

March 22, 2020

Fourth Sunday of Lent

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.



22 de marzo de 2020

Cuarto Domingo de Cuaresma

Es práctico observar que nuestro pasaje del Evangelio de Juan, la sanación del hombre ciego, es la primera parte de una historia más larga. Cuando las palabras de Jesús terminan en el capítulo 9 en el pasaje de hoy, él continúa hablando en el discurso del Buen Pastor en el capítulo 10. La sanación del hombre ciego no solamente es una demostración del poder de Dios, dándole la capacidad física de ver. Fue más que el despertar en el hombre su fe personal en Jesús. La imagen del Buen Pastor confirma que el hombre fue liberado del aislamiento social de su ceguera y llega a ser un miembro del rebaño de Jesús. Todas las acciones poderosas de sanación de Jesús tuvieron la intención de ser dones, no solamente para esas personas, sino para el desarrollo de la comunidad de fe.

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]

HUMILDAD Y ACCIÓN

“La mirada de Dios no es como la del hombre: el hombre ve la apariencia, pero el Señor ve el corazón.” En nuestra primera lectura, Samuel saca conclusiones acerca de quién Dios elegirá como rey basada en sus asunciones de cómo será un rey apropiado. Pero Dios ve una realidad más profunda.

Que tan fácil es pasar por alto nuestra propia ceguera. Que tan frecuentemente estamos ignorantes de los errores de nuestras asunciones acerca de los demás y de nosotros mismos. A menudo necesitamos una humildad más profunda acerca de las limitaciones de nuestras percepciones y nuestras convicciones.

Sin embargo, como la carta a los efesios nos anima, hay veces que exponemos los “inútiles trabajos de la oscuridad” para hablar, especialmente cuando las personas o grupos están sufriendo a causa del abuso o la opresión. Estamos llamados a vivir con una tensión que estos pasajes de las Escrituras expresan. Vamos a buscar el consejo de Dios en la oración con una apertura genuina. Estamos, entonces, hablando y actuando enérgicamente en contra del pecado, incluso mientras tenemos humildad acerca de lo mucho que sabemos, o cual es la mejor acción a seguir. Estamos llamados para llevar a todos la sabiduría y misericordia de Dios.

Lecturas de hoy: 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Sal 23 (22):1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Ef 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 [1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

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SUNDAY MASSES: Saturday at 5:00 P.M. Sunday at 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 Noon (Spanish)

DAILY MASS: 8:30 A.M. Monday – Friday

CONFESSIONS: Friday 7:30 –8:15 A.M. Saturday 3:45-4:45 P.M. Sunday before all Masses to end at 7:50 A.M. ; 9:50 A.M. ; 11:50 A.M. or by appointment.

Church Office: Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. ~ 281-331-3751 ~ Fax ~ 281-331-5430



Mass Intentions will be fulfilled by Father Johh's daily Mass in his home.

Saturday: March 21st.

2:00 P.M. Gutierrez Wedding

5:00 P.M. Maria & †Marcelino Gonzalez

Sunday: March 22rd.

8:00 A.M. Billy Van Beveran

10:00 A.M. Deceased of the Becerra Family

12:00 P.M. For the People

Monday: March 23rd.

8:30 A.M. †John Ruben Meza Sr.

Tuesday: March 24th.

8:30 A.M. Bexi Joibel Castillo

Wednesday: March 25th.

8:30 A.M. †Rosalie & †Murphy Michel

Thursday: March 26th.

8:30 A.M. †Ann Orsak

Friday: March 27th.

8:30 A.M. †Federico Sanchez

Saturday: March 28th

5:00pm For the People

The Catholic Daughters of Court 2073 sends a thank you to all the patrons who attended the High Tea supporting the charities of court 2073.

Dear CCE Family,

I hope you have been able to stay healthy and well fed. These are not simple times and safety is our number one priority. If you have children enrolled in CCE and sacramental programs this semester then you should have already received some information via flocknote. Please note that we are adjusting our office hours to reflect our summer availability for the time being. However, this is an evolving situation and these hours are subject to change. The doors will remained locked at all hours of the day. Please call ahead before coming to the office.

