

4th SUNDAY LENT, YEAR A

First Reading: Sam 16: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a;

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

Second Reading: Eph 5: 8-14;

Gospel Reading: Jn 9: 1-41.

THEME: Touched by God

From what we know about the mode of transmission of the COVID-19, it is helpful to avoid people touching others. However, God always touches people in many ways. David was selected, touched, anointed, and sent to lead Israel to be united and God fearing. Similarly, the Christians at Ephesus who were in darkness, were touched by Christ, and became “light in the Lord;” and sent to live as children of light. The Blind man in the Gospel story was also touched by God. The cure of the blind man is a story of a personal encounter with Christ. Christ touched the blind man’s eyes with saliva, healed him, and turned him into a strong disciple.

The list of people touched by God extends to us. We have been selected from among many people, called by name, and touched by God in the Sacrament of Baptism and anointed. For our catechumens who would have received full initiation at the Easter Vigil, the Lord continues to invite you to a special touch and embrace. The divine embrace and touch are always good. The Season of Lent reminds us that Christ continues to touch our lives in special ways in the sacraments, especially those that heal and cleanse sin. May we always ask for strength to do what God has called and anointed us to do: namely supporting and reaching out remotely even during such difficult times.

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