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THE POOL
OF SILOAM
JERUSALEM

I was blind and now I see.
JOHN 9:25

MARCH 22
2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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It is helpful to observe that our Gospel passage from John, the healing of the blind man, is the first part of a longer episode. When Jesus' words end Chapter 9 in today's passage, he goes on speaking in the discourse on the Good Shepherd in Chapter 10. The healing of the blind man was not only a demonstration of God's power, giving him the physical capacity of sight. It was even more than the awakening of the man's personal faith in Jesus. The image of the Good Shepherd confirms that the man was liberated from the social isolation of his blindness and became a member of Jesus' flock. All of Jesus' powerful actions of healing were intended as gifts, not only to individuals, but for the building up of the community of faith.

HUMILITY AND ACTION

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance, but the LORD looks into the heart." In our first reading, Samuel draws conclusions about who God will choose as king based on his assumptions of what a proper king looks like. But God sees a deeper reality.

How easy it is to miss our own blindness. How frequently we are unaware of our own flawed assumptions about others and about ourselves. We often need a deeper humility about the limitations of our perceptions and our convictions.

Yet, as the letter to the Ephesians encourages, there are times to expose the "fruitless works of darkness", to speak out, especially when persons or groups are suffering from abuse or oppression. We are called to live within a tension that these scripture passages convey. We are to seek God's guidance in prayer with genuine openness. We are then to speak and act forcefully against wrongdoing, even as we maintain humility about how much we know, or what is the best action to take. We are called to bring God's wisdom and mercy to all.

Today's Readings: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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Monday -Thursday 8:45 a.m. -12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon-Sat): 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

Before daily Mass

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

First Friday - 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

BAPTISMAL INSTRUCTIONS:

First Sunday of every month

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Every Wednesday @ 6:15 p.m.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME

Registration forms online at www.lourdesvictoria.org

or email: ollvic@lourdesvictoria.org



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY - March 22 - Fourth/"Laetare" Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Louis Marbach †
10:00 am - Wallace & Kathy Bianchi †

MONDAY - March 23

8:00 am - Carolyn Goldman †

TUESDAY - March 24

8:00 am - Minnie Bochat †

WEDNESDAY - March 25 (Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord)

8:00 am - Catalina Arenilla †

THURSDAY - March 26 (Solemnity of St. Joseph)

8:00 am - Mary Tinoco & Matthew Gonzales †

FRIDAY - March 27

8:00 am - Marcelina Rogue †
5:30 pm - Dana Whitaker †

SATURDAY - March 28

8:00 am - Melencia Pascual †
4:00 pm - Cecilia Edwards †

SUNDAY - March 29 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 am - Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Family
10:00 am - Julia Ann Kalinowski †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]



Questions of the Week

When have I judged unkindly without taking the time to look deeper? What can I do to remember to allow Christ to illuminate my way?



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Wade Shumbera, Dolores Kilgore, Carly Walker, Gerald Yankey, Ann Hagel, Piper Eloisa Lara, Winston Wilson, Mae Jean Willemin, Cheryl Flood, Johnnie Bomersbach, Hailey Vasquez, Patricia Pooley, Samuel William Bek, Barbara Yanta, Matt Brown, Marvin Kucera, Milton Greeson, Raymond Spann, Steve Serrill, Michael Johnson, Michael Krenek, John Correll, Rena Richter, Cheryl Barker, Tom Goslin, Kathleen Edwards, Helen Schoener, Eunice Dove, Darren Mikulik, Tina Moya, Cole Ohrt, Ramona Perez, James Rung

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY - Fourth/"Laetare" Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: St. Vincent de Paul
Rice Bag Collection

TUESDAY - Sewing Circle - after 8:00 am Mass

FRIDAY - Day of Abstinence

5:30 Mass, Stations of the Cross/Lenten Soup Supper
(Pot Luck)

SATURDAY - Confessions: 3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

SUNDAY - Fifth Sunday of Lent

Collection/Envelope: Weekly Stewardship
2nd Collection: Rice Bag Collection

NEXT WEEKEND - March 28/29, 2020



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS of HOLY COMMUNION

and

LECTORS

Sat. 4:00 pm - Standby x3

Standby

Sun. 7:30 am - James Novak,
Standby x2

Dennis Boehm

Sun. 10:00 am - Standby x3

Standby

ALTAR SERVERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - James Record, Suzie Ryan, Standby x1

Sun. 7:30 am - Standby x3

Sun. 10:00 am - Cole W-J.

