

Saint Mary in Lanesville, IN

An at Home Worship Aid

for

Sunday, March 22, 2020 – The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Please use these prayers and readings for your Sunday worship. Families should assign those old enough read well, a part such as a reading or responsorial psalm or the petitions.

The head of the household can preside by leading the various prayers. The Gospel should be read by an elder in the home even by the leader.

The Leader begins: We begin, In the name of the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Let us take a moment to be mindful of our sins.

[pause]

And we pray together:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[striking their breast, all say:] through my fault, through my fault,

through my most grievous fault;

therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

[pause]

Opening prayer: Let us pray, O God,
who through your word reconcile the human race to yourself in a wonderful way,
grant, we pray, that with prompt devotion and eager faith
the Christian people may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever

- *First Reading*

- *Responsorial Psalm*

- *Second Reading*

- *Gospel (appropriately read by an elder in the home, even the leader)*

- *Take time for shared reflection on any of these readings by those present.*

- *The Universal Prayers or prayers of the faithful*

Closing Prayer: Let us pray, O God,
you support our human weakness by the power of your protection.
Watch over those who are most vulnerable and look kindly upon the sick.
May we and all who call upon your mercy be shielded from Harm.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

May almighty God bless us the Father † and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Friars Joseph, Florian, Robert and Mark continue to celebrate Mass isolated in the St. Anthony friary Chapel.

We remember all of you are in our daily prayers!

THE FIRST READING

A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

I Samuel ch. 16

The LORD said to Samuel: “Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons.”

As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is here before him.” But the LORD said to Samuel:

“Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty 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.”

In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any one of these.” Then Samuel asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?” Jesse replied, “There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here.” Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance.

The LORD said, “There—anoint him, for this is the one!” Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

The Word of the Lord. (Thanks be to God)

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Response: **R.** The Lord is my Shepherd

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.

R. The Lord is my Shepherd

He guides me in right paths 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.

R. The Lord is my Shepherd

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. The Lord is my Shepherd

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. The Lord is my Shepherd

THE SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians

Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters:

You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.

Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.

Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.

Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;

rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention

the things done by them in secret;

but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.

Therefore, it says:

“Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light.”

The Word of the Lord. (Thanks be to God)

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John ch. 9

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent —.

So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said,

“Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?”

Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees.

Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.”

So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.”

But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?”

And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again,

“What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?”

Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,

he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?”

He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?”

Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.”

He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord. (Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ)

THE UNIVERSAL PRAYERS

Please respond “Lord, Hear our Prayer”

1. For those preparing to enter the Church this Easter,
that their eyes will be opened to see clearly God’s saving work,
We pray to the Lord.
2. That civil leaders will be guided by God to do what is right for our country,
so that the virus may be defeated and our lives returned to normal again,
We pray to the Lord.
3. That we will be generous in carrying out the good works of the Gospel
doing what we are able to do for those in need,
We pray to the Lord.
4. For the sick, especially those who are suffering in the current outbreak of the flu and
the Coronavirus; that they will heal quickly, and for a happy rest for all who have died.
We pray to the Lord.
5. For the sick of the parish,
for those who have died,
and for all who are looking for the light that only Christ can bring,
We pray to the Lord.
6. For the grace this week to learn well, live fully and proclaim boldly
the Gospel of Jesus Christ in all we say and do,
We pray to the Lord.