 6:00 PM
Tues. No Mass

Fourth Sunday Of Lent

March 22, 2020

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PRAYER TO ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel

defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell

Satan and all the evil

spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Amen.

Celebration of the Sacraments

Baptism- takes place every 3rd Sunday, during or outside of Mass. Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom, or Wayne to set a meeting to prepare for the Sacrament and set a date.

Baptism for older youth and adults occurs at the Easter Vigil.

Confession- Saturdays, 4:30 pm, before or after any Mass or by appointment with Fr. Julian.

Communal services during Advent and Lent.

First Reconciliation- is celebrated during Advent.

First Eucharist- is celebrated during May each year with children in the second grade or older.

Confirmation- for youth is conferred by the Bishop. Adults receive the Sacrament at the Easter Vigil or before Marriage by Fr. Julian.

Marriage- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne for Marriage and Annulment needs.

Holy Orders- Contact Fr. Julian or Deacons Jack, Tom or Wayne if you are interested in the vocations of Priesthood, Diaconate or Religious.

Anointing of the Sick- Anyone who is seriously ill or going to surgery should request anointing by contacting Fr. Julian.

Opportunities for Life Hotline

Call (800) 822-5824 for help for those experiencing an untimely pregnancy.

Nationwide Mass Times

Automated Church Lookup:
1(858) 207-6277 or log on to www.masstimes.org

SINCERE WELCOME TO ALL FRIENDS VISITING WITH US TODAY.

To register with the parish, please stop at the Office after Mass to fill out the form.

**Mass Intentions \$5
Sanctuary Candle \$10**

Please put your donation in an envelope and indicate († if deceased). Please give your name and phone number and the date wanted in the collection basket. If the exact time and date you requested is not available, the closest available Mass time and date will be assigned. Envelopes for Mass Intentions are in the foyer on the table.

****Bulletin Deadline - Wednesday
Email Bob Whelan at r_a_whelan@hotmail.com**

WEBSITE
St. Michael's new Website is now available at www.stmichaelokgrove.church Please check it out for more information. Web page POC is Jessica Carroll. She can be reached at fisherj21@yahoo.com or text to 701-371-4690 for web page input

Blessed Mother Bookstore
Open: Sunday 9:30 - 11:30 am
Come by and check us out.

Readings for this week 3/23-29		
Mon	IS	65:17-21
	PS	30:2, 4-6, 11-12A, 13B
	JN	4:43-54
Tue	EZ	47:1-9, 12
	PS	46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
	JN	5:1-16
Wed	IS	7:10-14, 8:10
	PS	40:7-11
	HEB	10:4-10
Thu	EX	32:7-14
	PS	106:19-23
	JN	5:31-47
Fri	WIS	2:1A, 12-22
	PS	34:17-21, 23
	JN	7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	JER	11:18-20
	PS	7:2-3, 9B-12
	JN	7:40-53
Sun	EZ	37:12-14
	PS	130:1-8
	ROM	8:8-11
	JN	11:1-45

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YRA

FIRST READING (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-17) The Lord said to Samuel, "Do not judge from his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Samuel 16:7-8)



SECOND READING (Ephesians 5:8-14) St Paul enjoins us to "Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. In addition he tells us to try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:9:10)

GOSPEL (John 9:1-41) Jesus passing by 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. (John 9:1-3)

REFLECTION THEME

Looking at a situation in the way that Christ would look at it.

Today's Gospel (John 9:1-41) is very long and very important to us in this time of Lent. The first question that it puts before us is the question of our own capacity to see. Do we see everything in the light of Christ? Too often we don't because our eyes are blinded for various reasons. All we need to do is ask ourselves: Am I looking at this situation in the way that I think Christ would look at it?

Sometimes, even when we get a momentary glimpse of how Christ might see a particular situation, we find ourselves still unable to live that insight. Even when we want to live in that insight, the pattern of our lives, the habits that hold us, keep us from living in that light of Christ.

The First Reading today from the Book of (1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7; 10-13) speaks to this same challenge. Samuel wants to anoint the eldest son of Jesse as the king. The Lord has to remind Sam that it is God who chooses and God does not choose the same way as we humans choose because God knows us through and through. Surely this is one of the great defects of politics in every age. We choose not for a heart devoted to God but because of utility or liking or some other truly extraneous reason.

St Benedict in his Rule for Monks, points out that whoever is chosen as abbot of a community should be chosen for the wisdom of his teachings and the merits of his life. These two criteria could be well utilized in any election, Wisdom and Merit. If we follow the history of the kings after David, we see how quickly the criteria changed from God's choice to simple expediency.

