

CCE classes are back in session March 22, 24, 25
continuing Big Idea 4: How to be Missionary Disciples
of Christ. Our topic: Acting Upon My Call.



Breaking Open the Word for The 4th Sunday in Lent

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Reading 1: *The Lord looks into the heart.* Samuel the prophet was sent to anoint the next King of Israel, although King Saul still reigned. Saul had disobeyed God, thinking that he knew better than God did. This is the same mistake which Adam and Eve made and the same mistake we often make. Samuel thought that the oldest, strongest son of Jesse was a good candidate to be king, but God told Samuel that the youngest, David, “was a man after My own heart.” Samuel anointed David, and the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon the boy. **Pray** that we will not grasp at God’s knowledge; accept His Will even if it does not make sense to us. The Lord, Who knows hearts, judges best.

Reading 2: *Live as children of the Light.* Jesus is the Light of the world. When we conform ourselves to Him, we radiate His light out to others. When we are kind, generous, loving, and patient, we show the light of Christ to others. You can show others the Way by living as faithful disciples of Jesus. God has called each of us by name to come close to Him and to lead others to Him. Let’s heed God’s call and generously **give** of ourselves to help others.

Gospel: *Jesus said: I am the Light of the World.* Jesus heals a man born blind. We are all born spiritually blind and must be led to the Truth. Thank God for parents who baptize their children, bring them to Mass, and pray with them. These parents are bringing their children to the Light of Christ. When the Jewish elders questioned the man who had been healed, they refused to believe what they could see with their eyes and refused to hear the truth. They accused Jesus of being a sinner! The man spoke the plain truth: “I know that I was born blind, and now I see.” The man later found Jesus and worshipped Him, acknowledging Him as the Messiah. **Pray** that you will accept the Truth when you hear it and see it: the fullness of Truth in the one, holy, apostolic Catholic Church.

