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Gospel Meditation

"Do you believe in the Son of Man?" Jesus wants to motivate each one of us to see the truth. After developing a relationship with Jesus, the blind man "sees" as someone very special. The Pharisees, due to the blindness caused by their ignorance, prejudice, and need for self-preservation, still remain blind. Presuppositions, prejudices, assumptions, and our needs can easily blind us to truth. We see what we want or need to see and not what is really there. In addition, our stubbornness continues to convince us that we are right and that our vision is perfect. Only God can complete the picture.

Look around at our world. So much of what is happening today is due to the reluctance of folks to allow themselves to be stretched and brought to see what is really there. Many react to what life presents to them more with the lenses of ignorance than lenses of clarity. The Gospel carries great transformative value. With it, God corrects our vision and replaces our limited sight with the fullness of his sight. God opens our eyes so that we can see that it is not about preserving what we have created but of living in the immensity and wonder of God's kingdom.

Through a simple, loving relationship with God, we can break through the tethers of prejudice, eradicate fear, dispel the darkness of hatred and sin, discover freedom, live in peace, work for justice, be effective stewards of creation, assist the migrant and the immigrant, and safeguard our economic systems and policies so that they truly serve all of God's children. What we see is often an artificial lie. Our truth is much bigger than what our limited sight believes it to be. Allow God to work in and through you. Do not be afraid. Be open and be humble enough to know that you need help. Many human beings are living with severe cataracts that produce sight that is at best blurred. Are you one of them?

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**March 22 - March 29, 2020
 Readings and Mass Intentions**

Sunday, March 22
 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/
 Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday, March 23
 Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/
 Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday, March 24
 Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday, March 25
 Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 [8a and 9a]/
 Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday, March 26
 Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Friday, March 27
 Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday, March 28
 Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Sunday, March 29
 Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**The Lord is my shepherd;
 there is nothing
 I shall want. (Ps 23)**

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for: Donna Crookes, Paul Wilkins, Lucy Martin, Nina Breaux, Megan Autonberry & family, Brenda Jones, Royce Owens, Bill Branham, Bethany Forristal, Don Moore, Carol Moore, Jim Muir, Troy Lange, Dana LeJune; Norton Leger, Dan Salzer, Don Watt, Steve Tompkins, Henry Rossi, Bennie Mahaffey, Linda Dipuccio, Shirley Anderson, Ted Koch, Fr. Frank Rossi, Cheyenne Courtney, Audrey Douzant

Rest of the soul: Barbara Kainer; Marita Arnett, Pat Buckelow

Names will remain on the prayer list for two weeks. Names written in the Prayer Book in the vestibule of the church will be offered as daily Mass intentions.

PRAYER SUPPORT FOR OUR PASTOR AND PARISH

Let's join together during this time by praying the Rosary and the Memorare daily at 4:00pm. God's grace always remains with us.

Sun. Mar 22 <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Mon. Mar 23 Church Open 4:00pm—6:00 pm	Tues. Mar 24 Church Open 9:00am—11:00 am	Wed. Mar 25 Church Open 4:00pm—6:00 pm	Thurs. Mar 26 Church Open 4:00pm—6:00 pm	Fri. Mar 27 Church Open 8:00am—10:00 pm 5:00pm—7:00pm	Sat. Mar 28 Church Open 4:00pm—8:00 pm
Sun. Mar 29 <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Mon. Mar 30 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Tues. Mar 31 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Wed. Apr 1 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Thurs. Apr 2 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Fri. Apr 3 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm	Sat. Apr 4 Church Open 8:00am—5:00 pm

Conscience Formation for End of Life Care

If you missed the presentation last week at the Senior Citizen's Lunch and would like a copy of the legal documents presented, go to the Texas Catholic Conference of Bishops website at

txcatholic.org

- Click on *Pastoral Resources*
- Scroll down to *End of Life Directives*
- Download the forms

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Maureen Peltier at (713) 582-9838 or maureen@mpeltier.com

Lenten Schedule

Friday (every week)
 5:30 pm — Stations of the Cross

Tuesday: March 24, 2020
HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Saturday: April 4, 2020
 4:30pm — Bilingual Mass
 Passion Play - Part I

Sunday: April 5, 2020
 9:00am — Mass
 Passion Play - Part 2

Thursday: April 9, 202
 6:00pm — Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday: April 10, 2020
 3:00pm — Stations of the Cross,
 The Passion of Our Lord

Saturday: April 11, 2020
 7:30pm — Easter Vigil

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You have already come, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Weekly Stewardship

March 14 & March 15 Weekly Offering \$ 2,911.76
 Average Weekly Cost \$ 3,152.00
 Excess/Deficit \$ -240.24

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