



Jesus said,
"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."
JOHN 9:39

I See

Do we? Do we really see? Do we understand? There is so much that is simply misunderstood or unnoticed. Little about life is uncomplicated, and even that which is uncomplicated so often slips right by us. This is true about a life lived alone or with others. It is also true about our life with God.

The first reading is an example of this. God will choose one of the sons of Jesse to be king. Will it be the eldest, the rightful heir? If not him, perhaps it will be the brightest one or the most pious. All of these highly valued characteristics would certainly be necessary for one to be an effective king. However, Jesse and his sons did not see in the same way as God. Their youngest brother, the one tending the sheep, would be God's choice. He was the one God wanted, and so David was anointed in the presence of his family.

The Gospel tells another story about seeing. In it, Jesus restores a man's sight. What began as a story about physical blindness and sight then becomes a lesson about seeing and understanding the mystery of God's power as opposed to refusing to see and understand it. No one in the story could claim that the man had not really been blind. Then why did they refuse to acknowledge that God's power had done something marvelous in their presence? But they did refuse. We can, indeed, choose to be blind.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Does bias make you blind to the gifts of others?
- ★ Do you find it difficult to recognize the power of God as it unfolds before you? Why?

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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 7:00 p.m.
Sunday
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES

see inside bulletin for Mass Schedules

PARISH STAFF

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Come spend some time alone with the Lord!
Open 18 hours **Adorers needed....**
Please call either
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Laverne..... 942-7630 (ans. machine)
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CHURCH ENVELOPES

If you would like to begin using parish donation envelopes, please contact the parish office.

Fourth Sunday of Lent — March 22, 2020

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul: He leads me in the
paths of righteousness For His name's sake."

Psalms 23:1-3



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RECONCILIATION

Saturday..... 3:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m.
(or by appointment)

SACRAMENT OF INITIATION

(Baptism) REGISTRATION FORMS are available
for pick up in the foyer of the church.

MARRIAGE

Please contact the parish office.
A MINIMUM OF SIX MONTHS NOTICE
IS REQUIRED.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you are sick and go to the hospital,
please call the parish office 705-942-8546.
This will allow us to arrange that you
have the Sacrament of the Sick and a Pastoral Visit.
Also, Eucharist is brought once a week
to those in the hospital by a Pastoral Team member.

"ON CALL" PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7.
You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing
home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL.

Readings for the Week of Monday March 23 to Sunday March 29, 2020

Date & Time	Readings
March 23 Monday	Isaiah 65.17-21 Ps 30.1-12 John 4.43-54
March 24 Tuesday	Ezekiel 47.1-12 Ps 46.1-8 John 5.1-16
March 25 Wednesday	Isaiah 7.10-14; 8.1 Ps 40.6-10 Hebrews 10.4-10 Luke 1.26-38
March 26 Thursday	Exodus 32.7-14 Ps 106.19-23 John 5.18-47
March 27 Friday	Wisdom 2.1-22 Ps 34.16-22 John 7.1-30
March 28 Saturday	<u>Fifth Sunday of Lent</u> Year A Ezekiel 37.12-14 Ps 130.1-8 Romans 8.8-11 John 11.1-45
March 29 Sunday	



A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

*O Mary,
you always brighten our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain
while remaining steadfast in faith.
O loving Mother,
you know what we need,
and we are confident you will provide for us
as at Cana in Galilee.
Intercede for us with your Son Jesus,
the Divine Physician,
for those who have fallen ill,
for those who are vulnerable,
and for those who have died.
Intercede also for those charged with
protecting the health and safety of others
and for those who are tending to the sick
and seeking a cure.
Help us, O Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who took upon himself our
sufferings and carried our sorrows,
so as to lead us, through the Cross,
to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen.*

***Under thy protection we seek refuge,
O Holy Mother of God.
In our needs, despise not our petitions,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.***

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

All dinners at the church have been cancelled until further notice.



The Chrism Mass that was scheduled for March 31st has been cancelled due to the Covid19 Pandemic

All Day Confessions that were to take place at Precious Blood Cathedral on March 26th have also been cancelled



You can continue to drop off your Donation Envelopes during business hours

