

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, A
CUARTO DOMINGO DE LA CUARESMA, A
"I was blind and now I see."
"Era ciego y ahora veo."

Praying the Word

1Sam 16,1-13 Ps 23 Eph3,8-14 Jn 9, 1-38

The Word of God this Lenten Sunday points to the Sacrament of Christian Initiation that is also called "Illumination", giving light. For this reason, in the rite of Baptism god-parents light a candle from the Paschal Candle, symbol of the Risen Christ, as the minister says "Receive the light of Christ; to you parents and god-parents this light is entrusted to burn brightly...." It refers to faith 'that casts a new light on everything' (Vat. II Gaudium et Spes 11). It is Christ himself who is light that illumines the initiated, "I have come as light into the world, that whoever believes in me may not remain in darkness" (Jn 12:46).

Men and women are seeing beings, we orient ourselves according to our capacity to see and evaluate reality. Yet, like the prophet Samuel, we are warned by God: "People judge by appearances, God looks into the heart". The detractors of Jesus who claimed to see were, in fact, blinded by their ideology or way of thinking. The man born blind—indeed paradigmatic of all humanity— because of his encounter with Jesus received the gift of vision "I was blind and now I see." The Church Fathers would see in the gestures of Jesus sacramental signs: applying soil (element of creation) mixed with saliva (the Word) on the man's eyes. His obedience to Jesus' word to wash at the pools of Siloam then brought him to the Light, 'Lord, I believe' and he worshipped him.

Let our faith guide us during this time of crisis caused by the pandemic, live as children of light. Let us take it as an opportunity of grace: to strengthen our bonds as family; to find joy in the simplicity of daily life; to pray and reflect. As earlier quoted on the letter posted on our website, again be assured: "In all things God works for the good of those who love him" (Rom 8,28).

La Palabra de Dios de este Domingo de Cuaresma apunta a la Iniciación Cristiana, que también se llama Iluminación, es decir, dar luz (nuestra expresión equivalente a 'nacer'). Por esto en el rito del Bautismo los padrinos encienden una vela desde el Cirio Pascual, símbolo de Cristo Resucitado, mientras el ministro dice: 'Recibe la luz de Cristo; a vosotros los padres y padrinos se les encomienda el cuidado de esta luz...' Se trata de la fe que 'ilumina todo con un nuevo resplandor' (C. Vat II, Gaudium et Spes 11). En definitiva es Cristo quien ilumina al iniciado: "Yo he venido al mundo como luz para que quien cree en mí no permanezca en la tiniebla" (Jn 12, 46).

MASS INTENTION FOR THE WEEK
March 21 - 27, 2020

Vigil †Corazon G. Alon-Alon †Rudy Eugenio
†John Garbin †Charles Walters
8:00 a.m.
People of the Parish Bella & Ricardo Remidio
†Lucille Sheppard †Rudy Eugenio
10:00 a.m.
Rudy & Imelda Rondez
†John Garbin †Elizabeth Quidileg
†Rudy Eugenio †Nenita Prieto
†Maria Hoi Nguyen
12:30 p.m.
Esteban Sanchez - Our Lady of Guadalupe
Severina Michel †Fausto Rubio
†Antonia Hernandez Hernandez
MONDAY: SAINT TURIBUIS OF MONGROVEJO
†Rudy Eugenio
TUESDAY: SAINT OSCAR ROMERO
†Rudy Eugenio †Nenita Prieto †Raul Rodriguez
WEDNESDAY: THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
†Rudy Eugenio
THURSDAY: LENTEN WEEKDAY
†Rudy Eugenio †Denise Poirier
FRIDAY: ABSTINENCE
†Rudy Eugenio

Somos seres que se orientan por el mundo según nuestra percepción de la realidad y alcance de nuestra visión. Mas, como Dios advierte Samuel, "los hombres vemos la apariencia en contraste con Dios que ve el corazón." Los rivales de Jesús que pretendían saber y ver en realidad estaban cegados por su modo de ver ideológico o por su punto de vista interesado. En ciego de nacimiento —paradigma de toda la humanidad— porque se había encontrado con Jesús recibió del don de la vista: "era ciego y ahora veo." Los Padres de la Iglesia vieron en los gestos de Jesús los signos sacramentales: ungió a los ojos del ciego con fango (elemento de la creación) y su saliva (la Palabra). Luego su obediencia a la palabra de Jesús a lavarse en la piscina de Siloé le abrió los ojos, 'Yo creo, Señor' y lo adoró.

De la misma forma, pidamos al Señor que nuestra fe también ilumine nuestra situación en esta crisis ocasionado por la pandemia, vivir como hijos de la luz. Tomemos estos momentos como oportunidad de gracia: fortalecer el vínculo familiar, apreciar las cosas sencillas de la vida, orar y reflexionar. Recordémoslo: "Dios dispone todo para el bien de los que lo aman" (Rom 8,28).

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STEWARDSHIP

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. Como han recibido dones, que sean fieles administradores de la gracia de Dios (1Pt 4,10).

First Collection - \$ 1,208.00
Assessment - \$1,236.00

Thank you!
The Lord Himself be you blessing.

