

The Fourth Sunday of Lent Appearances can deceive us. They deceived Samuel as well as David's own father, Jesse. Neither imagined that God would choose David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, forgotten while his brothers were paraded before Samuel. We do not see as God sees because we have a tendency to judge by appearances while God looks deeper. Ironically it is the blind man in the Gospel who ends up seeing Jesus most clearly. His ability to see steadily deepens, from knowing only Jesus' name, to affirming him as a prophet, to realizing he was from God, to recognizing him as the Son of Man. Meanwhile, the Pharisees' sight becomes more and more shallow. At first, they were divided, with some thinking Jesus could be from God. But in the end, they rejected both Jesus (for not keeping the Sabbath) and the healed man (because they equated his disability with sin). For the Pharisees, surface appearances won out over deeper truth. To use Paul's terms, they chose to live in darkness. Christ, the light of the world, calls us to live as children of the light. We are encouraged to look more deeply and allow others to see more deeply. To do so we must be willing to look beyond appearances. What superficial judgments block your ability to see more deeply?

Today's reading : First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38.

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4,5,6.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.



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Sunday, March 15, 2020

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Prayer to Our Lady of Prompt Succor

Let us pray,

Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on you. We place ourselves in your loving hands. Give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Place your healing hand on those who are ill, and give your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Calm our fears and help us to trust you as our faithful God. Enlighten our government and Church leaders as they are faced with important decisions. Give blessings to those in health care and protect them.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us.

Blessed Francis Seelos, pray for us.

(His life was taken while caring for the sick in the yellow fever epidemic.)



Prayer intentions will be remembered during private Masses said by Fr. Jimmy & Fr. Steve, daily:

Richard Romaine, Sr., James, Rita & Margaret Brandt, Brandon Truxillo, Lena Perrino, Karst & Theriot Family, Laurent & Betty Verdin, Betty & Michael Daigle, Raymond Juno, Sr, Sheryl Marquar, Lisa Ramona Marte, Quentin McGuire, Gene Russell, Jr., Raymond & Utah Prestenbach, Herbert & Earline Pitre, Frank Muscarell, Jr., Raymond Mars, Warren Janesa, Leo Hebert, Margie & Camille Bavaret, Myra Bellanger LaChute, Jamie David & Sal Monfra, Sr., Dewey & Keith Waguespack, and for the special intentions of Walter Danner.