USHERS:

Sat. 4:00 pm - Julius Cano, John Novak, Norman Schoener

Sun. 7:30 am - Gary Pribyl, Patrick Pribyl, Matt Warwas

Sun. 10:00 am - Howard Bludau, Pat Krenek, Joe Ryan



REMINDER: It is time to submit your Easter Flower Offering!

Today's collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network.



WEEKEND of March 14/15, 2020



Count - 310

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2nd Collection: Altar Servers' Education \$ 351.00
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- EVENTS ALL AROUND -

It has been announced that Fr. Greg Korenek will be appointed Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, effective July 1, 2020.

Due to the many concerns regarding the impact of coronavirus here in Victoria, the Holy Name Society's Chicken BBQ/Sausage fundraiser scheduled for March 29th has been postponed to a later date.

- PREVIEW OF GOOD THINGS TO COME**
- ⇒ STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 - ⇒ FRIDAY SOUP SUPPERS
 - ⇒ PARISH LENTEN CONFESSIONS
 - ⇒ PALM SUNDAY
 - ⇒ EASTER TRIDUUM

Stations of the Cross
Lenten Soup Supper Schedule

March 27, 2019	Pot Luck
April 3 2019	Catechists

The Catholic Diocese of Victoria in Texas

Come join our wonderful volunteers for a day of fellowship while assisting with stuffing, sorting and mailing the 2020 Holy Thursday Special Collection for our Seminarians.

Thursday, April 2, 2020
8:30 am – 4:30 pm (Lunch provided)
DOV Chancery Office
1505 E. Mesquite Lane, Victoria, 77901

RSVP to Jeri Joseph, (361) 573-0828 Ext. 2219

Per the DOV Chancery Office policy, all visitors must present a valid government issued photo identification card upon entering the building.

“Thank you for your ministry to serve and volunteer with the Diocese of Victoria (DOV)!”

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

Lenten Confessions

Tuesday, March 24	Our Lady of Sorrows @ 6:30 pm
Monday, March 30	Our Lady of Victory @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday, March 31	Our Lady of Lourdes @ 6:30 pm
Wednesday, April 1	St. Patrick (Bloomington) @ 6:00 pm
Thursday, April 2	Holy Family @ 6:30 pm
Friday, April 3	St. Mary @ 4:00 pm

Creighton Model Fertility Care System

Couples looking for a natural method for family planning, couples facing infertility, or women who just want to learn more about how their body works are all welcome to an introductory session on the Creighton Model Fertility Care System. The monthly one-hour introductory sessions are held on Saturdays at 9 am at St. Michael Parish in Cuero at the White House meeting room (105 N McLeod St, Cuero, TX 77954). The 2020 dates include Apr. 18, May 2, Aug 1, Sep. 5, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5. Private introductory sessions are also available. Please call or email Ashley Rodriguez to register. 361-293-0700 or ashleyfay09@gmail.com.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?
In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen

Summer camp information is coming soon! Please save these dates: Camp David: June 14-19; Quo Vadis? Vocation Camp: July 5-8; Rocky Mountain High: July 11-19; Altar Server Olympics (NEW EVENT): July 29

Nazareth Academy is currently enrolling students in PK3 - 8th grade for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like more information about the school or would like a tour, please contact the school at 361.573.6651 or email dmichalski@nazarethacademy.org. We look forward to meeting you!

JOB OPENING: Incarnate Word Convent, located at 1101 Northeast Water Street, is in the process of hiring a fulltime housekeeper. Chores include laundry and cleaning. To apply or for more information please call or contact Sr. M. Geraldine at 361-575-7111.

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