Please, pray for the sick, especially for:

Andy Pagan, Flor Marcelo M., Carmen Cantu, William Jett, Joe Tully, Donna Pope, Vitale & Virginia Leasialogi, Helen Eugenio, Conchita Reyes, Henriqueta Faria, Alejandro Garcia, Gianluca Benedetto, Russ & Greg Thomsen, Felisa Llorin, Mickey Rivera, Anthony York, Rosa M. Santos, Gina Anadon Alaniz, Anna Ibe, Danelia Romig, Bob Stephens, Nick Cruz, Rudy Rondez, Keith Gerhardt, Hwa Cha Delgado, Annie Sofranek, Aaron Weller, Denzel Tran, Rosie Rosales, Efrén Techaira, Bill Ryan, Mary Mural, Lei Fernandez, Jun dela Cruz, Rosa Daynolo, Elizabeth Garbin, Tom Yancey, Fr. Paul Valdez, Virginia Alamarez, Nathan Rodriguez, Ron Reyes, Jackie Claunan, Mary Jo Swartz, Sora Chong, Toni Barcinas, Herminia Deutz, Catarino Sosa, Agustin Espinosa, Benny Perez, Roxana M.A. Lopez, Armando Aquino, Alvaro Barragan, German Villa, Estefania Cabrera Sosa, Val Jarvis, Joe DiMaggio, Ken Jillson, Cindy DeVela, Consuelo Burlungan, Elvira Borjorquez, Jesus Laderos, Ethel Milburn, Patricia Stone, Peter Dentice, Fernando & Mora Arreola, Chris Dickson.

Mass & other celebrations with congregation are suspended until further notice as I had notified you on the website https://stjudemarina.org/. Let us use that platform to communicate during these days. Below is the Spanish translation of the same letter. PLEASE BE SAFE. BLESSINGS !

SUSPENSION DE LA SANTA MISA CON ASAMBLEA

Mis queridos Hermanos,
El Señor les conceda su paz.
La Parroquia de San Judas junto con toda la Diócesis de Monterey, siguiendo las directrices de las autoridades de la sanidad y del gobierno, ha suspendido la celebración de la Santa Misa con congregación hasta el 12 Abril del 2020-Domingo de Pascua inclusive. Continuaré a celebrarla junto con nuestro seminarista Jason en nombre de todos Ustedes y para todo el Pueblo de Dios. El Sacramento de la Eucaristía, como bien lo saben, es la forma más alta de culto que podemos tributar a Dios y nos define como discípulos del Señor. Sin embargo, les pido que transformen las circunstancias actuales que nos impiden a reunirnos como Cuerpo de Cristo para apreciar más y hambrear más a Cristo, Pan de Vida que se nos entrega en su Palabra y Eucaristía. 'Sabiedo que todo concurre para el bien de los que aman a Dios' (Rom 8,28), vamos a tomar las medidas que se nos piden para prevenir el contagio del coronavirus como una llamada a

vivir bien la Cuaresma. Ojalá podamos ejercer en lo secreto de nuestras casas las prácticas de piedad —ayuno (libertad), oración (comunión), limosna (caridad)— delante del Padre celestial que ve lo secreto (cf. Mt 6,1-18). Pueden aprovechar 'el toque de queda' para rezar juntos como familia, para orar y meditar la Palabra de Dios y para practicar la caridad, cuidándonos unos de los otros. Tenemos muchos medios para unirnos en oración y, como Pueblo sacerdotal, interceder por la salvación del mundo entero, por ejemplo:

- Misa en vivo o grabado en el sitio de la Diócesis https://dioceseofmonterey.org
Para las lecturas diarias http://www.usccb.org/biblelecturas/032220.cfm
Laudes y Vísperas http://www.ibreviary.com/

Les saludo con afecto. p. Roni

From the book addressed to Autolycus by Saint Theophilus of Antioch, bishop

If you say, "Show me your God," I will say to you, "Show me what kind of person you are, and I will show you my God." Show me then whether the eyes of your mind can see, and the ears of your heart hear.

It is like this. Those who can see with the eyes of their bodies are aware of what is happening in this life on earth. They get to know things that are different from each other. They distinguish light and darkness, black and white, ugliness and beauty, elegance and inelegance, proportion and lack of proportion, excess and defect. The same is true of the sounds we hear: high or low or pleasant. So it is with the ears of our heart and the eyes of our mind in their capacity to hear or see God.

God is seen by those who have the capacity to see him, provided that they keep the eyes of their mind open. All have eyes, but some have eyes that are shrouded in darkness, unable to see the light of the sun. Because the blind cannot see it, it does not follow that the sun does not shine. The blind must trace the cause back to themselves and their eyes. In the same way, you have eyes in your mind that are shrouded in darkness because of your sins and evil deeds.

A person's soul should be clean, like a mirror reflecting light. If there is rust on the mirror his face cannot be seen in it. In the same way, no one who has sin within him can see God.

But if you will you can be healed. Hand yourself over to the doctor, and he will open the eyes of your mind and heart. Who is to be the doctor? It is God, who heals and gives life through his Word and wisdom. Through his Word and wisdom he created the universe, for by his Word the heavens were established, and by his Spirit all their array. His wisdom is supreme. God by wisdom founded the earth, by understanding he arranged the heavens, by his knowledge the depths broke forth and the clouds poured out the dew.

If you understand this, and live in purity and holiness and justice, you may see God. But, before all, faith and the fear of God must take the first place in your heart, and then you will understand all this. When you have laid aside mortality and been clothed in immortality, then you will see God according to your merits. God raises up your flesh to immortality along with your soul, and then, once made immortal, you will see the immortal One, if you believe in him now.