



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

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

**-First Reading**

1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13

It is about 1000 B.C., 250 years after Moses brought God's people from slavery in Egypt to the Promised Land. It took a long time for these people from different tribes to unify as a nation. The turning point came when David became their king. The story of how he was chosen is told in today's reading. Samuel was a venerable old prophet. Jesse was a resident of Bethlehem and had eight sons, the youngest of whom was David.

**-Second Reading**

Ephesians 5:8-14

The ancient city of Ephesus was located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The Christians there existed in a society dominated by pagan values, which today's reading equates with darkness.

*A Christian Lent can never be entirely sad. With the fourth Sunday the pent-up spiritual joy in the true member of Christ bursts forth in anticipation of the Easter joy to come.*

**Mass Schedule & Intentions:**

Date	Time	Int	Name
Sat. 3/21	5:00pm		-All Souls
Sun. 3/22	9:00am	+	Angela Guzman+
	12:00pm		Aristeo Diaz+
Mon. 3/23	7:30am	+	Rosemary Mendonca+
Tues. 3/24	7:30am		-Liturgy
Wed. 3/25	4:00pm		-All Souls
Thurs 3/26	7:30am		-All Souls
Fri. 3/27	7:30am		-All Souls
Sat. 3/28	9:00am (Stonyford)		-All Souls
	5:00pm		-All Souls

Do you have a Mass intention?  
Call the parish office when you need a Mass celebrated (530)934-3314.



**Let Us Pray for Our Brothers and Sisters:**



Ruth Word, Diane Millsaps, Joan Culp, Allen Junk, Juana Calzada, Anita Andres, Daniel Guldner, Mike Niehues, Casey Moore, Concepcion Ramirez, Olivia Ramirez, Janna Alves, and for those with health complications, the homeless, for all those who serve and their family. For all the intentions of the families not listed. *We Pray to the Lord.*

If you or someone you know needs prayer please contact the Parish office at (530)934-3314.

Or email your requests to [stmonicawillows@outlook.com](mailto:stmonicawillows@outlook.com).

**St. Monica Parish News & Announcements:**

**-We will continue to update Parishioners on any news by using our Facebook page, My ParishApp and our website [stmonicawillows.com](http://stmonicawillows.com).**

**-During this time, we would like to inform parishioners that even though we are not celebrating public Masses, Father will be celebrating his private Mass and will continue offering Mass Intentions listed.**

**-Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament, Stations of the Cross, and Lenten Soup will be suspended every Friday until further notice.**

**HOMILY FOR THE 4th SUNDAY OF LENT.**

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JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD, JESUS MY LIGHT.

Today's theme for the 4th Sunday of Lent is: Light. Jesus our Lord performs a miracle to the blind man who was blind from birth. The belief of the present day was that he was born blind as a punishment from God to him or his parents, that was the question posed to Jesus: "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" But Jesus our Lord answers that neither he nor his parents sinned, he says then, "That the works of God might be made visible through him". Sin enter into the world by the disobedience of man to God, but God has shown us how much we are valuable and precious that he sent his only begotten Son for the salvation of the world.

Jesus our Lord assures us that; "While I am in the world, I am the light of the world".

This statement and truth is for us the assurance that he has power over darkness, and king David who was chosen to be the image of a good shepherd and manifest the light of love to his people, very well understood how God is so good and merciful that he would say: The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? Ps. 27:1

We can not dismiss that these past days have been of such magnitude due to the pandemic of the coronavirus, and we have seen unprecedented guidelines and restrictions, as the temporal suspension of the celebration of the Holy Mass with the faithful, and all of these may cause concerns, sorrow and also fear; but if we ponder upon our faith and trust in God, like David as well as St. Paul, who invites us to ponder who we are: "Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are lighty in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness".

This is the chance to be light in this present moment, there are so many responses how people are helping others during this time, so we need to show that we are children of the LIGHT.

Let us not allow the darkness to overcome the goodness which is in us, let us continue to pray and trust in God that the present situation of this pandemic will not make us lose hope and faith in God. Let us pray for all those who are in the front lines: doctors, nueces, first responders, caregivers, all our government officials all those who are in one way or another bringing light into this present darkness, that the Good shepherd may lead us all, as today's psalm says: "He guides me in right path for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage".

Have a blessed day of the Lord, you all are in my prayers. God bless you.

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**Relevant Radio:**

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Pope Francis has asked the Virgin Mary to watch over the world in this current moment of crisis. "O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, know what you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen."

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

*Thank you for your generosity and your contribution to Saint Monica Parish!*

**March 15, 2020:**  
Weekend Mass Offerings:  
\$1698.50

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\$373.00