Office Hours: Mon- Thur. 10am-2pm

God Bless,

Ryan Lambert,DRE

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All daily and weekend Masses, meetings and church functions are CANCELED, until further notice. **Please check St. John's facebook page and postings on the Church doors for updates.**

Adoration is in the main Church, doors are open Monday - Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. All other hours enter through the chapel door and go through to the Church.

Todas las Misas, reuniones y funciones de la iglesia estan CANCELADAS, hasta Nuevo Aviso.

Visite la página de Facebook de San Juan Bautista y las publicaciones en las puertas de la Iglesia para obtener actualizaciones. Adoración se llevara acanbo en la parte principal de la Iglesia. Las puertas estarán abiertas de de lunes a Viernes 8:00 a.m. a 5:00 p.m. Si tienen una hora asignada que no esta entre esos horarios entran por la puerta de la capilla y pasan a la Iglesia.

Weekly Offering

COLLECTIONS

3/15/2020 Sunday Collection: \$ 7,083.00

Capital Campaign Collection: \$ 3,151.00

In these weeks of uncertainty Prayer is most needed for all. If you have the means, please continue to support your Parish financially. Contributions may be dropped of at the Parish Office or use the OneParish app to make online contributions. If you have a need do not hesitate to call the Office -281-331-3751 if no answer dial 0 and leave a message.

Today is the Catholic Relief Service Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Hoy es El próximo fin de semana será la Colecta del Servicio Católico de Socorro. Gracias por su generosidad.

DSF Report for St. John the Baptist - Alvin Activity thru 3/16/2020

Parish Goal: \$63,365.00

Total Pledged: \$35,721.39

Total Paid 18,929.91

Total Number of Participants 112

* Total Number of Households 2728

Average Participant Pledge: 318.94

Paid Over (Under) Goal: (\$44,435.09)

Pledged Over (Under) Goal: (\$27,643.61)

To give to the DSF go to www.archgh.org/dsf or pick up at DSF Envelope at the Church entrance.

Make easy credit card contributions to your Parish through OneParish App, get it on Google play or download on the app store to your phone. Thank you for your generosity



Devoción a la Sagrada Familia

Marzo 22- Niña: Paloma Familia Bulnes / 979-388-8045



Rosario a la Virgen de Guadalupe

Familia: Aguirre / 281-756-8338

Rosario: Sabado, Marzo 28, 6:00 P.M.



Coronilla de La Divina Misericordia

3/22: Arturo Flores y Fam / 832-766-2344

NEW Quinceañera policy and requirements!

#1 Must sign up at least 7 months in advance (paperwork completed and turned in with deposit). To sign up go to CCE office or call church office for more information.

¡NUEVA regla y requisitos para Quinceañeras!

1 Debe inscribirse con al menos 7 meses de anticipación (con papeleo completo y entregado con depósito). Para inscribirse, vaya a la oficina de CCE o llame a la oficina de la iglesia para obtener más información.



Prayer Blanket Ministry/A Gift of Love

The Prayer Blanket Ministry provides comfort to those in need of support and prayer.

A community of faith relies on God and one another to travel life's journey. Prayers are offered for recipients as the blankets are constructed by members of this ministry and thereafter are blessed by the priest.

Who is eligible to receive a blanket?

- Adults or children with a physical or emotional illness
- Individuals preparing for surgery or recovering from an acute illness
- Individuals living with a chronic condition or in treatment for a life-threatening illness
- High-risk pregnancy, miscarriage or neonatal crisis
- Individuals who are experiencing a crisis such as the loss of a loved one

Prayer Blankets are available at the church office or in the sacristy at the back of the church.

For information, please contact **Leah Ann Bolton at 281-773-0483.**



If you have not completed your 2020 census, you can do so on census Sunday on March 29th from 10 am-3 pm. There will be laptops set up in the Parish Hall and census staff and volunteers to answer any questions you might have and to assist you in filling out the census. Please come prior to Mass or stay after to participate. Be sure to bring your invitation with you. Thank you!