The Second Reading (Ephesians 5:8-16) gives us similar advice: Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. In general, most of us do know what is pleasing to the Lord, especially if we have been striving to live as followers of Christ. That does not mean that we automatically choose what is pleasing to the Lord. It means that we often know what is pleasing to the Lord. To choose is an act of the will. To choose is to do what is pleasing to the Lord.

Friends in Christ, we begin to see just as the blind man begins to see, we begin to see. Doing what is pleasing for the Lord is living in the light; it is both seeing and choosing. The more we walk with the Lord, the more light we have and the better our choices are.

May this Lent be a time of increasing light for all of us. May our vision become strong and clear. May Christ's Light be our light. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Father Julian Ibemere
Pastor, St Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

My dear friends in Christ, just know that I am praying for all of you in my Liturgy of the hours and private masses at this trying moment of our life.

I am praying that "No disaster can overtake you, no plague come near your tent; he will put you in His angels charge to guard you wherever you go." (Psalm 91:10-11)

Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

[HTTPS://OWENSBORODIOCESE.ORG/RESOURCES-FOR-PRAYER-AT-HOME/](https://owensborodiocese.org/resources-for-prayer-at-home/)

****We will purge our sick list at the end of March. Please let us know who needs to be on it by placing the name in the collection basket.**



Dear Lord, please wrap your arms around those who are hurting today, and let them feel how much You love them.

Teresa Arevalo
Jean Banasiak
Hans Braun
Judy Brown
Shirley Brown
Ann & Ken Carroll
Nia Crisostomo
Marriah Day
Margret Eck
Mark & Mike Frasca
Ron & Janis Gill
Jeff Gorski
Billy Hancock
John Jackson

Please Pray for our Sick:

Isabel Gonzalez
Nay Hutcheson
Pat Jurisin
Steve Kiser
Walter Klinecwich
Jessica Locklear
Sue Long
Alex B. Lucas Jr.
Frank J Luciani
Ruby Macias
David McCuiston
Mac & Sue McElroy
Sue Montoya
George & IL O'Connor
Peter Robbins
Edward Robbins
Debbie Robbins
Isaac Philips
Al Stein
Linda Stagdale
Frances Thomas
John & Mae Raymond
Andrew Reyes
Rudy Sheriff
Kim Weimer
Marie Welter
Jesse Villagomez

Gifts for God

Regular Collection:	\$
Mass Intentions	\$
Votive Candles	\$
Sanctuary Candle	\$
Parish Maintenance	\$
Can Recycle	\$
Ministry Help The Poor	\$
Blessed Mother Gift Shop	\$
Special Offering:	\$
Opportunity for Life	\$
Solemnity Of Mary	\$
Donation: Mr. Tom Peeler	\$
Total	\$

Attendance MAR 14/15, 2020 9999
Second Collection
Mar 22 Seminary
Mar 29 Ministry of the poor

If you are moving please take a moment to stop by the office to let us know or put a note with your name and forwarding address in the collection plate. Please don't leave without a copy of your sacramental documents.

Every First Friday of the Month is

Anointing of the Sick and Adoration

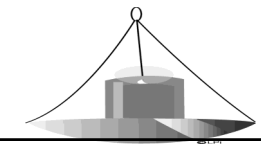
3rd Saturday of the Month Activities

5 Cent Bingo
10:00am-Noon

Martha's Ministry (after Bingo)
12:30PM until 2:30pm

Need a place to hold an event or a family gathering with friends, then why not rent the Parish Hall by contacting Dave Tilley at 931-237-5013

Sanctuary Candle Intention
March 22, 2020
Jerry Roberge†



**No Mass
thru
04 APRIL.
MORE
UPDATES
TO FOLLOW AS
WE RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM
BISHOP
MEDLEY.**

**FAITH FORMATION
CLASS SCHEDULE:**
**NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER
NOTICE.**
***Students must be picked up by
11:00 AM by a parent or guardian**
**We are in need of volunteers, Please
see Ms. Bernadette for forms.**

Bulletin Board

Have you stopped and checked out all that is going on here at St. Michael the Archangel!

It is updated weekly by Lori Snodgrass.

If you need anything added she can be reached at 931-919-2794.

****Clothing Ministry****

We are now accepting winter clothing. Clothing may be left in the Fellowship Hall Atrium. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry. This is another program through Martha's Ministry.