Si no ha completado su censo del 2020, puede hacerlo en el domingo del censo el 29 de marzo de 10 a.m. a 3 p.m. Habrá computadoras portátiles instaladas en el Salón Parroquial y personal y voluntarios del censo para responder cualquier pregunta que pueda tener y para ayudarlo a completar el censo. Venga antes de la misa o quédese después para participar. Asegúrese de traer su invitación con usted. ¡Gracias!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Scholarships

1. Sylvia Luna Senior High School Scholarship

Three (3) or less \$500 scholarships for 2020 Catholic graduating high school seniors. Applicant must have a relative who is a current member in good standing of our local court #2073. Deadline: April 3, 2020

2. Gerry Davison Catholic School Scholarship

One (1) \$250 for students attending Pre-K through senior year in a Catholic school. Applicant's family must be registered at St. John in Alvin or Sacred Heart in Manvel or another parish but have a relative who is a member in good standing of our local court. Other requirements listed on application. Deadline: April 3, 2020

3. National Court Scholarships

Two \$1000 scholarships to 8th grade students entering the 9th grade in a Catholic High School in the fall of 2020. There are also three \$2,500 scholarships for graduate level students. Applications are available in the church office or the CDA website. Please follow submission instructions found on each scholarship.

Deadline: Postmarked by April 1, 2020

Applications available in the church office or contact Mary Montague, Scholarship Chairman, at 979-418-1222 or email to jrmontague@comcast.net

Pray for the Sick / Rezen por los Enfermos



Roma Aleman, Elena & Mary C. Achille, Lonnie, Terri, Retha & Christine Anderson, Lorena Arreola, Aaron Arriba, Cathelina Araujo, Mary & Mario Ayala, Paul Balderaz, Art Barborak, Jr., Rudy Bustillos, Joe & Marietta Benda, Angelita Benavides, Nicholas Bloadie, Cameron Brantley, Marian & Jesse Briones, Norma Bustamante, Orlando Camacho, Jaime Campbell, Joseph Canales, Mary Cardenas, Denise & Mary Sue Caskey, Ronnie Coleman, John Cornell, Helen Crevier, Amanda Cudney, Beverly Dadria, Mercedes DeLaO, Daniela Delgado, Tammie Deweese, Catherine DeWitt, Lorenzo & Maria Diaz, Sara Esquivel, Fred Flores, Melodye Franks, Peggy Fresnch, Mario Galindo, Sandy Garrett, Samuel, Jessica, Maria, & Diana Garcia, Lucy Garza, Audrey George, Jackie Gerber, Judy Gillespi, Terri & Valerio Gonzales, Shiela Grant, Juanita Greene, Shirley Guilliams, Isabel Gutierrez, Ray Guzman, Jessica Haskell, Jett Hatfield, Dorothy Hansen, Stephen Hayes, Henry Hearn, Douglas & Ralph Hernandez, Lea Heinrich, Bessie Henry, Mark Holt, Steven Houdyshell, Peggy Huff, Bethany Hunt, Lupe Jennings, Jeanette Juarez, Charles Kennedy, Mark Kowalski, Dave Kovach, Sarah Kurusz, Earl Lansing, Nancy LeBlanc, Mary LeCompte, Vira Leroy, Felipe V. Lopez, Sharon Lutz, Mappe Family, Daniella & Felicia Martinez, Linda Mena, Jesus & Victor Moncada, Malena Morales, Sarah T. Moreno, Vincent Naranjo, Joe & Mark Navarro, Leroy, Derrill and Rene Naschke, Consuela Noguez, Lily Noto, Hazel Oliver, Eunice O'Quin, David Ortega, Jr., Josue M. Ortiz, Kevin Penner, Chelsea Pesek, Jose Prudente, Sierra Pryor, Klint Rasmussen, Elisa Reyna, Edith Ramos, Mercedes Ramirez, Luis Reyna, Donna Robles, Geraldo, Jonathan & John Rodriguez III, Jake Roland, Angeles Romo, Joe Rossano, Tina Ruedinger, Frances Russo, John Sanchez, Rosemary Sanchez, Gregg Sandavol, Koen Schoen, Celine Siewert, T.G. Sikes, Robert Smith, Pedro Solis, Fred & Mary Sustaita, George Tacquard, Manuel Trigo, Walker Tywater, Carole Truksa, Carole Tucker, Ofelia /Alfred J Vasquez, Connie Valdez, John Villarreal, Jennifer Voyles, Diane Wall, Barbara Wardell, Billy & Anne Wynn



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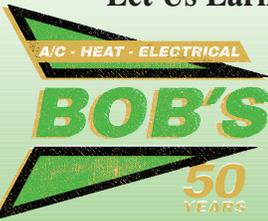
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